

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

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. The meeting was held virtually, due to COVID-19.

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

Staff Present: Lee Mattson, City Manager
Mike Anderson, Assistant to the City Manager
Alicia Fischer, Finance Director
Nate Willey, City Engineer

Others Present: Robert Tackett, Resident
Edita Mansfield, Resident
Helen Valencia, Resident
Jackie Dickie, Resident
Jerry Schoenfeld, Resident
Jim Peterson, Resident
Amanda Ryan, Resident
Jacob Dougherty, Resident
Donna Hubschman, Resident
Jason Folie, County 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 Councilman Rose added Airport Board to the Report portion of the meeting. It was moved by Arndt, seconded by J. Conrath to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Truth in Taxation Meeting

- 4 The City Manager presented information to the Council and the Public regarding the 2022 budget process, the work sessions with Council, the comparison to other comparable Cities, and the recommended 2.5% levy increase for 2022. The final levy will be up for approval at the December 21, 2021 meeting.

The hearing opened at 7:28 p.m.

Residents Tackett, Mansfield, Valencia, Dickie, and Schoenfeld approached the Council with comments and concerns. The Council answered questions and took no further action.

The hearing closed at 8:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5A None

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5B None

CONSENT AGENDA

6 It was moved by Christiansen, seconded by Mansfield to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Minutes –Regular Meeting & Work Session November 16
- B. Payroll & Expenditures
- C. Resolution 21-60: Approving Residential Tax Abatement (J. Conrath abstained)
- D. RCCA: Approving Joint Powers Agreement for South Central Drug Investigative Unit
- E. RCCA: Approving 2022 Council Meeting dates
- F. RCCA: Designating 2022 Official City Newspaper
- G. Resolution 21-61: Designating 2022 Polling Locations

ACTION AGENDA

7 A. **RCCA: Final Payment – 2021 Sewer Lining & Rehab**

City Manager informed Council that the project has been completed and recommended issuing the final payment to the contractor.

A motion was made by J. Conrath, seconded by Rose to approve the payment request. Motion carried 7-0.

B. **RCCA: Public Hearing: Resolution 21-58 – 8th St SE Project**

The City Manager and City Engineer gave information on the plan and specs of the 8th street project. Majority reconstruct on the north side of the train tracks to Elm Ave and mill & overlay for the south side of the tracks to HWY 13.

Public Hearing opened at 9:03 p.m.

Peterson, Ryan, Dougherty, Hubschman, and County resident Folie approached the Council with questions and concerns regarding the project.

Public Hearing closed at 9:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Christiansen, seconded by J. Conrath to approve Resolution 21-58. Motion carried 6-0 (Mansfield Abstained).

REPORTS

8 A. City Manager's Report

- Shop with a Hero will be held on December 11 at Walmart. Twelve or Thirteen families will be participating with area law enforcement and fire departments represented at the event.
- No electric outages in October or November.
- MRC grant application ongoing. Also, in discussions on how the local share will be met. It is possible that most of Waseca's share may be met by in kind personnel time spent assisting with the Center. Also looking at how to transition the MRC away from City ownership (and away from the City having to provide a guarantee for the grant money if the facility ceases operation.)

B. Commission Reports

HPC

- Approved 2022 Priorities
- Discussed the School partnering with the Virtual Walking Tour

Fire Relief

- Purchased an industrial fridge for onion ring stand
- Donated money to Shop with a Hero

Park board

- Clear Lake Improvement discussions
- Tink Larson Community Field will be installing lockers
- 2022 Trail project discussion
- Fury Friends group taking donations for the Dog Park

Airport Board

- Adding \$5 to the 2022 Hangar leases
- Put in a request for rodent control
- Building a new Hangar in 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9 Christiansen – Boy Scout wreaths are sold out and the Arts Council is looking for members.
J. Conrath – Liked the discussion amongst Council.
Srp – Thankful for Waseca and all it has to offer.

ADJOURNMENT

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



R. D. SRP
MAYOR



MIKE ANDERSON
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER