

MINUTES
REGULAR WASECA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

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 Mark Christiansen
Les Tlougan Allan Rose
Jeremy Conrath
Daren Arndt
Ann Fitch

Staff present:

Lee Mattson, City Manager
Mike Anderson, Assistant to the City Manager
Penny Vought, Police Chief

Others Present:

Collin Greene, Waseca Public Schools
Ken Schultz, Veterans Memorial Committee

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 It was moved by Arndt, seconded by Conrath, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4 Mr. Greene addressed the Council stating he wanted to draw attention to the relationship between the City and Schools. He informed Council that there are projects coming up that will rely on the City for approval. Mr. Greene has appreciated the School's positive relationship with the City and hopes to continue that as the City grows along with the Schools.

The City Council thanked Mr. Greene for coming and introducing himself to the public.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5 **Veterans Memorial Committee**

Mr. Schultz gave a presentation to the Council regarding the funding needs for the Veterans Memorial. He informed the Council the Memorial will be located at the Court House and they are hopeful to have it open to the public in the summer of 2019. Mr. Schultz referred back to the work session with the Council regarding that with a donation of \$25,000 from the City, they

would be \$5,000 short of their fundraising goal. He informed Council they will continue to sell plaques to raise those needed funds.

Mayor Srp thanked Mr. Schultz for the information and asked Council for discussion.

Councilmember Christiansen made a motion to approve the donation of \$25,000 to the Veterans Memorial Committee. Mayor Srp seconded the motion, there was no discussion. Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

6 It was moved by Fitch, seconded by Arndt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0 and included the following:

- A. Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting – January 2, 2019
- B. Payroll & Expenditures
- C. RCCA: Cogeneration and Small Power Production Tariff
- D. Accepting Planning Commission/Community Ed Board Applications
- E. RCCA: Pay Equity Report

ACTION AGENDA

7A Council Boards & Commission Appointments

Mayor Srp began by asking if each Councilmember was comfortable with the board or commission they are currently on. Councilmember Fitch informed Mayor Srp that she would like to relinquish the Community Ed Advisory Board. Mayor Srp said he would gladly take her seat on the Community Ed Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Conrath, seconded by Arndt to approve the Boards and Commissions as amended per discussion. Motion carried 7-0

City Manager Mattson informed Council that we still have a quorum issue with the Planning Commission. He suggested having a Councilmember sit on the commission as a resident seat for a three year term.

After Council discussion, it was determined that Mayor Srp would take on the residential appointment for the three year term, while adding Councilmember Tlougan as a fill in to a current vacant term that doesn't have the full three years left to the term.

Motion was made by Arndt, seconded by Christiansen to appoint Srp and Tlougan to the Planning Commission. Motion passed 7-0

7B RCCA: Awarding Bid for Well Maintenance Project

City Manager Mattson informed Council that Staff is ready to award the low bid to Key Wells Drilling, with a base amount of \$329,725. This will allow the project to move forward this summer.

Motion was made by Tlougan, seconded by Conrath to award the bid to Key Wells Drilling. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

8 City Manager's Report

- The Recovery Coordinator is currently on hold due to the Government Shut Down.
- City Staff have looked at the downtown decorations and they will be removed the week of February 11.
- The EDA has recommended the Council consider appointing EDA Board Members who live outside city limits but reside within a two (2) mile radius of City Limits.
- Vision 2030 will be working with Mankato to help with implementation. The Strategic Action Team meeting will be held on Thursday evening, January 17 at the Public Safety Building.
- The City EDA and the County will be partnering to fund an industrial recruitment coordinator who is currently working on the Quad Graphics building. They will focus on Waseca and Waseca County one day a week for the next few months.
- A public hearing is set for next month for the EDA to sell the lot west of Kwik Trip.
- The EDA is working on a grant to assist in a plan to work with child care needs in the community.
- The EDA has scheduled a local Hemp summit for February 13.
- The Fire Department is working a strategic plan for the department.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- HPC: Councilmember Tlougan stated they met on January 7th. The commission is meeting at the buildings downtown, and met at the Trio building while discussing the national register nomination.
- Park Board: Councilmember Christiansen stated they will be discussing meeting at 11am for future meetings. The board scheduled a work session with the City Council for March 5. The Park Board will be asking the Council about a grant that requires matching funds. The Boy Scouts will be camping at Maplewood Park in February and hopefully can partner with Sinister Forest in the future. The board is looking at repairs to the bandshell and the pavilion at Clear Lake Park.
- DWT: Councilmember Conrath said they talked about the upcoming brochure, recruiting new board members. They set their annual meeting for February 12. The majority of the meeting was a presentation by the U of M.
- EDA: Mayor Srp talked about the child care shortage grant. The EDA will be submitting a grant for planning assistance and allowing membership if you live within the two mile radius will be very beneficial. The hemp summit will be very beneficial to the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 The following miscellaneous announcements were made by Councilmembers:

- Councilmember Fitch :
 - Will be absent from the February 5 meeting. She just got back from vacation and is happy to be back in Waseca.
- Councilmember Rose :
 - Happy with the meeting tonight. Thanked the Veterans Memorial Committee for coming in tonight and presenting.

- Councilmember Christiansen
 - The County passed the ½% sales tax. Christiansen and the Mayor talked about the Movie Theater project in the City. Mayor Srp said it is still in progress.
- Mayor Srp
 - Thanked everyone who is on boards and commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

10 It was moved by Conrath, seconded by Fitch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.; motion carried 7-0.

R. D. SRP
MAYOR

MIKE ANDERSON
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER