

City of Wabasso  
City Council  
Monday, August 9, 2021  
6pm

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

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

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Larry Thompson, Street Maintenance Supervisor Jim Jenniges, EDC President Pat Eichten and Brad Pitzl were present.

Motion by Olson, second by Salfer to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Add consideration of vacating flagpole in the city park.
- Add discussion of dog litter in the park
- Change the motion to approve the agenda in the July 12, 2021, minutes from Salfer to Burns.

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

**EDA President presented the EDA reports:**

- Duplex – (See 8/4/2021 EDA Minutes)
- EDA released Don Schwarz from Jonti-Craft RLF agreement life insurance requirement
- Altermatt Construction is going to replace the 5-plex patios and privacy fences starting this week.
- The Council and EDA agreed to meet with the planning committee on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- No requirement for CEEC, Inc. to construct a new building on Main St.
- Real estate sign on CR 6 to be replaced.

**Brad Pitzl** requested the council partially forgive the **delinquent utility bill for 880 Pine St.** Mr. Pitzl indicated the property had been vacant for several months and the water had been turned off until recently. Mr. Thompson noted the prior owner had been notified of the delinquency and had partially paid the bill on occasion. It was the consensus of the council the Mr. Pitzl pay for the June and July billings and the city try to collect the balance from the former owner.

**Motion by Salfer, second by Baumann to abandon the sidewalk at 880 Pine St.** due to the sidewalk ending at the north end of the property and not continuing beyond the property, and a large shade tree would need to be removed to repair the sidewalk.

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

**Community Center update.** Mr. Olson and Mr. Salfer reported that the city would be required to bring the Community Center up to code if alterations were made to the exterior or interior walls by a contractor, including a sprinkler system and upgrading the bathrooms. Improvements being considered:

- Epoxy floor

- Tables and chairs
- Painting
- Wainscoting
- New ceiling
- Lighting
- Sound system

It was noted that the Lion's Club was considering making improvements to the access between the bar area and main room. Mayor Atkins requested a new system for hanging decorations be considered. Mr. Salfer, Mr. Olson, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jenniges will meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the improvements.

**Motion by Olson, second by Baumann to vacate the flagpole and concrete base** at the city park and allow the Legion to remove.

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

**Street Report:**

Patching is completed. Mr. Thompson will submit a budget adjustment for the project cost overrun. Seal coating bid – will be considered as part of the 2022 Budget including the Community Center parking lot.

Keep restrictions on bus, truck and motorcycle parking at the Community Center parking lot.

Need to purchase a bagger for lawn clippings.

**Sewer and Water Report:**

**Motion by Olson, second by Baumann to adopt Ordinance amending Ordinance 209 Regulating the Wabasso Water Utility** – Adding water restrictions.

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

**Parks and Recreation Report:**

Mr. Baumann and Mr. Thompson reported on the status of the maintenance agreement and conversion of the tennis and basketball courts to parking.

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

- Approve minutes of the July 12, 2021, council meeting.
- **Adopt Resolution No. 16– 2021 approving budget adjustment for a snowplow blade - \$11,000**
- Approve Bingo and 3.2 beer license for St. Anne's Fall Festival – Sept. 26, 2021
- Approved building permits
  - a. Joe Jenniges – 379 June St. - Fence
  - b. Brad Pitzl – 880 Pine St. – Deck

Mayor Atkins to send a letter welcoming Farmer's Coop Oil Company of Renville to our community.

Council received an update on the Covid 19 Relief Aid regulations noting the funds could not be used for sealcoating. The use of funds would be considered as part of the 2022 budget discussions.

Mr. Thompson was directed to notify residents to pick up their dog litter.

Council received the following correspondence:

- Minnesota Department of Health - 2020 Community Water Fluoridation 50 year award.
- July Sheriff's Report

Mr. Thompson submitted a revise list of bills and a supplemental list. **Motion by Salfer, second by Olson to approve the bills with the elimination of the \$750.00 payment to the Wabasso Booster Club.**

**General Checking:**

- General Fund \$24,972.52
- Water Fund \$ 5,277.94
- Sewer Fund \$37,987.37
- Refuse \$ 5,483.58
- Total \$73,721.41

Ambulance Fund \$ 3,645.86

Fire: \$ 2,359.13

Supplemental:

- Sewer \$457.75
- Ambulance \$163.37
- Fire \$143.88
- Total \$765.00

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

Motion by Olson, second by Salfer to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Larry Thompson  
City Clerk