

MINUTES  
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

**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 Daren Arndt  
Mark Christiansen Allan Rose  
Jeremy Conrath Les Tlougan

Staff present: Lee Mattson, City Manager  
Mike Anderson, Assistant to the City Manager  
Chris Kennedy, Assistant City Attorney

Others present: Andrew Breck, Interim Director – Waseca Arts Center  
Ranae Schult, Resident  
Ann Fitch, Resident  
James Christiansen, Resident

**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 It was moved by Arndt, seconded by Christiansen, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andrew Breck approached the Council asking for a Consumption and Display permit fee to be waived in 2019 for the Waseca Arts Center. The City Council asked staff to look into some fee waving policies to bring back to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Conrath, seconded by Rose to direct staff to bring back information at the May 21 Council Meeting. Motion carried 6-0

5 **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation: Small Business Week – The Mayor read a proclamation stating that May 5-11 was Small Business Week. This proclamation was requested by the Chamber of Commerce. It was read and signed by the Mayor proclaiming May 5-11 as Small Business Week in Waseca.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6 It was moved by Arndt, seconded by Rose, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0, and included the following:

A. Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting & Work Session – April 16, 2019

- B. Payroll & Expenditures
- C. Approval of Temporary Liquor License – United Prairie Bank
- D. Approval of Temporary Liquor License – VFW Post 1642
- E. Approval of Contract Payments
- F. **Resolution 19-20** – Authorize Airport Maintenance/Operations Grant Agreement

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **7A Ordinance 1071:: Amending Chapter 96 & Public Hearing**

City Manager Mattson stated that the City updated its liquor ordinance in 2017 to allow for new types of licenses that were not covered by the old ordinance. The City accomplished this by adopting a whole new ordinance. At that time it appeared that some language was adopted that made alcohol illegal in all City parks. Prior to this adoption this was not the case. In order to address this issue, it was determined to amend the park ordinance and not the liquor ordinance to allow alcohol in parks.

The proposed language has some restrictions which include: no alcohol on City beaches, within the confines of Maplewood Park unless issued a permit by Council, other than to load or unload a boat onto a lake, and not allowed within Tink Larson Community Field.

Chris Kennedy, Assistant City Attorney, addressed issues that may arise with having alcohol inside Tink Larson Community Field. In addition he suggested some language in the ordinance that will help with enforcement of the ordinance from the Police Department.

Public Hearing opened at 7:45 p.m.

Ann Fitch approached the Council and stated that being able to have a beer at a baseball game on a hot night is nice and that people drink responsibly. She also expressed that Maplewood Park is the least family friendly park, and people should be allowed to have a beer up there. Finally, she stated that you should allow people to have fun in your park system.

James Christiansen informed Council he does not like the term Intoxicating Liquors.

Ann Fitch said that Minnesota is the last State to have 3.2 malt beverages.

Andrew Breck discussed how families these days like to go to the park and meet up with friends and family while having a beer at a picnic or while watching fireworks.

Mr. Mattson made it a point to inform Council that Tink Larson Community Field will be staffed by younger people at the concession stand, and the only City representation on site during events.

James Christiansen recommended sectioning off a location in the stands like the Twins did at Target Field.

City Council discussed and deliberated on whether or not to allow alcohol in Maplewood Park and Tink Larson Community Field.

Public Hearing Closed at 8:21 p.m.

Council Member Tloughan made a motion to amend the proposed Ordinance 1071 to remove Maplewood Park, Tink Larson Community Field, and Beaches from the language. This was seconded by Mayor Srp. Discussion took place with the following final language for Chapter 96.04, paragraph 9 of Ordinance 1071: The display and consumption of intoxicating liquors, 3.2 malt liquors, and malt beverages shall be allowed in City Parks.

Motion was made Tloughan, seconded by Arndt to approve the language as amended.

Motion carried 6-0.

**7B Approval of Final Construction Payment: Project 2017-04**

Mr. Mattson said the final payments just went through on this project. The sidewalk was done before, but sometimes payments take a while to come through. Council needs to approve the final payment on this project.

Motion was made by Conrath, seconded by Christiansen to approve the final payment. Motion carried 6-0.

**7C Resolution 19-21: Water Alliance**

City Manager Mattson said the City of Waseca along with the County and Woodville Township are looking to join together to take action regarding water issues from Gaiter Lake, Moonen Marsh, Rice Lake, and other places in the Watershed to help improve situations on a regional basis. The other two entities will be approving similar resolutions at their upcoming meetings.

Motion was made by Conrath, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 19-21. Motion carried 6-0.

**7D City Council Applicants**

Earlier in the evening the City Council held interviews for the vacant Council seat in Ward 1. Mr. John Clemons and Mr. Larry Johnson were interviewed.

Motion was made by Christiansen, seconded by Rose to appoint Larry Johnson to the City Council representing Ward 1. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS**

8A **City Manager's Report**

- Downtown amenities pilot program is underway
- Copy of the special assessment policy is located in Council Packet
- Tink Larson Community Field is working on some outstanding projects
- The new Fire Truck chase has not been delivered and will arrive later than anticipated
- Recognized Staff for the Area Foundation Grants that the City received
- Vision 2030 meeting was held at Mankato State University
- Fire task force met this past week, an officer structure will be going through review
- Stop light at North State/7<sup>th</sup> Ave will have an electrician on site tomorrow
- Auditors are doing their 2018 audit at City Hall

8B **Commission Reports**

Fire Relief (Conrath)

- Parade Truck discussion
- Fish Fry is coming up soon
- Proper apparel at community events

Park Board (Christiansen)

- Met outside at today's meeting
- Talked about park dedication funding
- Discussed summer meeting locations
- Listened to a dog park presentation
- Talked about the downtown walkway
- Working on tree plantings
- Park Clean Up had 55 people participate

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9 The following miscellaneous announcements were made by Councilmembers:

Council Member Tlougan

- Announced that May is Heritage Preservation Month

Council Member Rose

- It is my birthday (Council sang happy birthday)

Council Member Christiansen

- Questioned a dumpster on the street
- Talked about some concrete removal that has an upcoming deadline

Mayor Srp

- Thank you for the Water Alliance
- Thanked those who helped with Park Clean Up and all those residents who help clean up the community

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 10 It was moved by Conrath, seconded by Arndt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.; motion carried 6-0.



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MIKE ANDERSON  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER



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R. D. SRP  
MAYOR

