

City of Wabasso  
City Council  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
6 pm

The meeting opened with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carol Atkins with Council Members Wade McKittrick and Carole Remiger in attendance. Rachel Ingebretson arrived at 6:30 pm. Steve Burns was unable to attend.

Also present were Jeni Rudenick, Paul Plaetz, Mike Remiger and Mary Smith.

The agenda was approved with 3 items added on a motion by Remiger, seconded by McKittrick. Atkins-yes, McKittrick-yes, Remiger-yes.

The EDA report was given by Carole Remiger. The covenants for the Eastvail Addition do not allow pole buildings in that area. The City Attorney will be working on Covenants that encompass the newly opened street.

Serenity Suites Board members will be invited to the March EDA meeting to discuss plans the board may have.

The Street Report was presented by Mike Remiger. The estimate electrical for the new training room for the ambulance and fire (old police garage) was \$2500.00. A new service must be installed. There will be some additional expenses for heat and flooring.

The Water/Wastewater Report was presented by Paul Plaetz. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 26 at 6 pm for the water project. Paul will be attending the Rural Water Conference in the first week of March.

Carole Remiger spoke with Nate Jacobson about plans for the Baseball Association. The Tournament that is to be held here will be at the end of July.

Wade McKittrick brought up for consideration the possibility of the school buying the Francis Manderscheid Filed from the City. The board is willing to discuss this. It could benefit both the school and city.

The council looked at the basic structure for the website and gave their approval to go ahead.

A community center committee for updating the facility composed was set up including members Wade McKittrick, Rachel Ingebretson and Mike Remiger.

The City Council voted to raise the per section fee for the Fire Contracts by \$5.00 to \$175.00. Atkins-yes, McKittrick-yes, Remiger-yes, Ingebretson-yes.

The Consent Agenda consisting of the January minutes was approved on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Remiger.

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

The paving estimate for the alley behind the Roadhouse was again discussed. Mike Remiger will investigate what the cost of the center of the alley the city is responsible for and the remainder that DEEM, Inc is responsible for. He will discuss this with the company that supplied the estimate.

The community center rental process will be discussed further with information coming back for the March meeting.

The job description still needs work. Hopefully it can be ready in March.

The personnel policy is in progress and should be ready in March.

The City Council will hold a public information meeting on March 9, 2020 from 5:30 pm to 6 pm on possibly paving several gravel streets in town. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The Local Road Improvement applications for Cedar and Front streets were submitted by the engineer again.

The policing of city ordinances was discussed. The snow parking is the main issue right now. The city guys can notify the clerk and she can call in the need for the streets to be checked for violators. It is posted at every entrance into town that there is NO Parking on the streets if there has been 1 inch or more of snow.

The City Council requested that Jonti-Craft prepare an agreement stating they will be responsible for all costs associated with the new crosswalk signage.

The rent of the Community Center for 2 separate fund raisers one for Hope Harbor on Friday, March 20 and the other for Craig Van Loy on Saturday, March 28 were approved for ½ price rental on a motion by Ingebretson, seconded by Remiger.

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

The council appointed Mary Smith election judge for the city during the Presidential Primary on March 3, 2020 on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Remiger.

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

President's Day, Monday, February 17 is a legal holiday for the city. Only necessary activities will be covered by city staff.

The Clerk will be off on Thursday, February 13 with Julie Rothmeier keeping the office open until noon. On Thursday February 20, the Clerk will be off in the morning and in the office in the afternoon.

The correspondence was reviewed.

Bills in the amount of \$57,966.31 were approved for payment on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Ingebretson.

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

Wade McKittrick gave an update on the Early Childhood Center. Bid documents are out with bids expected by February 27 and awarding of bids March 4 and completion in August 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.