

**MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Regular Waseca City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Zimmerman at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Mayor Randy Zimmerman	Daren Arndt
	Mark Christiansen	Jeremy Conrath
	James Ebertowski	Stacey Schroeder
	John Mansfield	

Staff Present: Carl Sonnenberg, City Manager
Julia Hall, City Clerk

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Councilmember Conrath made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, adding Jeremiah Miller from Free Flags for Vets to the "Requests and Presentations" and adding Item 7A to the agenda (attachment A), seconded by Schroeder. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. None.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. Jeremiah Miller, Free Flags for Vets, May is Mental Health Awareness Month and they have invited Jeff Yaldeen who is a motivational speaker on the topic of Mental Health to speak at the High School. This event is not only for students but for the entire community. Mr. Yaldeen will be speaking to the school faculty in the morning, students in the afternoon and then to the public. These talks will take place May 11th in the High School's Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., talk begins at 7:00 p.m. They are asking that everyone wears green in support of the event. Also, if there is anyone that would like to have a table at the event as a resource (no selling) please call Mr. Miller at 507-676-0852. Again, it is May 11th at the Highschool, Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

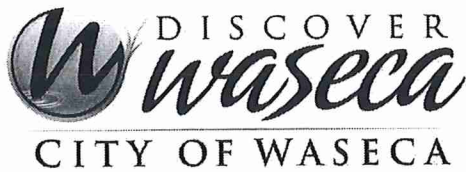
6. Councilmember Arndt made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ebertowski. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

- 7.
- A. Motion made by Schroeder to ask the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to make an in-kind donation of \$1,500 (or 50% of total cost) for a review of sales tax in Waseca to provide a basis for any future conversations on the Local Optional Sales Tax (LOST). No matter the decision from the EDA the motion is to approve the \$3,000 spending from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on a Sales Tax review, seconded by Mansfield. Motion carried 6-1. (Nay, Conrath)

REPORTS

- 8.
- A. City Manager's Report:
- i. There were no proposals received from the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Gaiter Lake Property.
 - a. Will be discussed at a later work session with staff providing some options and council providing some options
 - ii. "No Mow May" is not an event in the City of Waseca, and City Code will still be enforced. Any questions contact City Hall.
 - iii. There have been 3 events of vandalism already in the City Parks Restrooms, Clear Lake Park Beach House, Trowbridge Park, and Northeast Park. Staff has some suggestions on how to help deter vandals.
 - a. Clear Lake Park Pavilion will be getting cameras per the approved plan for renovations.
 - b. Cameras are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plans for 2024, 2025 and 2026 to install exterior cameras at the parks. This could be moved to an earlier date using funds that have been saved from estimates vs. actual costs on other projects in the city. Cameras would be provided by local company Streamline, and install would be completed by city staff.
 - c. If exterior cameras are not approved, it would be suggested that all bathrooms be closed, and the city rents portable toilets at each park.
 - d. An update to the trespassing guidelines is being completed and will be posted at parks. This will help hold the vandals accountable.
 - iv. May 16th work session will be about the City Parks and the Waterpark.
 - v. There was only one power outage last month and that was a private residence, the city electrical team assisted them in restoring their electricity.
 - vi. Waseca Area Foundation awarded three grants to the city. \$2,351 for hanging flower baskets, \$2,000 for picnic tables at the waterpark and \$1,000 for special events at the waterpark.
 - vii. Waseca Lakes Association receives \$25,000 annually from the City of Waseca for various programs and needs.
- B. Commission Reports
- i. Airport Board: Councilmember Schroeder reported that Blue Earth Aviation is looking to set up crop dusting. Repairs continue to be made at the airport as they are discovered. Proof of insurance was obtained for the privately owned hangar. There is a dip in the runway that is being looked at. Also looking at how to handle rental contracts and the new hangar space.
 - ii. Fire Relief Board: Councilmember Conrath reported that they spent their meeting discussing the fish fry and he was happy to announce that they have ordered more fish than they did in the past.
 - iii. Heritage Preservation Commission: Councilmember Ebertowski reported that the HPC was awarded a Waseca Area Foundation to work on the project with the school



