

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 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
Stacey Schroeder

Staff Present: Carl Sonnenberg, Interim City Manager
Alicia Fischer, Finance Director
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. Motion to approve agenda as written was made by Arndt, seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 7-0.

TRUTH IN TAXATION

4. The Purpose of the Truth in Taxation open meeting is:
- A. Overview of the 2023 Budget
 - B. Discussion of Levy for taxes payable in 2023
 - C. Impact to properties in Waseca

Public Comment opened at 7:36 p.m.

- A. Greg Wikan, 401 8th Ave NW; Wanted to make notice of "US code 18 § 241 which makes it unlawful for two or more persons to agree to injure, threaten, or intimidate a person in the United States in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States or because of his or her having exercised such a right". His property value has gone up "15%" where his taxes have gone up "300%".
- B. Michelle Oswald, 916 3rd Ave SE; Wanted clarification on how the tax capacity was figured. The City Finance Director explained how to figure the tax capacity. The value of home times the class rate and each taxable jurisdiction has their own taxable percentage.

Public Comment closed at 7:44 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. A. Michelle Oswald, 916 3rd Ave SE; Had one more follow-up for the Truth in Taxation and wanted more clarifications on how tax abatements worked into the broken out budget.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. None

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Mansfield, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

8. A. Joe Palen from Stantec spoke on the request for an extension on the I & I Contract with HK Solutions .
- a. It was requested that the contract for the sewer pipe lining be extended to December 16, 2022 due to staffing delays, with a complete sewer lining contract completion of December 30, 2022.
 - b. It was requested that the contract for the manhole rehabilitation be delayed until spring due to the weather and the inconsistency of temperatures in the layers of ground. It is requested an extension until May 15, 2023 to complete the manhole rehabilitation and a contract completion for the manhole rehabilitation of May 30, 2023.
 - c. These extension approvals would, also come with an additional 2 year warranty on top of the already contracted warranty period for the sewer pipe lining warranty and the manhole rehabilitation warranty.

Councilmember Mansfield made a motion to hold the contract as is and request liquidated damages. No second was given, motion dies and does not pass.

Councilmember Conrath made a motion to approve the requested contract extension:

Sewer pipe lining until December 16th with a substantial completion of December 16th 2022, and a final completion of December 30, 2022, manhole rehabilitation with a substantial completion of May 15, 2023 and a final completion of May 30, 2023 with the two year extension on the warranty. With better consideration for the neighborhoods and their equipment. Seconded by Rose, motion carried (6-1) Nay Mansfield.

- B: A letter was read from Tim Lewer declining the first right of refusal for the high bid for the land lease proposals. Resolution 22-62: Lower Land Lease Quote Tabulation and Lease was tabled for discussion with the City Attorney for clarification on terms for the lease with the Huber family. Motion to table from Rose and seconded by Arndt, motion carried 7-0.
- B. Motion was made by Conrath to approve Resolution 22- 63: Airport Land Lease Quote Tabulation and Lease, seconded by Rose, motion carried 7-0.
- C. Arndt made the motion to approve final payment to Wencil Construction Inc. for the North State Street Trunk Water Main, seconded by Conrath, motion carried 7-0.
- Conrath made the motion to approve the change order within the final payment, motion was seconded by Srp, motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

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A. Interim City Manager's Report

1. Finance Director Alicia Fischer is the designee in the Interim City Managers absence.
2. No electric outages since October 16th
3. Memo from Economic Development Manager Tina Wilson, PCED:
 - A. Waseca County has agreed to reinstate their residential tax abatement program.
4. Councilmember Conrath requested to clarify the city's process for snow removal especially with what is considered "non-city" residents. The Interim City Manager submitted maps that showed who and when the snow removal was completed, and that some of the County areas that the city does clear is billed to the County.

B. Commission Reports

1. Fire Commission presented by Conrath:
 - a. They have ordered 3 more friers, to go with the ones from last year.
 - b. They approved \$250 for the "Shop with a Hero" event.
2. Park Board presented Christensen:
 - a. City Engineer attended to talk about the grant that the city approved to talk about Park Board recommendations.
 - b. Clear Lake Pavillion should be done next spring.
 - c. Ash tree removal hoping for 40 trees to be removed from public property next year.
 - d. Snow maintenance discussion for trails because plows have been throwing the snow on to trails.
 - e. Board Recommended Gater Lake to include a park.
 - f. The Board is removing the walkway from their agenda because it is not a "park".
 - g. Set their dates for next year's meetings, their first meeting will be the second Tuesday in January and the rest will be the normal 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
 - h. Brad Dushaw is doing a great job.
3. Airport Board presented by Jeremy Conrath:
 - a. T Hangars are being worked on.
 - b. Langer Aviation has begun moving in.
 - c. They discussed the lease agreement with the skydiving group for their landing zone.
 - d. Farming bids were opened on December 6th.
 - e. City Engineer discussed 4.5 acres of airport property that needs to be added to the current farming agreement.
 - f. Discussed the CIP.
 - g. TKDA is looking to schedule the rebidding of the T-Hangar projected.
 - h. Tuesday December 27th at the airport they will hold the renaming of the Stensrud airfield. More information to be provided at the next meeting. They are requesting that the City record the ceremony.

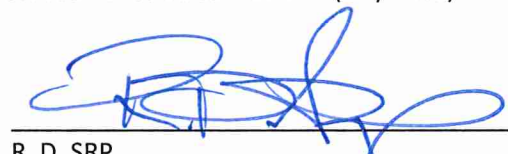
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- A. Councilmember Christiansen announced:
 - 1. Would like on January 3rd meeting to bring back the Gaiter Lake development.
 - 2. He would like to discuss selling the walkway, keeping the wrought iron that says "Waseca"
- B. Councilmember Mansfield announced:
 - 1. Wanted to Say Happy St. Nicolas Day as well as the remembrance of Pearl Harbor on December 7th,
- C. Council Member Conrath announced:
 - 1. A welcome to Council Member Schroeder
 - 2. Thank you to Staff for the hard work on lowering the levy.
 - 3. Lee Mattson will be missed.
- D. Councilmember Schroeder announced:
 - 1. Wanted to express gratitude to the community
- E. Mayor Srp announced:
 - 1. That the Pearl Harbor Remembrance on December 7th is a very big deal.
 - 2. Conagra would like to expand to winter processing of potatoes, onions, carrots and would be limited with wastewater treatment. Conagra would be interested in receiving pretreated wastewater at the water treatment plant. The conversations will continue on this issue, when the new council is seated.
 - 3. A thank you to Pastor Brad Wickersham and the congregation from Christian Assembly for the cookie tray they provided to council.
 - 4. Read a list of businesses that the Council and EDA have helped in just the last year and a half.
 - 5. Read the obituary for his mother Marion Srp who passed away Tuesday November 22, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m., seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 6-1. (Nay Rose)


JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK
R. D. SRP
MAYOR