

City of Wabasso  
City Council  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
6 pm

The meeting opened with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Atkins called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Burns, Wade McKittrick, Jeff Olson and Roger Baumann present.

Also present were Pat Eichten, Mike Remiger, Paul Plaetz and Larry Thompson.

Clerk/Treas./Admin. Larry Thompson administered the oath of office to Carol Atkins, Roger Baumann and Jeff Olson.

A motion was made by Olson, second by McKittrick to approve the agenda with the following additions:

1. Add payment of \$2,640.00 to Redwood County Sheriff for December service fee and \$29,633.00 payment to First Independent Bank for the Tax Abatement Series 2017A Bond.
2. Set annual board of equalization for April 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
3. Resolution to pursue grant through MN DOT State Aid Local Road Improvement.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

EDA President Pat Eichten presented the January EDA minutes and financial report and noted the following:

1. Representative from APX Construction will be at next meeting to discuss development opportunities.
2. Dewey Street Apt. #2 has been updated and has been leased. Board will consider a waiting list policy at its next meeting.

Motion by Olson, second by Burns to set the annual Board of Equalization for April 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center as recommended by the County Assessor.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

Mr. Thompson informed the council that Redwood County Planning Commission is going to hold a hearing on 1/26/21 @ 1:00 p.m. to consider the rezoning application of Dollar General to B-1 Highway Commercial. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the application. It was questioned if the development was going to occur regardless if the property was annexed into the city or not, would it not be best if it was annexed. Mr. Thompson was directed to contact the developer and inform him that the Council would like to discuss annexation but needed information such as development valuation, utility location, site plan, timing, etc. and to report back by 1/15/21.

Street Report. Mike Remiger informed the Council that he was retiring on May 21, 2021 and with time off for vacation his last day would be early April. Mr. Thompson was directed to prepare a job description, compensation package and schedule for Council review. Mayor Atkins indicated she would work with Mr. Thompson.

Sewer and Water Report. Paul Plaetz updated the council regarding the Sewer Rehab project. It was noted that the state and federal agencies had advised the city to apply for the grant in two phases - collection and treatment.

Park and Recreation Report – No report.

Appointments. Motion by Baumann, second by Olson to make the following 2021 appointments:

- EDA Board of Directors – Wade McKittrick and Steve Burns
- Streets – Jeff Olson
- Buildings – Wade McKittrick
- Water-Wastewater – Steve Burns
- Park and Recreation – Roger Baumann

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

Designations. Motion by Baumann, second by Olson to make the following 2021 designations:

- Acting Mayor – Steve Burns
- Official Newspaper – Wabasso Standard
- Official Depository – Wanda State Bank, Integrity Bank Plus and First Independent Bank – Lucan
- City Attorney – Novak Law
- Regular Meeting dates and time – Second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
- Mileage – IRS rate.
- City Engineer – Case by case
- Special Meeting - \$25/meeting
- Per diem - \$75/day
- Clerk's Office Hours – Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

Motion by McKittrick, second by Olson to adopt Resolution 1-2021 approving the 2021 fees and charges as presented.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

Motion by McKittrick, second by Burns, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Adopt Resolution 2-2021 approving the 2021 Holiday Schedule
- Approve off sale liquor license for Brian Baune dba Highway 68 Off Sale.
- Adopt Resolution 3-2021 authorizing staff to pursue grant through MN DOT State Aid Local Road Improvement – Front Street – Main to Dewey Street.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

Motion by McKittrick, second by Olson, to adopt Resolution 4-2021 accepting a donation from Don and Catherine Schwarz for the Ambulance, Fire Department and Library and direction Mr. Thompson so send a letter of appreciation.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes.

Motion by McKittrick, second by Baumann to approve the bills as submitted with the addition of the Sheriff's bill for \$2,640.00.

Motion by Olson, Second by Baumann, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Larry J Thompson  
Clerk/Treas./Administrator