MINUTES REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Waseca City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Zimmerman at 7:00 1. A. p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Randy Zimmerman

Daren Arndt

Jeremy Conrath

James Ebertowski

John Mansfield

Stacey Schroeder

Councilmembers Absent: Mark Christiansen

Staff Present: Carl Sonnenberg, Interim City Manager

Nate Willey, City Engineer

Tina Wilson, PCED, Economic Development Manager

REVocity Representatives Present:

Lori Bonin, President and General Manager

Brett Reese, Founder & Managing Partner, Rebound Partners/REVocity

Waseca Real Estate Fund

Representatives Present: Tim Collins

Madison Murphy

Jon Stagman

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

Councilmember Schroeder requested that City Manager hiring be added as item 7C, seconded by Conrath. 3. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. None.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Waseca Real Estate Fund (WREF) Presentation- Jon Stagman spoke on behalf of the Waseca Real Estate fund. 5. He gave a brief introduction on what WREF was looking at doing in the community as well as their partnership with REVocity. Lori Bonin from REVocity spoke on their budget goals, they are just shy of their capital goals that will start the next chapter in their process. Their vision is to add Mixed-Use Development and lodging at the "Market Place" site, behind Waseca High School. Tim Collins explained that he is from Waseca and supports the project as not only a member of WREF but also as a resident. Madison Murphy as a "six generation" farmer is an integral part in the process here in Waseca and has been the contact between WREF and the City of Waseca.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

7.

- A. Motion to approve the Plans and Specifications and Authorize Bids for the 2nd Street SW and 2nd Avenue SW Intersection Reconstruction project (City Project No. 2023-01) was made by Mansfield, seconded by Ebertowski. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Motion to approve the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) Certified Local Government (CLG) grant application and authorize a Request for Proposals was made by Schroeder, seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Motion was made by Conrath to approve hiring Carl C. Sonnenberg as City Manager effective February 6, 2023 at the pay of Grade 15, Step 7 with an additional pay of \$3,900 a month to continue until his duties as Director of Utilities and Public Works have been passed on to either new or additional staff, no time frame set due for the later due to licenses and knowledge that Carl currently holds, seconded by Arndt. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

8.

- A. City Manager's Report:
 - i. The Connections Safe Haven program grants is due and Police Chief Vought would like approval to apply for the grant. It was recommended by Mansfield and Schroeder that she reaches to another non-profit business in town that is also looking to apply for the grant to see if/how they can work together.
- B. Commission Reports:
 - i. Fire Relief was reported by Councilmember Conrath. He wanted to welcome Brian Land and Thank Brian Voss for his time as he stepped down as President of the Fire Relief Association and held elections for the new officers.
 - ii. Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was reported by Councilmember Ebertowski, they had worked on the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was presented earlier *as* Item 7B, as well as signage for two businesses in the Downtown Heritage District.
 - iii. Airport Board was reported by Councilmember Schroeder. The new FBO Brett Langer gave an update at their meeting. They also discussed Key Deposits for the hangars. They discussed providing a card reader at the hangars. They discussed making sure all hangars are in compliance. They also are sending out bid requests to build the T-Hangars sue February 28th 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.

- A. Councilmember Schroeder:
 - Reminder that the Sleigh and Cutter Festival is beginning and will have the big kites again this year.

D. Mayor Zimmerman:

- i. He had the privilege of judging the Miss Waseca contest, the award was a scholarship. The event took place in the new Performing Arts building.
- ii. He met with both Senator Jasinski and Representative Petersburg and had some great conversations.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 5-1. (Nay Ebertowski)

JULIA HALL CITY CLERK RANDY'L. ZIMMERMAN

MAYOR

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