

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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	Daren Arndt
	Mark Christiansen	John Clemons
	Jeremy Conrath	John Mansfield
	Allan Rose	

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 Arndt, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. A. Brian Dahnert, 607 8th Street NE; Wanted clarification on the increase in rental licensing fees.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. None

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Rose, seconded by Mansfield. Mansfield recused himself for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

- 7.
- A. Motion made by Rose to approve resolution 22-57 Support for the Active Transportation Grant, seconded by Conrath, motion carried 5-2. Nay Clemons and Mansfield.
 - B. Motion made by Conrath to authorize staff to execute all documents necessary to close the project and implement the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SCDP) Rental Rehab Project Grant, seconded by Rose, motion carried 7-0.

- C. Motion made Rose to approve Resolution 22-58 Establishing budget allocations for the City of Waseca American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) Funds, seconded by Conrath, motion carried 7-0.
 - a. Motion was made by Arndt to transfer the \$968,787.03 ARPA to the "Annexation Growth Fund", seconded by Conrath, motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

8.

A. City Manager's Report

- 1. The City is looking to complete a stormwater project at 2nd Avenue and 2nd Street SW. Damage in the storm sewer has presented other issues that require a complete reconstruction. They are looking to use the funds from the Capitol Plan as it is an intersection and will not qualify for special assessments. Conrath approved the use of Capitol funds, seconded by Mansfield, motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Clear Lake Pavilion will not be completed this year. Sledding on the hill should be available.
- 3. Staff is reviewing the line of site concerns at Tink Larson Field.
- 4. Storm water pooling by Dairy Queen is due to the lack of inlets along the longer runs of curb.

B. Commission Reports

- 1. Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) presented by Mayor Srp:
 - a. He would like to remain on the board after the new council is seated.
 - b. The HPC is looking into updates for the walking tour.
 - c. Julie Anderson, the Chair of the HPC gave information on the seminar she attended in Duluth.
 - d. A thank you to everyone who is on the boards and commissions.
- 2. Economic Development Authority (EDA) presented Mansfield:
 - a. The EDA is looking to have regular dialogue with the local newspaper on what is happening and/or coming up with the EDA.
 - b. The yellow house on State Street was purchased by Taylor Gates and will be a coffee shop. The city is working with Mr. Gates and MnDOT to finalize some requirements.
 - c. There was discussion of a possible food co-op coming to Waseca. That conversation is ongoing.
- 3. Discover Waseca Tourism Board presented by Jeremy Conrath:
 - a. The tourism board has also been working on the co-op that was mentioned in the EDA report, he is excited to see the work between the tourism board and other boards and commissions.
 - b. There is discussion of a possible mountain bike trail at Maplewood Park.
 - c. Approved funding for lights in the fair grounds again this year.
 - d. Approved funding for the Snowsecas that is for their snowmobile show on Clear Lake during the Sleigh and Cutter event.
 - e. QR codes for the Waseca Downtowns, in businesses and/or in the Discover Waseca magazine.

- f. There is a lot of movement going on right now and working with multiple subcommittees.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.

- A. Mayor Srp announced:
1. City election canvassing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday November 17th, in the Council Chambers.
- B. Councilmember Christiansen announced:
1. Boy Scouts are selling wreaths; the cost is \$18.
 2. Marching Jays had a good event, and another is scheduled for this weekend.
 3. Fairgrounds will have lights again this year.
 4. Asked if the joint meeting with Waseca County and the City of Waseca would be as scheduled with the turnover of Councilmembers to come in January. Mansfield asked to move it because he would not be available. It was collective approval that it be moved until after the first of the year.
- C. Councilmember Arndt announced:
1. Wanted to congratulate all the election winners and thank the voters.
 2. Wanted to thank Lee Mattson.
- D. Council Member Rose announced:
1. Enjoy the snow.
 2. Lee Mattson will be missed.
- E. Councilmember Conrath announced:
1. A thank you to the voters for "their vote of confidence"
 2. Also a thank you to John Clemons for stepping in until the election.
- F. Mayor Srp announced:
1. Thank you to Mr. Clemons who is "more than a colleague but also a friend"
 2. Thank you to Lee Mattson.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Arndt to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 7-0.


JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK


R. D. SRP
MAYOR