

**MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- 1 The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy Srp at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Roy Srp	Les Tlougan
John Clemons	Cindy Coy
Mark Christiansen	Allan Rose

Councilmembers absent:

Larry Johnson

Staff present:

Crystal Prentice, City Manager
Peter Giovannini, Community Development Director
Leslee Milbrath, Secretary

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2 A moment of silent prayer was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3 It was moved by Christiansen, seconded by Coy, to approve the agenda as amended; the motion carried 6-0.

VISITORS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 4a **Larry Thompson, EDA Chair – Collaborative Initiative and update on EDA activities**

Mr. Thompson updated Council on the continuing activities of the EDA, and summarized the collaborative initiative that is underway. He explained that it is a coalition of public/private organizations that include the city, EDA, county, chamber, and the Waseca Development Corporation. He stated over the past several months, community leaders have met to discuss collaboration, primarily as it relates to economic development for Waseca County. A summary of the activity was included in the Council packets for the meeting. It included an outline of past discussions, and identified actions to proceed. Mr. Thompson stated each group conducted an assessment of strengths and weaknesses and goals. He stated it is the intent to more fully define roles and goals in an effect to work together with a common vision/mission. He stated this will be an important component to the success. He asked that Council schedule their assessment at a future planning meeting. Mr. Thompson stated Council Support is needed to proceed. He stated that economic growth is needed to support the service and amenities that the

citizens of the community demand, or desire and it requires action, not inaction. He stated this action must be well thought out and deliberate. He stated he believes the actions underway are necessary to sustain standards of living that we have been accustomed to and inaction jeopardizes it. He thanked Council for their support.

Mayor Srp asked if there was anyone in the audience, not on the agenda, who wished to address the Council at this time. No one came forward

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5 None

ROUTINE BUSINESS

6a **Resolution No. 10-05- Authorizing certain parking restrictions**

Cindy Bjerke, Waseca County License Bureau, was present for the meeting and presented Council with a letter of support from the Waseca County Commissioners stating they were in support of the 15 minute parking stalls to ensure frequent turn over of the parking spots. Ms. Bjerke stated the 15 minute stalls are necessary to provide the level of service that the public expects.

Mayor Srp stated he was glad to see that a compromise was reached between the two businesses.

Peter Fog, Waseca Senior Center, stated he feels it is unfair for the License Bureau to have designated parking stalls as no other place in town has them. He stated he would like to see them removed completely.

Ms. Bjerke also explained the \$4.00 fee the County receives per transaction that is completed in their office and how the county could suffer financially if the stalls are removed.

Jerry Kuhn, Waseca Senior Center Board Member, stated they are trying to be a good neighbor to the License Bureau. He also stated if the store cannot make it, they will be renting the space to someone else. He stated they do not expect to be provided parking and are fine with two hour stalls like everyone else has.

It was moved by Rose, seconded by Clemons to Adopt Resolution No. 10-05 restricting certain parking in the 100 block of 3rd Ave NE to 15 minutes and 30 minutes; motion carried 6-1 (nay Christiansen)

6b **Resolution No. 10-06 Decertification of TIF District 20**

It was moved by Clemons, seconded by Coy to adopt Resolution No. 10-06 decertifying Tax Increment Financing District No. 20; motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7 None

NEW BUSINESS

8 None

CONSENT AGENDA

9 It was moved by Clemons, seconded by Coy, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; the motion carried 6-0 and included the following actions:

- a. Minutes – Regular City Council meeting – February 16, 2010 – were accepted and placed on file.
- b. Minutes – City Council work session –February 16, 2010 – were accepted and placed on file.
- c. Payroll & expenditures –February 2010- was authorized for payment.
- d. Pay Request – Invoices #176277, 176278 – Bonestroo – were authorized for payment.
- e. Contractor Pay Request #8 – Project #0812 – was authorized for payment

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

10 City Manager Prentice stated she was pleased to inform Council that Tim Roessler has accepted the position as Street/Sewer Supervisor.

City Manager Prentice reported the accounting position should be filled by Monday.

City Manager Prentice stated she had the pleasure of meeting the new County Administrator today Mr. Todd Bodem and is looking forward to working with him. She stated his first day is tomorrow.

City Manager Prentice stated the February forecast was revealed and there were positive small changes. She stated the deficit dropped slightly but the forecast for 2012 and 2013 is not any better. She stated she has been meeting with Department Head regarding the budget and will be meeting with Council on the 17th of March to discuss reductions.

Mayor Srp stated he would like to meet with City Staff and let them know how very serious this matter is, and to let staff know where Council is heading. He stated he would like to get input from employees as we need to change how services are delivered and would like employee input. Mayor Srp stated himself and City Manager Prentice along with two Council Members would be present at the meeting with staff. Council Member Clemons and Council Member Coy volunteered. Mayor Srp stated he would like the meeting with staff to occur prior to the 17th of March.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- 11 Council Members provided updates on the following Commission activities:
- Fire Relief Association
 - EDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12 Tloutan: Thanked staff for working with MN DOT on getting some of the potholes filled.

ADJOURNMENT

- 13 There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Coy, seconded by Rose, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; the motion carried 7-0.

R. D. SRP
MAYOR

LESLEE MILBRATH
SECRETARY