MINUTES REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Allan Rose

Daren Arndt

Jeremy Conrath

Mark Christiansen

John Mansfield

Staff Present:

Lee Mattson, City Manager

Carl Sonnenberg, Utilities and Public Works

Brad Dushaw, Parks Superintendent Julia Hall, Administrative 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. Mayor Srp motioned to add the reading of the Summary of Conclusions of the Performance of the City Manager Lee Mattson.

City Manager Lee Mattson Pulled item 6G from the agenda, that is informational only.

City Manager Lee Masson pulled item 6C from the agenda, the property was found to be in compliance and no Public Hearing is needed.

Motion to approve agenda as amended was made by Arndt, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4.
- A. Kelly Boeddecker of 113 2nd St NE asked for clarification on the requirements for a wheelchair ramp at her business and possibly an easement. The City Manager will look into the request further.
- B. Larry Sipe, Cub Master from Pack 86 and troops Daniel and Michael, requested a waiving on the \$50 fee for the one day use of Maplewood park for their day camp. Motion was made by T. Conrath to waive the fee; seconded by Mansfield. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Michelle Oswald of 916 3rd Ave SE, would like the City to continue talk with the Southern Minnesota Housing Partnership on Gaiter Lake and the need for a large greenspace in that development and possibly a park of some kind of frisbee golf course.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. Bruce Paulson (Stantec) spoke on the findings and options moving forward with the construction at Johnson Pavilion.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Motion was made by J. Conrath to approve consent agenda, seconded by Arndt. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

7.

- A. RCCA: Inflow and Infiltration Project 22-11 Accept Bids & Bid Award Recommendation.
 - 1. Motion was made by J. Conrath to approve the contract. Also authorizing the City Manager to write a change order eliminating the manhole portion of the work, seconded by T. Conrath. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 2. Motion was made by Arndt to follow with rebid of the manhole portion of the project and bring it back to Council for approval, seconded by Mansfield. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

8.

- A. City Manager's Report
 - 1. Provided an update on the project on 8th street
 - Requested Council schedule a Work Session to discuss the Draft Capital Improvement Plan.
 Council selected June 28th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
 - 3. Requested Council schedule a Work Session to discuss Special Assessment. Council selected July 12th at 5:30 p.m. location to be determined.
 - 4. Requested that mosquito spray be extended. T. Conrath made a motion to extend the spray for 3 weeks, seconded by Mayor Srp. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 5. City Staff has been looking into cameras in the parks.
 - 6. Would like to say Thank you to Mike Anderson, the Assistant to the City Manager and he moves on to be the City Administrator in Spring Park, MN.
 - 7. Please welcome April Weber in Utility Administration and Eric Benson at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - 8. The Waseca Fire Department would like to place a memorial at their station; more to come on that in the future.
 - 9. The police department is recommending that the tasers being replaced by the police be either retained by the department or returned to the manufacturer for proper disposal.
 - 10. The Airport made an \$80,000 loan of expiring entitlement funding to the City of Rushford's airport as is common practice. The entitlement funds will be returned in a future funding cycle.
 - 11. There was a 60 minute power outage in May with two impacted customer.
 - 12. Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) has 4 properties that they are looking to assist with a Small Cities Development Program (SDCP) grant.

- 13. Parks Department did obtain a \$78,000 grant to remove and replant trees to stay ahead of the emerald ash borer.
- 14. Waseca County would like to take 5th street to haul the weeds from the harvester in Clear Lake, the number of trucks has been less than they projected. The Council does not want weed harvesting trucks on 5th Street SE.
- 15. The Malteter property development will not occur this year.
- 16. It was requested that the City allow farmers to harvest hay from the Lewer property, City Manager is going to look into if that would change the tax status of that land.

B. Commission Reports

- 1. Fire Relief presented by J. Conrath:
 - a. The Fire Association is looking into a memorial at their fire station with an estimated unveiling in 2026.
 - b. The Fire Department has purchased 2 new fryers.
 - The fish fry is scheduled for June 25th.
- 2. Heritage Preservation Committee presented by T. Conrath:
 - a. The awards for the 2022 Heritage Preservation Month were presented on June 6th.
 - Residential Preservation- Jim and Sally Isder
 - Commercial/Industrial Preservation- Lush Cakes
 - Community Preservation-Work in Progress- Ward House Brewery
 - Mayor's Choice-North Waseca Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.
 - A. Council member J. Conrath announced:
 - 1. Had another positive experience with people asking to see his slab on grade home.
 - B. Council member Rose announced:
 - 1. That the yards and boulevards need to be mowed there are several in town that are too long.
 - C. Council member Mansfield announced:
 - 1. There are several dog messes that are being left in Hartley park.
 - 2. He also asked if Staff could look into eh cost of a dome over the water park to possibly receive a year round revenue from the park since it is currently operating in a deficit.
 - D. Mayor Srp announced:
 - 1. That after a water main break the streets could use some more attention.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt seconded by T. Conrath to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

R. D. SRP

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK