

City of Wabasso
City Council
Monday, March 8, 2021
6 pm

The meeting opened with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Clerk Treasurer Administrator Larry Thompson, Street Maintenance Supervisor Mike Remiger, Water and Sewer Superintendent Paul Plaetz and EDC President were also present.

A motion was made by Burns, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of Manderscheid Field Light replacement.

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

EDA President Eichten presented the following EDA update.

1. EDA continued discussion with APX Construction to discuss possible construction of new rental units.
2. EDA discussed the Strategic/Development Plan
3. EDA is in discussions with various parties regarding lot purchases. The EDA will hold a public hearing at its next meeting to set the lot prices.

Mr. Thompson informed the Council that the City should receive the replica of the rabbit by May 1, 2021.

The Council considered a service provided by Softline Data for notifying residents of emergencies or other information the city wished to provide. The Council had considered the proposal last November and directed Mr. Thompson to research other firms and request a proposal for unlimited notices. After discussion, it was the consensus that it would be a valuable service for the community and a motion was made by Olson, second by Burns to enter into an agreement with Softline Data for the PublicAlert program for unlimited service at \$895.00/yr.

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

Mr. Remiger presented the street report. The Council directed staff to obtain quotes for 2021 street repairs.

Mr. Plaetz presented the sewer and water report. Mr. Plaetz noted that due to delays with the state review of the sewer rehab designs and a number of redesigns, it was likely the project would not start until 2022. Mr. Plaetz noted that as mentioned previously, the project would be divided into two phases.

Wade McKittrick submitted a proposal from the School Athletic Director Joe Kemp to replace the lights at Manderscheid Field with LED lights. Mr. McKittrick indicated Mr. Kemp would raise \$20,000 - \$25,000 in donations and the school and city would split the remaining costs (up to \$15,000.) Motion by Burns, second by Olson to fund up to \$15,000 of the Manderschied Field Light project with the school reimbursing the city half of the City's cost. Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, Olson-yes, Baumann-yes. McKittrick – abstain.

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

- a. Approve council minutes – February 8, 2021

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

The Council considered a report from Mr. Thompson and Mr. McKittrick relating to field irrigation cost sharing. The report noted that the city and school district should explore installing irrigation wells, the Water and Sewer Superintendent would be in charge of operating the irrigation systems, and a goal for cost sharing should be as follows:

- a. Manderscheid Football Field – School district 100%
- b. Athletic Field (Softball) – School district (1/3); City (1/3); Softball associations (1/3)
- c. Baseball Field - School district (1/3); City (1/3); Baseball Association (1/3)

It was the consensus of the council to accept the report and to pursue maintenance agreements with the softball and baseball associations and to amend the maintenance agreement with the school to include the cost sharing.

Mr. Novak presented an interim ordinance relating to commercial development in the city. Mr. Novak indicated that the ordinance would in effect place a one year moratorium on commercial development while the city prepares its strategic/development plan. Mr. Novak added that the moratorium could be extended up to an additional 18 months given certain circumstances.

Motion by Olson, second by Baumann, to adopt Ordinance No. 251 – An Interim Ordinance Related to Commercial Development In the City of Wabasso.

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

Motion by McKittrick, Second by Burns to approve the bills as submitted.

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

Motion by McKittrick, second by Baumann to close the regular meeting and move into executive session to discuss hiring the Maintenance Supervisor.

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

Motion by McKittrick, second by Olson to leave the executive session and return to the regular session.

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

Motion by Burns, second by Olson to adopt Resolution No. 8-2021 Accepting the Council Resignation of Wade McKittrick and Declaring a Vacancy.

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

The Mayor and Council Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. McKittrick for his service on the Council.

The Council considered filling the vacancy on the Council. Mr. Burns and Mayor Atkins indicated that former council members Carole Remiger and Brad Salfer had expressed interest in being appointed to the vacancy. The council noted that it was important to have someone with experience and the city was fortunate to have two excellent candidates and either would be an excellent choice. Motion by Burns, second Baumann to appoint Brad Salfer to fill the remainder of Mr. McKittrick's term on the council.

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

Motion by Burns, Second by Baumann, to appoint Jeff Olson to the EDA Board.

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

Larry J Thompson
Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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