MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 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.

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
                           Bill Green, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
                           Nate Willey, City Engineer

Others Present: Michelle Oswald, Resident
                           Genie Sexton, Park Board Member

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 Jeremy Conrath, seconded by Rose to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4   Resident Michelle Oswald (& Park Board Member) informed the Council about her wanting a Dog Park.

Genie Sexton of the Park Board approached the Council and gave some background history about Waseca and the quest for a Dog Park.

Park Board Update: Mr. Christiansen gave his Park Board update following the comments from Oswald and Sexton. He gave a history of the Dog Park process to date and answered questions from the Council.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5   None

CONSENT AGENDA

6   It was moved by Jeremy Conrath, seconded by Mansfield, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0 and included:

A. Minutes –Regular City Council Meeting & Work Session May 4
B. Payroll & Expenditures

C. **Resolution 21-14**: Airport Grant Agreement
D. **Resolution 21-20**: MnDOT Agreement for Hwy 13 & 7th Ave Signal Project
E. RCCA: Authorizing for bids – Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

ACTION AGENDA

7A. Resolution 21-21 – LaDue Variance Request

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Green explained to Council that the variance was for an accessary structure more than the 10% lot size requirement along with minimum driveway size. The Planning Commission reviewed this request and recommended approval to City Council. Motion was made by Mansfield, seconded by Arndt to approve Resolution 21-21. Motion carried 7-0

B. Resolution 21-22 – Southside Marine Conditional Use Permit

P & Z Coordinator Green presented Southside Marine request to have an LP fill-up station on their site. Allowing this in the I-2 zoning district requires a CUP. The Planning Commission has recommended approval to the City Council. Motion was made by Arndt, seconded by J Conrath. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Public Hearing - Nace Variance & Zoning Request

Nace is requesting a variance to allow a minor subdivision process with an existing building, which will encroach 12.4 feet into the required minimum side setback of 20 feet. The applicant is also requesting the rezoning of the Northwest parcel of land (Parcel A1) created by the minor subdivision from R-2, Urban Residential District, to B-2, Community Retail and Service Business District.

Public Hearing: 7:53 p.m. Nobody approached Council. Motion was made by J Conrath, seconded by Mansfield to approve Resolution 21-23 & Ordinance 1090 to complete this request. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Public Hearing – Fox Meadows: Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, PUD

Worke Fox Meadows LLC is requesting a Preliminary Plat, a Final Plat, and a Planned Unit Development District for the subdivision which will consist of twenty-one (21) single family lots and one outlot. Each resulting lot would be developed for single family residential homes.

Public Hearing: 7:58 p.m. Nobody approached Council. Motion was made by Christiansen, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 21-24 & Ordinance 1091. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Public Hearing – Driver Visibility at SE Corner of Elm Ave & 2nd St SW

Discussion on a parking space close to the corner has been a hot topic. City Engineer Willey presented information and support to remove the parking stall.

Public Hearing: 8:06 p.m. Mark Buker of Personalized Printing informed Council that there is a lack of parking in downtown Waseca but is all for safety within the downtown. Council also received a letter from Tim Collins that was part of the Agenda Packet. Motion was made by Rose, seconded by Srp to remove the parking space. Motion carried 4-3 (Arndt, Mansfield, J Conrath opposed)

F. RCCA: Elm Ave Turn Lane Discussion

Due to the County owning the Road and MnDOT using Federal Funds to reconstruct Elm Ave, there is nothing the City can due regarding reducing the size of the turn lane on Elm onto 2nd St SW. Council elected to discontinue the efforts on this subject.

G. RCCA: Council Meeting Format

Motion was made by Mansfield, seconded by J Conrath to begin meeting back to normal in the Chambers. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

8 A. **City Manager's Report**

- Arik Matson, Kris Markeson, Tim Schroeder, and Andrew Harren received an award from the MN Chief of Police Association. The awards banquet will be November 2
- Brittany Donovan has accepted the part time Payroll Clerk position and begins June 23
- Staff continues to address the daycare shortage in Waseca
- Spring Business Summit is this Friday at the VFW
- No updates on the Gaiter Lake Project

B. **Commission Reports**

Planning Commission

- Welcomes Steve Jes to the Commission
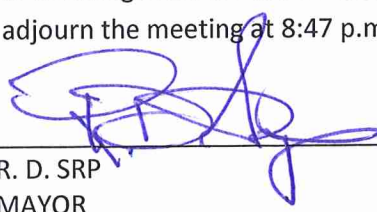- Recommended all the items to Council on the agenda tonight

EDA
- Discussed the Lakeshore Inn and them turning to Non-Profit status
- Paul Snook gave an update on the Economic Development website
- There are new owners of the E.F. Johnson building
- Grocery Store discussions continue to take place
- Currently 1 application for the Entrepreneurial challenge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9   T. Conrath– Thanked all the local Fire Departments for their response to the Hog Barn fire
Christiansen – The Marching Jays are going to Branson, good luck!
J. Conrath – Thanks to the crew for parks and trails clean up
Srp – Matson event is this Saturday

ADJOURNMENT

10   There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt seconded by Jeremy Conrath, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.; Motion carried 7-0.

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R. D. SRP
MAYOR

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MIKE ANDERSON
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER