

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- 1 The regular Waseca City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Srp at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present:	Mayor Roy Srp	Mark Christiansen
	John Clemons	Jeremy Conrath
	John Mansfield	Allan Rose

Councilmembers Absent: Daren Arndt

Staff Present:

Lee Mattson, City Manager
Carl Sonnenberg, Utilities and Public Works Director
Nate Willey, City Engineer
Julia Hall, City 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. Motion to approve agenda as written was made by Conrath, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. A. Michelle Oswald, 916 3rd Ave SE; She would like anyone who is interested in adding to the discussion of a park at the proposed Gaiter Lake/Lewer property development to come forward and talk to Council and/or to join them at their next Parks Board meeting which is December 6th at 7:30 a.m. at the parks building in Waseca.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. None

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Motion to approve consent agenda as presented was made by Mansfield, seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

7.
 - A. Motion made by Conrath to approve resolution 22-53 Authorizing Amendments to the Snow and Ice Control Policy, seconded by Rose, motion carried 6-0.
 - B. Motion made by Christiansen to approve Resolution 22-54 Authorizing Preparation of a Feasibility Report for the 8th Ave NE (CSAH 13) Reconstruction Project (City Project No. 2024-01) seconded by Conrath, motion carried 5-1. Nay Mansfield.
 - C. Motion made Christiansen to approve Resolution 22-55 Authorizing a Contract with Stantec for the Preparation of a Feasibility Report for the 8th Ave NE (CSAH 13) Reconstruction Project (City Project No. 2024-01) seconded by Clemons, motion carried 5-1. Nay Mansfield.
 - a. Council would like further discussion on setting minimums for when items need to be sent out for bid.
 - D. Motion made by Conrath to approve option 1 for the Tink Larson Field Fencing/Intersection Sight Lines, seconded by Mayor Srp, motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

8.
 - A. City Manager's Report
 1. Thank you to the crew who installed more lights at the parks to help deter vandalism and make the area safer.
 2. They have completed the PFAS inspection in the wells and there was no PFAS detected. Inspection will continue to see if any PFAS has been introduced at other locations.
 3. Two of the four blowers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant went out last week and are in the process of being repaired.
 - A. Carl Sonnenberg, Public Works and Utilities Director presented on what that means and what solutions they are looking into for the future.
 - B. Motion was made by Rose advising Staff to look into a lease to own option for a for the replacement of the blowers as they look into a way to expedite that replacement, seconded by Conrath, motion carried 6-0.
 4. With the Gaiter Lake/Lewer Property development on tabled until 2023, staff is seeking Council direction on advertising an ag lease for 2023. Staff suggested either a hay lease or an ag lease restricted to growing beans. Conrath made a motion for a soybean restriction, seconded by Rose, motion carried 6-0. Staff and Council are still looking into the electric rate increase from SMMPA and how to make that impact less on the rate users and the city.
 5. Two Shift Commanders will be leaving the Waseca Fire Department. Would like guidance on how the Council would like to proceed with these vacancies, The majority wants to see the two shift commanders replaced keeping the number at three. The remaining council members would like continued discussion. Staff will not bring the issue back for further discussion and will continue recruitment efforts.
 6. The new streetlights by Berry Pallets are operational.
 7. November 29th will be the joint meeting with Waseca County and the City of Waseca.

8. City Manager Lee Mattson submitted his resignation. Mayor Srp read his resignation letter into record. The City Manager's last day will be November 30, 2022.
 - A. It was suggested that an interim City Manager be appointed and it was recommended that person to be Carl Sonnenberg, Public Works and Utilities Director.
 - B. Mr. Sonnenberg said if he had full support from the Council he would be open to discussions on the process and what would be required.
 - C. The council gave full support to Mr. Sonnenberg, to continue conversation; so there will be a meeting scheduled on a later date to discuss the process going forward. No formal decision was made.

B. Commission Reports

1. Park Board presented by Mark Christiansen:
 - a. Members from Discovery Tourism came to talk to them about adding a trail in Maplewood park.
 - b. They discussed the plans for the proposed Gaiter Lake/Lewer property plans.
 - c. They discussed maintenance at the parks.
 - d. They continued conversation on the downtown walkway.
 - e. They discussed Clear Lake Park renovation wrapping up and hoping that it will be completed, thanks to the nice weather.
 - f. Park bathrooms are closed for the season.
 - g. The next Park Board meeting is December 6th at 7:30 a.m.
2. Airport Board presented Allan Rose:
 - a. There was not enough members to have a quorum
 - b. The City Engineer is working with the Sky Dive group that operates out of the airport to formalize a better landing area so they are not so close to the flightline.
3. Fire Relief Board presented by Jeremy Conrath:
 - a. The new fryers are in.
 - b. The fundraiser for the Mulcahy family went well
 - c. They set their Christmas party
 - d. Worked on their Secret Santa program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.

A. Council member Christiansen announced:

1. Sad to see the City Manager leave, but we will get through
2. Would like to review the Fire Commanders positions to possible lower expenses
3. While on vacation thought of several new ideas that will be brought up at future meetings.

B. Council Member Mansfield announced:

1. Wants to thank the community for a successful Treats on the Streets


C. Mayor Srp announced:

1. Young Michael Pettsinger asked what the rules were on parking campers on public streets, or in parking lot. The City Manager explained that the usual reason is because of the size of campers and how they affect traffic, and that is why they are generally restricted.
2. Reminded that everyone is invited to speak at Council Meetings, there is a public comment section at every meeting where the public is invited to speak, they are given 3 minutes to speak to the full council. Also, Staff is available to talk to the public at any time if you have concerns, you do not need to wait on a Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Conrath to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Mansfield. Motion carried 6-0.



JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK

R. D. SRP
MAYOR