

City of Wabasso
City Council
Wednesday, August 26, 2024
5:00 pm

The meeting opened the meeting with the recitation of the pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Atkins called the meeting to order with Council members Chad Altermatt and Jeff Olson present.

Also present was City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune and Public Works Director Jim Jenniges.

Maintenance Worker Discussion – Mr. Baune updated the council on the Maintenance Worker position search, noting that no one had been recommended for hire. One of the two individuals who were asked for an interview had already found a job and the other one did not respond after the interview. Mr. Baune recommended that the city re-advertise for the position but update the advertisement for both part-time and full-time, as this may bring in additional prospects. Mr. Jenniges also agreed with this decision, noting that People Service can still assist us as needed. He also noted that the city would also likely look for part-time winter help for snow plowing should they hire part-time. Motion by Olson, second by Altermatt for the city to advertise for the Maintenance Worker position for a period of two weeks, allowing for part-time or full-time.
Atkins – yes; Altermatt – yes, Olson – yes.

Jim Jenniges Raise – Mr. Baune briefly explained to the council that Mr. Jenniges had come to him asking for a \$1.50 raise. Mr. Olson explained to the council the importance of investing in good employees, especially when they have invested a lot in us. Mr. Jenniges has worked long hours all summer, changing family plans many times. Additionally, typical Public Works Directors receive \$1.00/hr. raise for each new class of water and sewer licenses and Mr. Jenniges has received \$0.50. Motion by Olson, second by Altermatt to approve a \$1.50 raise for Jim Jenniges effective immediately.
Atkins – yes; Altermatt – yes, Olson – yes.

Wabasso Roadhouse – 715 Main Street Water Meter Issue – It was brought to the Council's attention that when the new water meters were installed, one had not been placed at 715 Main Street. Mr. Jenniges investigated this and found that the old meter remained on the property and that water has been used continuously without our knowing. Mr. Jenniges installed a new meter. Mr. Baune noted that this account has not been charged since August of 2015 for unknown reasons.

Brandon Baune
City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator