

MINUTES  
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Roy Srp Ted Conrath  
Allan Rose Daren Arndt  
Jeremy Conrath Mark Christiansen  
John Mansfield

Staff Present: Lee Mattson, City Manager  
Nate Willey, City Engineer  
Julia Hall, Administrative 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. Motion was made by Arndt, seconded by Rose to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. Robert Tackett- The Hispanic Community of Waseca welcomes all to a Cinco de Mayo celebration, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at The Mill in Waseca. The celebration will start at 4:00 pm. There will be authentic local food from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm; after 7:00 pm the music and celebration will continue.

**REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5. None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. Motion was made by Mansfield, seconded by J. Conrath to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION AGENDA**

7.

- A. RCCA: Authorization to Bid City Project 2022-11 – Sanitary Sewer Main Lining & Manhole Rehabilitation. J. Conrath asked if there was a way residents could pay to have the lining done from the City's portion to their residence. Staff suggested It would more than likely be where the resident speaks directly with the contractor, staff will look into the issue. Motion was made by J. Conrath to approve the authorization for bids, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 6-1 (Nay Mansfield).
- B. Resolution 22-16: LRIP Grant Agreement City Project 2022-01. Motion by Christiansen to adopt resolution, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. RCCA: Sight Visibility Concerns. Motion was given to approve RCCA as recommended:
  - 1) Adding an all-way (4 direction) stop control at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
  - 2) No change at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE and State Street.Motion was made by J. Conrath and seconded by Srp. Motion carried 7-0.

**REPORTS**

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- A. City Manager's Report
  - 1. West Interchange Water Tower Bonding Bill Request has been submitted. Senator Jasinski is coordinating with Representative Petersburg on the request. The Federal EDA grant draft is nearly ready for preliminary review by Federal EDA staff.
  - 2. Seeding planned for portions of 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE where sod didn't take well from projects in 2019 and 2020.
  - 3. Staff is making minor alterations to an addendum to the Fire Relief Association Bylaws to avoid confusion. The bylaws themselves are not changing and the action is taken at the recommendation of the City Attorney.
  - 4. Staff will be working with consultants to begin the process of planning for blower replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The blowers are an essential part of the system as they circulate the oxygen that is needed for the plant to work. We have four blowers at the plant that were installed back around 2010 and we know of one person in the world who still services/repairs them. Our current blowers are also sensitive to voltage excursion where at times we have been operating on only one blower. This is not a project to be done now but are looking to start looking for options for the future.
  - 5. Staff have begun meeting with the County on coordinating the 2022 Weed Harvesting Program at Clear Lake. The City Engineer reported that the County is looking to begin in the lake harvester training May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. The Waseca Lakes Association received a Fluridone treatment grant to treat the Eurasian Watermilfoil for the entire lake. Because of that grant the harvester will be focusing on curly leaf pondweed which sprouts quickly and tends to die-off mid to late June. The city still plans on treating the beach areas.

6. Emerald Ash Borer has been identified in Waseca County. Staff and the Park Board have been working on this issue for some time and will continue to move forward with plans to address this disease.
7. Small Cities Development Program owner occupied rehab project is starting to move forward. A community meeting was held for applicants and Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership is working with homeowners to start the process.
8. Smoke testing will start April 18 and run through April 29 as weather permits. Generally, south of railroad tracks, east of South State, and west of 8<sup>th</sup> St SE. If a resident has a dry trap in their home, they are encouraged to pour water into the drain.
9. There is an external cleaning of the City Hall water tower beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>.
10. Miller Homes has submitted permits for four spec homes to be built in the Pond View subdivision.
11. Spring brush clean-up is scheduled to begin May 2<sup>nd</sup>, all materials should be to the curb by 7:00 am. Regulations on what can be picked-up is located on the City webpage.

B. Commission Reports

1. Airport Board presented by Rose:
  - a. Hangar project bids came in over what they were expecting. The Board recommends rejection of all bids. This will be brought before a future Council Meeting for formal action. The Board may be looking into moving to a wood structure instead of a steel structure. They can still use the grant funding as long as the wood structure will last 40 plus years.
  - b. Mr. Stensrud the Airport Manager presented at their meeting that there may be a private citizen interested in putting up a 70' x 70' hangar which they would then rent out stalls. The City would benefit by having another hangar on the land as well as the land rent for that hangar. The current rentals are full at the airport and have been for 42 years.
2. History Preservation Committee presented by T. Conrath:
  - a. The board discussed possibilities of nominations for "Historic Preservation" Awards. These awards will be selected in May and presented in June.
  - b. The Waseca High School class scheduled to assist with the walking tour and history of Waseca has been changed for a start date of 2023.
3. Fire Relief Committee presented by j. Conrath:
  - a. They are looking to hire someone to review the best way to utilize their fryers this season. They fryers are used at both the fire station and the fairgrounds, so they want to make sure they have a plan set for electricity at both locations. There will still be a fish fry and onion rings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**


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  - A. Council member Christiansen announced:
    1. Lake clean-up is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

2. Thank you to the fire department and police department for responding to a possible gas leak at one of his neighbor's homes.
  3. The school has put out a survey looking for information on possibilities of funding for a new building.
  4. Next week is the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting.
- B. Council member T. Conrath announced:
1. The City is in need of Election Judges for the May 24<sup>th</sup> Special Election. This is a compensated position. Please contact City Staff if interested.
  2. The Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting is on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at City Hall.
- C. Council member J. Conrath announced:
1. There was a community meeting for the University of Minnesota presented an assessment of Waseca that listed the pros and cons of the area. It was noted that one of the biggest assets of the community is Clear Lake, a few places that they say need focus on is a hotel as well as youth involvement in the community.
- D. Mayor Srp announced:
1. There was a water main break in his neighborhood and the City's Street and Water departments showed up and had the hole dug and the main fixed in no time.
  2. Thank you to Julia Hall for attending the meetings as Staff support as well as Steve Johnson in the who records the meetings so they can be viewed by residents not in attendance.
  3. Thank you to the Police and Fire departments for all they do in the community.
  4. Mayor Srp wanted to express his desire for the City of Waseca to pray for the folks in Ukraine.
  5. Mayor Srp also expressed his hope for peace and harmony for Waseca and the world.

**ADJOURNMENT**

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt seconded by J. Conrath to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

  
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JULIA HALL  
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

  
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R. D. SRP  
MAYOR