

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 26, 2021

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on October 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at OSI, 4101 Arrowhead Drive, Medina, MN.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Martin, Reid, Cavanaugh

Members absent: Albers, DesLauriers

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup, Finance Director Erin Barnhart, Public Safety Director Jason Nelson, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, and Planning Director Dusty Finke

II. OSI – Medina Business Tour

The City Council and staff met with representatives from OSI. The following update was provided: OSI was purchased by Emerson Electric in October 2020, a decision has been made to put OSI under Aspen Tech from Boston MA (closing will occur in 6 months), and there are no changes planned for OSI. OSI employees can work remotely or in the office. The headquarters will be in Boston for the new company, the organization will have over 2,000 employees, and Emerson Electric will retain the controlling stake in the company.

OSI is happy with its facility expansion and are filling the space quickly. OSI is interested in hotel space closer to its facility for training. OSI will be relocating its driveway next spring in conjunction with the additional turn lane project on Highway 55. OSI is interested in housing options including apartments, townhomes, and single-family homes for its employees. The Wayzata School District is a major draw for some staff. Medina provided information on future housing projects in the city. OSI is happy to be in Medina. Its facility is a clean and safe place to work. The major benefit for OSI employees in Medina is they can commute from an urban area or live in a rural setting.

III. Adjournment

Martin closed the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Kathleen Martin, Mayor

Attest:

Scott T. Johnson, City Administrator