

City of Wabasso  
City Council  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
5 pm

The meeting was opened with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present were Clerk Treasurer Larry Thompson, City Attorney Matt Novak, Public Works Director Jim Jenniges, Maintenance Worker Kyle Salfer, Glenn Schroepfer, Justen Schroepfer and Wade Mathiowetz.

Mr. Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Mayo Atkins and Chad Altermatt

It was the consensus of the council to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Water Discoloration Issue** - Wade Mathiowetz and Justin Schroepfer addressed the council regarding their ongoing water discoloration issues. Mr. Jenniges stated it appeared the cause was elevated manganese levels reacting with a chemical in the water or service. Mr. Jenniges noted he had flushed the system and tested the water. Mr. Jenniges added the most frustrating thing was the problem was sporadic in various locations in the city. The council discussed several possible causes and solutions. Mr. Jenniges noted he was going to meet with the engineer this week and would continue testing. Mr. Thompson indicated he would send out a public update upon further investigation.

**Snow Removal** – Mr. Jenniges presented an update on the snow removal from the past two storms.

**Tractor/Lawnmower** - Mr. Jenniges submitted a quoter for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and Lawnmower. Mr. Thompson noted this item was previously discussed by the council during the budget deliberations and was included in the 2023 operating budget. Mr. Jenniges indicated he was requesting approval of the purchases because of lead times. Mr. Thompson added that a second quote would be required for the tractor because the estimated cost of the tractor was over \$25,000. Motion by Olson, second by Baumann adopt resolution No. 1-2023 approving the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and Lawnmower from Kibble Equipment subject to the City receiving a second quote for the tractor.

Atkins – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Olson – yes.

**Side Dump** – Mr. Olson noted that because of the large amount of snow from the past two storms two side dumps were used, which seemed to go very well.

Councilmember Amanda Guetter arrived at 5:50. Ms. Guetter apologized for being late but noted the city's web page listed the meeting start at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Thompson stated he would correct it.

Mr. Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Guetter.

**Appointments** – The following appointments were made for 2023:

- EDA Board – Guetter and Altermatt
- Public Works – Olson

- Park and Recreation – Baumann
- Highway 68 Corridor Study Group – Baumann

## 2023 Designations

- Acting Mayor – Guetter
- Official Newspaper – Redwood Falls Gazette
- Official Depository – Integrity Bank Plus, Wabasso; Wanda State Bank; First Independent Bank, Lucan
- City Attorney – Novak Law Office
- Meeting Date and Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 pm
- Mileage Reimbursement – IRS Rate
- City Engineer – Case by case
- Special Meetings - \$25.00
- Per Diem - \$75.00
- Clerk's Office Hours – Monday/Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday/Thursday – 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.; Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Consent Agenda** - Motion by Olson, second by Baumann to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Council Minutes – December 12, 2022; December 19, 2022 Truth in Taxation
- Approve Resolution No. 2 – 2023 setting 2023 City Fees and Charges
- Approve Hwy 68 Off Sale Liquor License
- Approve 2023 Roadhouse Roll In Street Closure permit

Atkins – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Olson – yes.

Golf Cart/ATV Ordinance – The Council reviewed the updated draft of the proposed Golf Cart/ATV Ordinance submitted by Mr. Novak, who gave an overview to the new council members. Mr. Thompson gave a history of the ordinance and why the council was considering updating it. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Novak indicated that he would incorporate the suggestions and prepare an updated draft for consideration at the next council meeting.

**Bills** - Motion by Olson, second by Baumann to approve the bills as follows:

### General Checking

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 101 General Fund             | \$ 38,904.26        |
| 307 2013 Refunding Bonds     | \$ 43,195.00        |
| 308 2016A Refunding Bonds    | \$ 38,866.25        |
| 319 Cedar Street Improvement | \$ 25,410.93        |
| 379 TIF 1-5 2005A Bonds      | \$ 43,800.00        |
| 601 Water                    | \$ 10,693.90        |
| 602 Sewer                    | \$ 14,727.61        |
| 603 Sanitation               | \$ <u>110.00</u>    |
| Total GC                     | \$215,907.95        |
| 230 Ambulance                | \$ 11,416.87        |
| 225 Fire                     | \$ <u>4,045.60</u>  |
| TOTAL CHECKS                 | <u>\$231,370.42</u> |

Motion by Olson, second by Guetter to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Larry J Thompson, City Clerk