

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

Staff Present: Lee Mattson, City Manager
Penny Vought, Chief of Police
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. City Manager added items 7C: Revision to County Ditch 15 Addition and 7D: A storm water project. Motion to approve agenda as amended was made by Arndt, seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4.
- A. Deb Doberstein, 908 11th Avenue SE; wanted to confirm that the planning for the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development project is still in the planning phase. The City Manager confirmed that the project is still in the planning phase and that Southwest Housing Partnership is available to come in for a work session. Councilmember Conrath recommended a work session for 5:30 pm on August 16, 2022, seconded by Mansfield. Motion carried 6-0.
 - B. Joe Nicklay, 1004 11th Avenue SE; would like the information on the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development project to be available for the entire city of Waseca and not just the area of the proposed project.
 - C. Rachel Kluver, 1100 10th Street SE; would like to know if the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development project must still go and if so, is there a possibility for the accessway to be moved?
 - D. Gary Doberstein, 908 11th Avenue SE; he has done review and revisions of the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development and believes there are better ways the project can be designed than it is now and would like conversations on those possibilities.

- E. Lynn Nicklay, 1004 11th Avenue SE; would like to see more information on what is designed and proposed for the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development to ensure clarity and understanding for the process. City Manager confirmed information will be on the City website. (<https://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/community-development/pages/gaiter-lake-residential-development>)
- F. Michelle Oswald, 916 3rd Avenue SE, would like to see that the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development project is “done right” even if that means to pause the project. She would like more transparency and communication on the project. She would have liked to have seen more options from the beginning.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5. None

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. Motion was made by Mansfield to approve consent agenda, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

- 7.
 - A. RCCA: Edibles & Beverages Infused with THC. Motion was made by Rose to direct staff to look into a moratorium, seconded by Mansfield. Motion carried 5-1. (Nay Christiansen).
 - B. RCCA: Tax Abatement Assignment. Motion was made by Rose to approve the RCCA as recommended, seconded by Christiansen. Motion carried 6-0.
 - C. RCCA: Revision to the County Ditch 15. Motion was made by Conrath to approve the amended petition, seconded by Srp.
 - 1. David Schlaak, 804 11th Avenue SE, lives just on the other side of one of the tiles that does cross his property. Staff recommended that he talk with the City Engineer to confirm details of the tiles.

Motion carried 6-0.

- D. RCCA: Storm water project: Localized flooding behind Christ the King in north east Waseca was determined to be a nonworking pipe. City Engineer has received quotes on repairing the storm water drainage pipe. Conrath made a motion to proceed with project, seconded by Arndt. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

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A. City Manager's Report

1. Looking for Council recommendation on Crossing Guards in 2022-23. Motion was made by Conrath to maintain the Crossing Guards and review where some reductions may be necessary, seconded by Rose, Motion carried 6-0.
2. Because the work session for the Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development project has been scheduled for August 16th it was requested that an additional work session be scheduled for Budget conversations on August 15th at 6:30 p.m.
3. Introduced Office Greta Luiken as the new School Resource Officer.
4. Need Council Interview Questions from those who have not yet submitted. We have received three applications.
5. Clear Lake Park Grand Opening of Playground, Monday, August 8 at 3:00 p.m.
6. Reminder to get LBAE Training taken care of if you are interested. Talk with Julia
7. City Manager did initiate a request for a text amendment to the City Code to allow daycare centers in the R-2 zone on lots of a certain size.
8. We need an HPC Council rep and also more board members. Mayor Srp volunteered to be the Council representative. Motion was made by Conrath to accept Mayor Srp appointment to HPC, seconded by Arndt. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Night to Unite was a success and had approximately 400 people in attendance.

B. Commission Reports

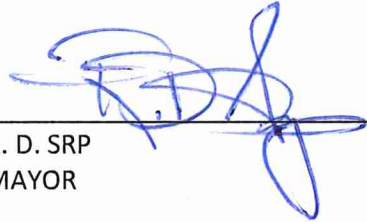
1. Park Board presented by Christiansen
 - a. Monday August 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. is the ribbon cutting for the new playground, the only thing that is asked is to stay off the dirt.
 - b. They talked about different ideas for Gaiter Lake,
 - c. University Park restrooms are only open when there is a reservation made with the City due to the vandalization.
 - d. Electric bikes and scooters may be allowed if they do not go over 20 mph on the trails, but still not ATVs, mopeds, no high-speed motor items.
 - e. The Downtown Walkway will be discussed at the 7:30 am September 13th meeting, which will be held at the walkway.
 - f. Dog Park amenities are starting to be installed. They will be holding a Tie-Dye shirt fundraiser on August 13th.
 - g. Would like to see about requesting funds to remove the lines at the Dog Park.
 - h. The Clear Lake Park Pavilion renovations are expected to be finished in November.
 - i. The fishing piers at Clear Lake Park will be going in possibly in the fall.
 - j. They have received compliments on the equipment upgrades to Clear Lake Park.
2. Fire Relief Board presented by Conrath
 - a. They discussed the success of their onion ring sales at the fair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

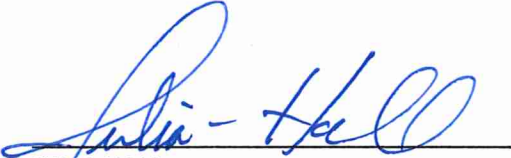
- 9.
- A. Council member Christiansen announced:
1. On East Elm Avenue there is a bunch of dirt and would like to know if it is okay being that close to the lake.
 2. He was having problems with his email, staff will connect him with Pantheon.
 3. Do Airbnb's in town collect lodging tax. He asked Staff to follow-up.
 4. Filing for open seats is open as of Tuesday August 2, to Tuesday August 16. There are 5 seats open.
 5. Is there an ordinance regulating people putting "junk" "free" items on the curbs?
- B. Council member Rose announced:
1. He has a free three-wheel bike if anyone is interested,

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt seconded by Conrath to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.



R. D. SRP
MAYOR



JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK