

City of Wabasso  
City Council  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
6pm

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

Mayor Atkins called the meeting to order with Council members Steve Burns, Roger Baumann, Jeff Olson, and Brad Salfer present.

Clerk Treasurer Administrator Larry Thompson, Street Maintenance Supervisors Mike Remiger and Jim Jenniges, Water and Sewer Superintendent Paul Plaetz, City Attorney Matt Novak, EDC President Pat Eichten, Deano Hartwig, Dan Baune, Dan Fischer, Mike Eichten, Carol Lanz and Veanne Battistini were also present.

Mr. Thompson administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council Member Brad Salfer.

Motion by Olson, second by Baumann to approve the agenda with the addition of a construction permit for DEEM, Inc. under the consent agenda.

Atkins-yes; Burns-yes; Baumann-yes; Olson-yes; Salfer-yes.

EDA President presented the EDA reports:

- Two lots sold in Eastvail 4<sup>th</sup> Addition on May Street.
- EDA adopted lot pricing for Eastvail 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Additions.
- Received an update on the strategic planning process
- It appears the EDA will be moving ahead with the construction of a duplex.
- All RLF payments are current.

It was the consensus of the Council that the draft minutes of council meeting be published and posted as soon as they are drafted. Corrections can be made upon approval.

Mr. Thompson reported that the City would be receiving approximately \$75,000 in covid relief aid. Requirements were similar to the 2020 aid except the payments would be made directly to the city, some new eligible expenses and revenue replacement were added, and it had until 12/31/24 to spend the grants.

Request by Wabasso Area Food Emergency Reserve (WAFER) to use the senior dining kitchen for its program. Mr. Thompson indicated that the WAFER was in need of new space as its current space was located in a church basement and it was getting difficult to find volunteers to climb the stairs. A number of renovations would be needed including removing walls in the closets, removing the stove, convection

ovens and refrigerator freezer, removing one of the sinks and small cupboard and raising the ceilings in the closet. Carol Lanz representing WAFER indicated the changes were necessary to accommodate the shelving and their refrigerator/freezers. WAFER would pay for the renovations and would pay rent. Concern was expressed by the Lion's Club representatives regarding losing the kitchen space for its fund raisers, and also the loss of kitchen space for other functions. A number of alternatives were discussed including adding on to the Community Center or finding space in other buildings. A tour of the kitchen space was conducted. It was the consensus that representatives of the City, Legion, Lions Club and WAFER meet to discuss options for the Community Center. Mr. Olson volunteered to serve as the city's representative along with Mr. Thompson.

Street Report. Newly appointed Street Maintenance Jim Jenniges was introduced to the Council. Mr. Remiger indicated he would be retiring May 31<sup>st</sup> but his last day would be around the end of April depending on how much vacation he had left. Mr. Remiger presented a bid for replacing the lawn mower from Kibble Equipment and recommended the newer lawn mower be traded in. Net cost would be \$7,750. Motion by Olson, second by Burns to purchase the lawn mower for \$7,750 from Kibble Equipment as bid.

Atkins-yes; Burns-yes; Baumann-yes; Olson-yes; Salfer-yes.

Sewer and water report. Paul Plaetz.

- Due to delays in reviewing the city plans and splitting the project into two phases, construction would not begin until 2022. Mr. Plaetz noted the grant funding was very competitive and the city landed just outside of the cutoff. Mr. Plaetz indicated the hope was to score higher by splitting the project into two phases.
- Wells were inspected and are in good shape.
- Meters were calibrated.

Park and Recreation. Mr. Baumann and Mr. Thompson had met with the Softball Association and had worked out an agreement. They would be meeting in the near future with the Baseball Association and would present agreements with the Public School, Softball Association and Baseball Association at the next regular meeting.

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

1. Approve change to contract with Public Alert – Increase to \$1,095.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 9 2021 – Approving Sale of Lots 3&4, Block 1, Eastvail 4<sup>th</sup> Addition to Abby and Ryan Ricketts.
3. Approve On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday liquor licenses to Deem, Inc. dba Roadhouse and Kaufenberg Enterprises, LLC dba Union Kitchen.
4. Approve minutes of the 3/4/21 Special Council meeting and 3/8/21 Regular Council meeting.
5. Approve Street Closure Permit – Front Street – Oak to Main on April 24, 2021.
6. Approve Building Permit – Deano Hartwig – 770 Main St. – Shed.
7. Approve Building Permit – Alfred Salfer – 977 North St. – Shed.

8. Approve Building Permit – Jason Behrendt – 1265 Oak St. – Concrete work.
9. Approve Building Permit – Christopher Eichten – 1000 North Street – Concrete work.
10. Approve Building Permit – Christopher Eichten – 731 Main Street B – Concrete work.
11. Approve Building Permit - DEEM, Inc. DBA Roadhouse – 713 Main St. – Concrete work and replace fence.

Atkins-yes; Burns-yes; Baumann-yes; Olson-yes; Salfer-yes.

Animal control ordinance. Mr. Novak requested the council consider the following:

- Stray dogs and cats
- Licensing dogs and cats to distinguish between strays and pets.
- Clarifying if chickens are allowed in the city.

Mr. Novak indicated he had been receiving complaints regarding stray dogs and cats in town and was seeking direction from the council regarding enforcement. It was the consensus of the council that Mr. Thompson send a “bullet point” letter to all residents noting the current ordinance requirements and that all pets must be licensed by May 15<sup>th</sup>. It was also the consensus of the Council that keeping chickens within should be prohibited and that Mr. Novak draft an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance for council consideration.

Motion by Salfer, second by Olson to approve the Lions Club On Sale and Sunday liquor license.

Atkins-yes; Burns-yes; Baumann-yes; Olson-yes; Salfer-yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Salfer to approve the bills as submitted.

Atkins-yes; Burns-yes; Baumann-yes; Olson-yes; Salfer-yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Baumann to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Atkins-yes; Burns-yes; Baumann-yes; Olson-yes; Salfer-yes.

Larry J Thompson

City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator