

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

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: Jeremy Conrath Darren Arndt
 Allan Rose Larry Johnson
 Roy Srp Les Tlougan
 Mark Christiansen

Staff Present: Lee Mattson, City Manager
 Tom Kellogg, City Engineer
 Mike Anderson, Assistant to the City Manager

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 asked that "Fire Relief" be added to commission reports. It was moved by Tlougan, seconded by Arndt, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4 None

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5 American Legion: Mike Parry

Mr. Parry and Kent Schultz presented information regarding the demolished house and the current parking lot at the Legion. Staff suggested a compromise to bring the property into compliance in 2020. Council advised Staff to work with the Legion to find a solution moving forward so the parking area is in compliance with City Code. Staff will have the City Attorney draft up an agreement, which will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6 It was moved by Arndt, seconded by Conrath, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0, and included the following:
- A. Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting & Work Session : October 15, 2019
 - B. Payroll & Expenditures
 - C. Resolution 19-54: Denying Tax Forfeiture Property
 - D. Approval of Change Order Requests: 3rd St Project
 - E. Approval of Contract Payments: 3rd St, FBO Hangar, Elm Ave

ACTION AGENDA

7A Public Hearing: Resolution 19-53 – Adding additional Vacant Lots to Tax Abatement List & Resolution 19-55: Approving Tax Abatement Applications for newly added lots

The Public Hearing opened at 7:26 p.m. Nobody approached the Council on this topic.

Resident James Christiansen approached the Council, looking for information in the packet regarding the Abatement public hearing. Staff showed him where it was and gave him information regarding the Abatement process.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Christiansen, seconded by Tlougan to approve Resolution 19-53. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Councilmember Johnson abstaining).

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7B RCCA: Recovery Coordinator Grant Approval

City Manager Mattson said that the City had been working with Region Nine for over a year on this grant application. The position will focus on economic development efforts to counter the effects of Quad Graphics closing. The grant is worth close to \$400,000 over three years.

Motion was made by Tlougan, seconded by Conrath to approve the execution of the grant and begin the applicant search. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

8A City Manager's Report

- Thank you to the Public Works Crew for their response and hard work during the recent snow fall.
- Region Nine received almost \$200,000 for a manufacturing resource center which could include the acquisition of space and staff. The City is a co-applicant but Region Nine will handle the monies and the planning process.
- BEST Business Summit was held at SROC earlier today and included great speakers and discussions.

8B Commission Reports

- Airport Board: Rose
 - FBO Hangar is complete
 - Creating a punch list of issues that need completing
 - Discussed the 5 year CIP
 - There will be 5 new T-Hangers in 2021
 - Increasing monthly rates by \$5 per month in 2020
- Fire Relief: Conrath
 - Fire Truck has arrived
 - Approved financing for new equipment
 - The Rosenau's are donating new helmets and chest waders to the Department

- Discover Waseca Tourism: Conrath
 - Planning Session was held with Sinister Forest
 - Sleigh and Cutter "Only MN" Sign will be in town.
 - Approved putting Brochures at the Mall of America.
 - Holiday Train will be here December 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9 Tloughan – The Census is extremely important and would like to see monthly reports for the next four months

Conrath – The lake shore looks good along Clear and Loon Lake. Kudos to the Parks crew and the Sentenced to Serve for their hard work.

Christiansen – Boy Scouts are selling wreaths this weekend. Good luck to the Football Team on Saturday.

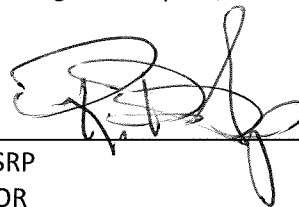
Rose – The shoreline trimming looks great.

Arndt – Sinister Forest had over 1900 participants. Next year the event falls on Halloween!

Srp – Thanked all City Staff for their daily work. The Holiday Train will be here on December 5. Wished good luck to the football team.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10 There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Conrath, seconded by Arndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.; the motion carried 7-0.



R.D. SRP
MAYOR



MIKE ANDERSON
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

