MINUTES REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, February 1, 2022

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

Ted Conrath

John Mansfield

Daren Arndt

Jeremy Conrath

Mark Christiansen

Councilmembers Absent:

Allan Rose

Staff Present:

Lee Mattson, City Manager

Nate Willey, City Engineer

Carl Sonnenberg, Utilities and Public Works Director

Julia Hall, Administrative Clerk

Others Present:

Joe Palen, Stantec

Jeanne Sexton, Parks Board

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. Council Member Mansfield requested to:
 - A. Move item "6F: RCCA: Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Bids North State Street Trunk Water Main Improvements Project (City Project No. 2022-06)", from Consent Agenda to an Action Agenda point, Item 7D.
 - B. Move item "6G: RCCA: Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Bids 8th Street SE Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Project (City Project No. 2022-01)", from Consent Agenda to an Action Agenda point, Item 7E.

Motion was made by Arndt, seconded by J. Conrath to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. None

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5. Joe Palen from Stantec spoke on the proposal of the Engineering Agreement with the City for the "Waseca 2022 Sewer Rehab Project".
 - J. Conrath motioned to approve the proposal as it was presented. Arndt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1 (Mansfield nay).

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Motion was made by Christiansen, seconded by J. Conrath to approve the agenda with amendments given. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

- 7.
- A. Public Hearing: Resolution 22-10 CSAH No. 2 (Brown Ave) Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation project (City Project No. 2022-08). Motion was made by Arndt and seconded by Srp to terminate the project as it was approved as "Resolution # 2022-09 County Support for the City of Waseca Investment Effort to Develop the West Interchange" by the County of Waseca at their February 1, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Conagra Water Services Agreement. Motion to approve was made by J. Conrath, seconded by Arndt. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Wastewater Treatment Plant land purchase and Permanent Easement. Motion to approve was made by J. Conrath, seconded by Christiansen. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. RCCA: Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Bids North State Street Trunk Water Main Improvements Project (City Project No. 2022-06). Motion to approve was made by Christiansen, seconded by Arndt. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. RCCA: Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Bids 8th Street SE Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Project (City Project No. 2022-01). Motion to approve was made by J. Conrath, seconded by Christiansen. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

- 8. A. City Manager's Report
 - Sr. Engineering Tech Paul Bruder and Maintenance Worker Keith Gedicke have retirements. Paul after 43 ½ years and Keith after 22 years.
 - There are continuing conversations with Minnesota State Mankato and Region 9 on the Manufacturing Resource Center.
 - 501 3rd St NE Abatement tentatively scheduled for February 8 if not brought into compliance and if weather permits. An inspection on 1 February found the property not yet in compliance.
 - Next Tuesday February 8th is the joint work session with City of Waseca and Waseca County,
 6:00 pm in the East Annex.

B. Commission Reports

Fire Relief:

- Bylaws were passed, and they were able to buy equipment. They purchased a hose dryer,
 3 microphones and furniture.
- Elections were held and all positions remained the same for the upcoming year.

Park Board:

- Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce gave the Community Development award to the Parks Board and Furry Friends of Waseca for the work on the Waseca Dog Park. There is a dog park committee that meets as needed to go over things that will help with fundraisers for equipment or needs for the dog park. For a fundraiser there is a Burger Fry on May 20th at the America Legion in support of Furry Friends of Waseca.
- An update was given on the Conservation Legacy Grant, some work was done with the Pheasants Forever Grant of approx. \$50,000, the City's match was 5%, items done were nature park planting, and then removing of invasive plants There are future projects that have been discussed to further use those funds.
- It has been asked about the Clear Lake Park Project timeline. The timeline has not been firmly set. The equipment will be down part of this summer to be replaced, it is encouraged that community members use the number of other parks in the city.
- There is a full Park Board of 5 people. Their meetings are at 7:30 a.m. the 1st Tuesday of the month except after July 4th and Labor Day. All who would like to attend are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. Council Member Christiansen asked for clarification on people parking on the grass and if there is an ordinance in place. He asked if it can it be placed in a newsletter or publicly to remind the citizens of the ordinance. He also wanted clarifications on the policy against throwing snow into the street. City Manager offered to review policy.

Mayor Srp mentioned that 52 positions were released from Birdseye, "Our Hearts go out to those families affected".

Sleigh and Cutter Festival has begun in Waseca.

Council Member Christiansen brought up that the Chamber Newsletter released the attendance percentages of City, County and School Board. Also, the population is ahead of the adjusted population for the year. The Chamber Newsletter has a lot of useful information.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt seconded by Mansfield to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

R. D. SRP MAYOR

JULIA HALL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK