

City of Wabasso
City Council
Monday, February 11, 2019
6 pm

The meeting opened with recitation off the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Atkins called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Burns, Wade McKittrick, Rachel Ingebretson and Carole Remiger present.

Also present were Janelle Baune, Phyllis Baune, Mike Remiger, Paul Plaetz and Mary Smith.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Ingebretson. Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes

There were two corrections to the January minutes. Steve Burns was sworn in as Council Member and the cost for the hydraulic lift that runs off the engine for the lift truck was \$1100.00.

The parking on June Street by Jonti-Craft was discussed. None of the residents that may experience problems due to parking on the North Side of the Street were present. The individual who had made the complaint was unable to attend due to work schedule. The current decision by the council is to talk with Nick Schwarz to see if there is anything Jonti-Craft can do to help with this issue. Carol Atkins will talk with him.

There were two mailbox complaints raised with the Mayor. McKittrick pointed out that if the plow trucks hit a mailbox it will be dented or broken where if it knocked off due to snow hitting it, they won't show the same kind of damage. So, far none have been hit by the plow.

The council then turned to the topic of city owned dumpsters. Janelle Baune was present to file a complaint related to a dumpster used by her son Derek Berg. Her main concern was there was no prior notification before the dumpster being emptied and removed. The dumpster had been idle for some time due to the person doing the work having to have shoulder surgery. The dumpster was moved at a time when it was needed elsewhere. The lack of communication was a recurring theme of the discussion with Janelle Baune. Mayor Atkins apologized for any problems that occurred.

The discussion then tuned to whether the city should get out of the business of providing dumpsters for the residents to use. The Mayor called for a motion to get out of the dumpster business. The proposal died due to a lack of a motion. The discussion then switched to how communication can be improved. The discussion included drawing up a policy for the dumpsters. A motion was made by McKittrick, seconded by Ingebretson to have a communications procedure drawn up and an analysis the use by size, and income. Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The clerk will also ask what to see what would be charged by the hauler to deliver dumpsters directly to individuals in town as well. The clerk was also instructed to waive the city fee on the dumpster for Derek Berg when the invoice comes in.

Snow in the Right of Way was a topic of discussion. The council decided the city will not worry about the right of way along State Highway 68 as this is the state's responsibility. Phone calls will be made to individuals pushing snow across the street and leaving it piled asking them to please refrain from this practice and keep the snow on their own property.

The Wabasso EDA did not hold a February meeting.

Paul Plaetz presented the Water/Wastewater Report. Paul explained he has to send in bottles of water from ten different residences in the community for testing for lead and copper. One of the bottles arrived without enough water in it for testing last year. A notification came through but somehow got overlooked so a violation was issued. He wanted the council to know he did send in the required bottles. He is looking into purchasing more meters as the ones on hand have all been used.

The City Clerk explained to the council that in the testing Paul discussed, 4 of the 9 usable samples had high levels of copper shown. One of the reasons for this can be new copper lines in a home. Because of the high copper we are being required to send information to all residents in the community with ways to minimize the amount of copper including allowing the water to run for a short period of time before using.

The City Clerk also asked approval to transfer \$32,000.00 from the water savings to checking to pay for the work Thein Well did on the city wells. The council okayed this.

Mike Remiger presented the Street Report. The sand/salt that was used for two business parking lots will be billed as materials. Mike received a complaint from a person whose child lost a boot in snow on a sidewalk that had not been cleared. He was told to go ahead and clear the walks and bill the persons responsible. The new tractor is here and is off the lot so the city should be receiving it soon.

Carole Remiger informed the council that the Wabasso Area Baseball Association has confirmed the Legion Tournament will be held in Wabasso in 2020. They would like to get the outer fence on the west and north side up before then.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns with the noted corrections to the January minutes:

1. Minutes of January 14 meeting
2. Beer in Community Center
 - a. Church of St Anne March 3, 2019
 - b. Lions Fish Fry March 8 & 22, 2019
 - c. Lions 301 March 30, 2019

d. Lucan Lions

April 6, 2019

3. Lions 3.2 Beer license Renewal

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The Township Fire contract for per section rate for 2019-2020 was set at \$170.00 on a motion by Burns, seconded by McKittrick.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The City Clerk will contact the software company to see if there is a way for the comments for the receipts to show up on the monthly check reports. It would make it easier for all to know what they are for.

Bills in the amount of \$74,855.39 were approved for payment on a motion by McKittrick seconded by Ingebretson.

Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.