

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

6A

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 Ann Fitch
Daren Arndt Mark Christiansen
Les Tlougan
Jeremy Conrath

Absent: Allen Rose

Staff present:

Lee Mattson, City Manager
Duane Hebert, Interim City Manager
Tom Kellogg, City Engineer
Mike Anderson, Assistant to City Manager
Shelly Kolling, Finance Director
Alicia Fischer, Finance Technician

Others:

Ken Wiebold, 423 3rd St NE
Don Kronebusch
Andrea Montemayer, 706 3rd St NE
Dan Bomsta, 426 3rd St NE
Susan Jirele

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 Assistant to City Manager Anderson asked for Item 6E to be changed from Ordinance **1068** to **1067**. It was moved by Tlougan, seconded by Arndt, to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4 Ken Wiebold asked about the project on 4th Ave NE, regarding the redoing the water mains and storm drains. He has concerns about this project needing to be done.

Don Kronebusch addressed the Council regarding the street project and the sewer connections

Andrea Montemayer said that she is connected to a private sewer line, and it collapsed last year. She wanted to know if they would be reimbursed during this project.

Mayor Srp said that these would be addressed during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting (7B) and thanked them for coming forward.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5 Susan Jirele presented Constitution Week to the Council. She read a passage from a book and handed out materials to the Council and the crowd.

The Mayor read the proclamation and declared Constitution Week for Waseca will be September 17 – 24.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6 It was moved by Tlougan, seconded by Fitch, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; the motion carried 6-0 and included the following:

- A. Minutes – Regular City Council meeting – August 21, 2018
- B. Payroll & Expenditures
- C. Minutes – City Council Work Session – August 9, 2018
- D. Accepting Board/Commission Applications: Anne Gerber and Byron Larson
- E. **Introducing Ordinance ~~1068~~ 1067** and Setting Public Hearing Date for October 16, 2018
- F. Approval of Elm Ave Construction Payment: Dirt Merchant
- G. Approval of Elm Ave Construction Payment: Pearson Brothers

ACTION AGENDA

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- A. **Resolution 18-57:** Wastewater Schedule of Compliance

Interim City Manager talked about large rains and because sometimes the City needs to bypass water into the lakes, there is recognition by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the need for replacement of the old pipes. The City is taking proactive efforts in reducing the need for bypassing. The MPCA recognizes these efforts. The Schedule of Compliance says that if there are violations of the permit, they can fine communities for those violations. The City needs to come up with a five (5) year plan to address these issues. Resolution 18-57 states that the City will address these issues and come up with the five (5) year plan.

It was moved by Conrath, seconded by Arndt to approve Resolution 18-57. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. **Resolution 18-53:** Authorizing the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for City Project 2019-01

City Engineer Kellogg informed the Council that this was a follow up to the Feasibility Report that was approved on August 7.

Monica Heil from WSB discussed the 3rd Street Improvement Project. She informed Council that a neighborhood meeting was held back in June 2018. Each year the streets

are given a pavement rating and 3rd St. was rated as failing. There has also been a history of water main breaks. Monica stated that the overall project cost was \$3,601,317 which would be funded from multiple sources. The resident assessments would total \$150,758.

Public Hearing opened at 7:40 PM

Don Kronebusch asked about the backyard replacement pipes and that his and his neighbor's pipes are backing up. Don asked if the pipes will be run from his backyard to the street during this project.

City Engineer Kellogg informed Kronebusch that sewer and water will be stubbed to the front of the property if he wished to connect in the future.

Council Member Tlougan asked the City Engineer to look into this private sewer and water issues that the residents are encountering.

Kronebusch also mentioned that when he purchased his property in 1986, he was making repairs in the yard and he found oil cans and other debris buried from a previous project. He would like to see this not happen during this project.

Heil stated that there will be a supervisor out on site making sure all the project requirements are met.

Dan Bomsta asked what the history of completion on previous projects has been? He informed Council that he felt the quality of projects in the past have been poor. He also asked what the budget accuracy is and how to ensure our money is being spent wisely.

Heil stated that the history of WSB estimates has been very good and she is confident that it will be close to the estimate. She informed Bomsta that the project should start in the spring and be completed in the fall if the weather is compliant.

Kurt Waugh asked if the project is concrete or asphalt?

Kellogg informed him it will be asphalt.

Bomsta asked when the payment was due.

Heil said the first payment will be due with taxes in 2020.

Wiebold said his sump pump is already out to the curb, and asked if the City will put it into the pipe below the ground? He also asked if it is possible to put this assessment on taxes over 10 years?

Heil said that the City will reconnect the existing sum pumps, but if you have it above ground the residents will have to pay to connect it underground. If you choose to have the payments assessed, it will go on taxes over 10 years.

Public Comment was closed at 8 p.m.

A motion was made by Tlougan, seconded by Conrath to pass Resolution 18-53. Motion carried 6-0

C. **Resolution 18-58 & 18-59:** Authorizing Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority

Finance Director Kolling presented information to the Council. She informed them that in 2015 Council elected to take project lead for reconstruction of old HWY 14. Included in the project are updates to the water and wastewater utilities which the City is responsible for 100% of the costs. The City has to issue bonds in order to finance this project. The note will be payable over 15 years at a 1% rate and will save over \$750,000. The City has planned for this debt over the last couple years.

It was moved by Conrath, seconded by Tlougan to approve Resolution 18-58. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Arndt, seconded by Conrath to approve Resolution 18-59. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

8A City Manager's Report

Duane Hebert, Interim City Manager, provided the following updates:

- Vision 2030: The kickoff event is scheduled for September 12 at the Public Safety Building beginning at 4:30 pm. The four pillars will have four Strategic Action Teams. Food will be provided.
- HWY 14 rumor that people are receiving payments is not true. The only way someone would get a payment was for the use of a private easement.

8B Commission Reports

Fire Relief Association: Councilmember Conrath reported that the onion ring stand and fish fry did well this year and final numbers look good. They are continuing to work on the By Laws and having conversations related to the pension. Finally, they are requesting to have a work session in the future with the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 The following miscellaneous announcements were made:

- Arndt said that the Sinister Forest is looking for volunteers
- Tlougan stated that there are 20 bands participating during the Marching Classic on September 22
- Fitch thanked everyone who came out to the Sesquicentennial. She commended staff for a job well done. 1500 people went through the school tour and liked the new additions
- Christiansen mentioned weeds on 3rd along Elm Ave, he would like someone to take care of it. Also he congratulated Ann for becoming the new Chamber Director.

- Conrath thanked Ann Gerber and Byron Larson for volunteering on the new boards they signed up for. And the City is still looking for people.
- Mayor Srp talked about the new Street Signs, he mentioned that more citizens like them than don't. The signs will not change your address; it is just the name from 1928 and before. Also that HyVee is continuing their plan to move, but the City is doing everything they can to keep them. There has been discussions with the owner of the building who is considering selling the building or filling it with another grocery store.

Council went into closed session: Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Sub. 3(c)3: to develop or consider offers for the purchase or sale of real property. Motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Arndt to enter closed session. Motion carried 6-0 at 8:15 p.m. Council returned to open session, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10 It was moved by Fitch, seconded by Arndt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; the motion carried 6-0.

R. D. SRP
MAYOR

MIKE ANDERSON
ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER