

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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	Les Tlougan
Ann Fitch	Mark Christiansen
Jeremy Conrath	Daren Arndt

Absent: Allan Rose

Staff present:

Danny Lenz, City Manager
Mary Buenzow, City Clerk
Scott Girtler, Waseca Police Department

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2 A moment of silent meditation was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3 It was moved by Tlougan, seconded by Arndt, to approve the agenda as presented; the motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4 None

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5 None

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6 It was moved by Conrath, seconded by Fitch, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; the motion carried 6-0 and included the following items:

- A. Minutes – Regular City Council meeting – January 16, 2018
- B. Payroll & Expenditures
- C. Minutes – City Council work session – January 16, 2018
- D. Partial Payment #2 – 2017 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project #2017-09
- E. **Resolution No. 18-08** – Authorizing Feasibility Study for Projects #2017-06 and #2018-01

ACTION AGENDA

7A Resolution No. 18-07 – In Support of Corridors of Commerce Funding for the Expansion of U.S. Highway 14

The City Manager explained this resolution is a statement of support to extend Highway 14 to four lanes between Rochester and New Ulm, Minnesota.

It was moved by Fitch, seconded by Tlougan, to adopt Resolution No. 18-07, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 14; the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

8A City Manager's Report

The City Manager announced there will be a public open house on the Gaiter Lake Development Project for master planning. The City has contracted with WSB for planning multi-family housing and development of the property and we will reach out to neighborhoods for input. The public open house is open to the Council, Planning Commission, EDA, and the public, and it will be held on Wednesday, February 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building.

Mayor Srp asked how this will be promoted. The City Manager stated it will be posted on the City's Facebook page, City website, and through mailings, and will be referred to as a public open house regarding the Gaiter Lake Development Project. Mayor Srp encouraged the Councilmembers to promote this around the community.

The City Manager reported the City has engaged with WSB & Associates to provide interim City Engineering services. Tom Kellogg will be our City Engineer of record and has contracted for 30 hours per week. He will also have regular office hours at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and he can be reached at any time with questions.

The 2018 City Budget Books are now available online on the City's website.

8B Commission Reports

HPC February 5 meeting – Councilmember Tlougan reported the HPC met with Andrew Schmidt from Streamline, who is putting together the downtown nomination. There was good discussion and the Council will be brought into the process as well as the downtown business owners. The City Manager commented there will be a joint work session with the Council and the HPC on May 10th at 6:00 p.m.. SHPO will also be there to present the information so everyone has an understanding of the project. He added that nothing is final at this time, and it will have to go through the HPC, City Council, the State Historic Preservation Office and the State Park Service.

Park Board February 6 meeting – Councilmember Christiansen reported the Board discussed signs for Northeast Park and the Park Director presented some examples to look at. They also discussed logos and whether to put a logo on the park signs. The Park Board discussed the Southview Park Pavilion and hopes to update it similar to the University Park pavilion, using Rosenau funds. It is important that the community know about and utilize Southview Park. The

Board was introduced to new Park employee Brett Vanderhorst. All the ice rinks are open. It is hoped that construction on Tink Larson Field will begin soon. The Park Director is working on the annual report and hopes to present it at the March meeting.

Councilmember Fitch asked whether the Northeast Park signs will be one or two-sided. Councilmember Christiansen stated the Park Board hopes to order two, double-sided signs with logos, which are about \$725 each. The Park Board felt this is a reasonable cost and they will be looking at designating locations for the signs.

Fire Relief Association January 31 meeting – Councilmember Conrath stated the meeting was mostly routine business, although there was lengthy discussion regarding replacing the onion ring fryers at the fair stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 **The following announcements were made:**

Councilmember Arndt stated he attended a painting event at Starkson & Steffel Funeral Home last night. It was unique and enjoyable and he encouraged anyone to sign up for the next one.

Councilmember Tloutan cautioned everyone to drive safely in town, especially on the side streets where the snow has not been completely cleared.

Councilmember Christiansen commented that he received a compliment for City staff from a customer, who was pleased at how quickly they fixed a street light that was out. Councilmember Christiansen thanked staff for their prompt response and encouraged residents to call in when there is a street light out.

Mayor Srp commented on the recent snowfalls, stating there were Street Department crews working around the clock. Snow plowing is a difficult task and a lot of work and City staff did a great job.....kudos....

Mayor Srp referred to the Highway 14 Corridors of Commerce resolution and stated next week Senator Jasinski will be getting people together on this issue, especially in light of the Rochester destination project, and it is also important for the people west of here as well.

Mayor Srp also referred to the Gaiter Lake project and stated Waseca is on the cusp of some great things. He encouraged everyone to come with their ideas to the public open house on February 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10 There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Fitch, seconded by Conrath, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; the motion carried 6-0.

R. D. SRP
MAYOR

MARY BUENZOW
CITY CLERK