Request for City Council Action

Title:	Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Revenue Projections		
Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023	Agenda Item Number:	7A
Action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTION <input type="checkbox"/> REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION	Supporting Documents:	NA
Originating Department:	Administration	Presented By:	Mayor
Approved By City Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
How does this item pertain to Vision 2030 goals?	High quality community assets research		

BACKGROUND: Council has had preliminary conversations about a LOST initiative during 2023 for possible presentation to the State legislature in 2024 with ultimate presentation to the voters on the 2024 ballot.

Council is being asked to determine the appropriateness of asking the University of Minnesota Extension Office of Regional Community Economics to prepare a sales tax revenue data report for projected revenue in support of a possible bond to construct community amenities in the coming years. A bond would be paid for with sales tax revenue.

The report preparation takes six to eight weeks to process and analyze the data. The report will include expected tax revenue, on-line revenue considerations, and will provide current sales tax data. Also, some perspective will be provided whether sales tax is being paid by a city resident or visitor.

BUDGET IMPACT: The cost of research to produce projected sales tax revenue is \$3,000.00. There may be an added fee for a presentation to the Council.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The University Extension Office has been widely relied upon to produce sales tax data since 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: City Council action to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute required sales tax revenue projection documents with the University Extension Office of Regional Community Economics.

district that will promote the Downtown Historic District and other areas in the City.

Also working on updating the process for Historical District permits.

- iv. Park Board: Councilmembers Christiansen reported that they discussed the 2023 large park projects, Tink Larson Field fence project is completed, Clear Lake Park frontage road mill and overlay, completion and reconstruct of Doodlebug Trail; still need to complete from 11th to the Jr. high, Southview Park basketball court and park trail resurfacing, tennis and basketball courts at Clear Lake Park, and dog park dirt and landscaping. Lakefest is being organized this year by Tom Sexton, for the Lakes Association. At Clear Lake playground there have been bikes and scooters etc. on the sidewalks, please be respectful of the parks and equipment. Bathrooms are opening and Tink Larson field has started games. The park clean-up had about 45 people. There was a clean-up of the dog park, please remember to pick-up after your dogs. Reminder, May 16th the work session will be with the City Parks Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.

A. Councilmember Christiansen:

- i. Arts Council meeting was May 1st. There were people in attendance. They are always looking for board members. Don't hesitate to come in. Starting after Memorial Day they will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will not be open on the weekend of 4th of July and the Waseca County Fair, which is only 2 months away. They had a good turnout for the Jiving Ivan concert last week. It is hard to have events because it is limited to events upstairs, they are hoping to have a fundraiser in the future to replace the elevator, price has gone up since they moved into the building.

B. Councilmember Mansfield:

- i. Reminder that Lake Fest is on 4th of July.

C. Councilmember Ebertowski:

- i. Thank you to Jeremiah Miller from Free Flags for Vets for coming in and for the work they do. Reminder of the event on May 11th, at the High School doors open at 6:00 p.m.

D. Councilmember Schroeder:

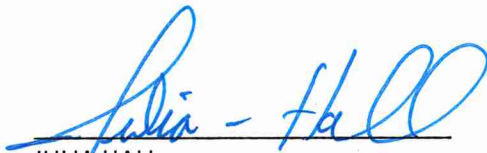
- i. The Lakes Association meetings are held in the East Annex from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., the 1st Wednesday of every month.
- ii. Happy Birthday a day early to Councilmember Conrath.

E. Mayor Zimmerman:

- i. Thank you to the Rotary Club and their President Ann Fitch, for hosting the delegation from Moldova to examine Agritourism in Waseca, on April 23rd at Half Pint Brewery.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 7-0.



JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK



RANDY L. ZIMMERMAN
MAYOR