

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 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
Allan Rose

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

Others Present: Jacob Dougherty, Resident
Donna Hubschman, Resident
Kristian Braekken, Region 9
Karen Pearson, 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 Motion was made by Arndt, seconded by Mansfield to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4 Ms. Pearson approached the Council regarding a bill she received for a fire call. She asked the Council to waive the fee.

Motion was made by Mansfield, seconded by Srp to waive the fee. Motion carried 6-1
(Christiansen nay)

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5 Mr. Braekken gave a presentation to the Council on the Manufacturing Resource Center giving the benefits it has to the community over time. The Council thanked Mr. Braekken for his presentation.

Motion was made by Christiansen, seconded by Arndt to have the City Manager pursue grant funding for the Manufacturing Resource Center. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6 It was moved by J. Conrath seconded by Rose to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Minutes –Regular Meeting & Work Session December 21, 2021
- B. Payroll & Expenditures
- C. Resolution 22-04: Designating Authorized Signers
- D. Resolution 22-05: Not Waive Tort Liability
- E. Resolution 22-06: Supporting Grant Submission for Marketplace Funding

ACTION AGENDA

- 7 A. **Brown Ave Project**
- **Resolution 22-01: Cost Share Agreement**
 - **Resolution 22-02: Amend Special Assessment Policy**
 - **Resolution 22-03: Authorize Preparation of Feasibility Report**

City Engineer presented information to Council regarding the Brown Ave Concrete Rehab project. Council at a previous meeting asked the Engineer to investigate potentially assessing the business owners on both sides of the street. The Council was given the option to either move forward without assessments by approving a project cost share percentage or amend the assessment policy by resolution in order to allow assessments on such projects moving forward, beginning with this project. If assessed, staff would come back with a resolution in February to set the City's cost share.

Council decided to bring Resolution 22-01 back at the February 1, 2022, meeting.

A motion was made by J. Conrath seconded by Mansfield to approve Resolution 22-02.
Motion carried 6-1 (Christiansen Nay).

A motion was made by Mansfield, seconded by T. Conrath to approve Resolution 22-03.
Motion carried 6-1 (Christiansen Nay)

REPORTS

- 8 A. **City Manager's Report**
- Staff is starting the process to advertise for bids on Improvements to Clear Lake Park. Substantial renovation of the Pavilion is the primary project with renovation to the Bath House as a bid alternate. Received bids will be brought back to the City Council for action once received. Both projects are in the Capital Plan
 - Julia Hall has started as an Administrative Clerk with the City. She replaced Ranae Schult's position.

- Staff have been monitoring the litigation over OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standard for vaccination. If upheld by the Court, this rule will apply to the City of Waseca. In that event, staff will take action to remain in compliance with the standard.
- Gary Sandholm departure.
- Cole Stangler will be starting as an Engineering Tech this month as we also bid farewell to Paul Bruder, who is ending his service to Waseca.
- Malterer property development update – met again with Jeremy Brown to discuss potential development starting with a 55-unit apartment building on the southeast corner of the acreage. If the project moves forward, Mr. Brown would like to start construction this summer. Staff is working with Stantec on the necessary city utilities that would need to be installed to the site. Staff are also working on Tax Increment Financing options with Jessica Green of Northland Securities.
- No update on the Gaiter Lake property.
- SWMHP is submitting a grant on the Marketplace property.

B. Commission Reports

Park Board

- Discussed the Clear Lake Pavilion updates
- Seeking Emerald Ash Borer Grant assistance
- Approved 2022 meeting dates

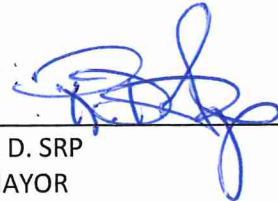
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9 Christiansen – Chili feed is Friday along with the Boys Basketball game. The Art Center added a new member and continues to seek others.
Srp – Thanked Paul Bruder, Ranae Schult, and Gary Sandholm for their years of service as they head into retirement.

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 9:05 p.m.; Motion carried 7-0.


JULIA HALL
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK


R. D. SRP
MAYOR