

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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
Alicia Fischer, Finance Director
Nate Willey, City Engineer
Bill Green, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
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 submitted was made by Christiansen, seconded by Rose. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. A. Matt Petsinger, 108 ½ Elm Ave E: introduced himself, he is running for Mayor in the November General Election.
B. Michelle Oswald, 916 3rd Ave SE; wanted to thank the City for the mosquito control spray this season, it has made for pleasant time outside.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. A. Introduction of Tina Wilson, the newly hired Economic Development Manager for the City of Waseca.
1. Tina's introduction was given during the work session before the regular City Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

7.

- A. Motion made by Conrath and seconded by Clemons to approve Resolution 22-43: Accept Assistance to Firefighters Grant, motion carried 7-0.
- B. Motion made by Conrath and seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 22-32: Driveway Width Variance at 1705 Clear Lake Drive, motion carried 7-0.
- C. Public hearing opened at 7:15
Public hearing closed at 7:16
Motion made by Arndt and seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 22-39: Public Hearing for Nuisance at 204 12th Ave NW, motion carried 7-0.
- D. Public hearing opened at 7:20
Public hearing closed at 7:21
Motion made by Conrath and seconded by Rose to approve Ordinance 1103: Public Hearing for Daycare Conditional Use Text Amendment, motion carried 7-0.
- E. Public hearing opened at 7:26
 - 1. A letter was read from Tiffany Lynch on behalf of ICAN discussing the impact of the proposed THC ordinance on her employer and the community.
 - 2. Melinda Grant, 612 8th Street SE; would like to make sure that the moratorium does not impact current local business.
 - 3. Mark Wadman, 1005 7th Street NW; wants to keep local businesses open.
 - 4. Matt Little, COO Midwest Extraction Services, 2300 Brown Ave; would like to see a licensing process but not a moratorium.
 - 5. Tim Johnson, Head Chemist at Midwest Extraction Services, 2300 Brown Ave, was thankful to find a chemist position located in his hometown and not the metro. He also spoke of the growth in employment they are looking to see in the future.Public hearing closed at 7:38
Motion made for Ordinance 1102: Public Hearing on THC Products Moratorium by Christiansen for no moratorium but with a discussion about licensing, seconded by Arndt, motion rejected 3-4 (Nay Mansfield, Rose, Clemons).
Motion made for Ordinance 1102: Public Hearing on THC Products Moratorium by Mansfield to pass the moratorium with further discussions on licensing and process, seconded by Clemons, motion carried 4-3, (Nay Christiansen, Conrath, Arndt).
- F. Motion made by Christiansen, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 22-38: Cost Participation for the Woodville Township Overlay of 14th Ave SE/139th St/345th Ave. Motion carried 7-0.
- G. Motion made by Mansfield, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 22-37: Set Public Hearing Date for Proposed Assessments for the 8th Street SE Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Project (City Project No. 2022-01). Motion carried 7-0.
- H. Public Hearing: City Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
Public hearing opened at 8:34
Public hearing closed at 8:35
No action required.
- I. Motion made by Arndt, seconded by Conrath to approve RCCA: Set Public Hearing Date for MS4 Permit Related Code Revisions (Ordinance 1104). Motion carried 7-0.
- J. Motion made by Conrath, seconded by Clemons to approve Resolution 22-36: Adopt EDA Preliminary Levy, motion carried 7-0.

- K. Motion made by Christiansen, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution 22-42: Adopt City Preliminary Levy and 2023 Proposed Budget. Motion carried 5-2 (Nay Mansfield and Clemons)

REPORTS

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A. City Manager's Report

1. Electric rates are still being watched do to the SMMPA rate increase
2. Mosquito spraying will take place tonight September 20th instead of tomorrow because of the temperature dropping tomorrow night. They need the mosquitos active for the spray to work.
3. The marching classic coordinators wanted to thank the public works team for all of their support for a successful event.
4. GT Express (new owners of Corcoran's building) are moving forward with an environment cleanup and are applying for a MIF (Minnesota Investment Fund) grant.
5. Staff continues to work with MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) on the WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant) permit and compliance with chloride numbers.

B. Commission Reports

1. Heritage Preservation Commission presented by Mayor Srp:
 - a. The current members of the HPC are Julie Anderson (Chair), Tom Glaser, Molly, Byron, Dan Forrest, Roy Srp and Tina Wilson.
 - b. They spoke of goals they are looking at moving forward:
 - i. reviewing the QR codes located at businesses through out the historic downtown district.
 - ii. They are looking at ways to get the schools more involved.
 - iii. They are looking at having local homeowners provide the history of their homes to be showcased.
2. Discover Waseca Tourism presented by Conrath and Mansfield:
 - a. They will now be holding a full committee meeting every other month and a subcommittee meeting the in between months.
 - b. They picked 5 focus projects
 - a. Funding
 - b. Christmas lights at fair grounds
 - c. Grocer/Coop
 - d. Mountain Bike trail
 - e. Discover Waseca Magazine businesses w/ QR Codes
3. Planning Commission presented by Arndt:
 - a. They approved the items presented by the Planning and Zoning Coordinator tonight that were approved by Council.
4. Park Board presented by Christiansen:
 - a. They discussed the possibility of cameras or additional lights at parks to help deter vandalism.

- b. They held their meeting at the walkway and are hoping to have conversations with the building owners for thoughts on the walkway's future.
 - c. Clear Lake Park playground is open, the Beach House restrooms are open, and they are still looking at a November opening date for the pavilion.
 - d. Clear Lake fishing pier is constructed and will be going out next season.
 - e. They are looking to make about \$9,000 of improvements to the dog park, those funds are already in the budget.
5. Economic Development Authority presented by Mansfield:
- a. Passed the preliminary EDA Levy.
 - b. Met Tina Wilson and was very impressed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- A. Council member Christiansen announced:
- 1. Is 4th Street SW on the schedule to be repaired? Staff is looking into the answer.
 - 2. Marching Classic was a great event
 - 3. Jessie from the Art Center would like to be on the agenda to introduce their programs and mission to Council.
 - 4. He wanted to encourage any group/program in Waseca to come and introduce themselves and their mission to the Council and the City because there are many organizations out there not everyone is aware of.
- B. Council Member Rose announced:
- 1. Wanted to know if a date was set for the employee luncheon? The was conversation but no confirmation yet.
- C. Council member Conrath announced:
- 1. A welcome to John Clemons as a council member until after the November elections.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to be brought before the Council, it was moved by Clemons to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m., seconded by Conrath. Motion carried 7-0.



JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK



R. D. SRP
MAYOR