

City of Wabasso
City Council
Monday, April 8, 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 Nathan Jacobson, Matt Novak, Mike Remiger, Paul Plaetz and Mary Smith.

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

Nathan Jacobson presented an update on the plans the Baseball Association has for work at the field. They are planning on moving the media building to behind the grandstand and raising it up. The association also is looking at digging in a phone line for internet access in the media building to allow for putting some school games out on You Tube channels the school has. There will be no cost to the city for this. The Legion tournament will be held in Wabasso the end of June in 2021. The association is also planning on cementing the batting cage. A motion was made by McKittrick, seconded by Burns to approve the phone line installation for internet access.

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

Nathan also spoke to the council regarding Arvig looking to place cameras in a couple of locations for demonstration purposes. He asked if there were any locations in town where having a camera that he could access to use for demonstrations and cover city property at the same time. It would not cost the city anything for this, but it would serve a dual purpose. A couple of ideas were discussed and he was thanked by the mayor for making the offer.

A Resolution Correcting the Elm Street Plat was presented by Matt Novak. He explained to the council and city staff in what way the plat was incorrect and how the correction would make it accurate. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Ingebretson, seconded by McKittrick.

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

The sealing of a well in the well head protection area was discussed. The well in question was to be discussed at the Redwood Soil & Water meeting for possible assistance to the property owner in sealing it.

The storm sewer repair between Main Street and North Street, and County Highway 6 and Maple Street was discussed. Four individuals have not yet responded. The council decided to

postpone a decision until Tuesday, April 16 at 5:15 pm when a special meeting will be held before the Board of Appeal at 5:30 p.m.

An update on the EDA was presented in Pat Eichten's absence. A letter presenting an offer to Serenity Suites for an option to buy an additional parcel on May Street for possible expansion was to be passed on by Eichten.

Paul Plaetz presented the Water/Wastewater Report. The section of roof at the sewer plant that was torn off will be covered by insurance. He has ordered new meters to be on hand. The lift station at Elm and Dewey Streets has been repaired. Due to the planned power outage last Saturday, a generator was borrowed from Lamberton and Anderson Electric wired it in. Paul thanked Mike Remiger for his help at the plant on Mike's weekend off.

Mike Remiger presented the Street Report. He presented bids for a lawn mower, one for a new one and one with a trade in. The city needs to build a new cold storage building behind the ambulance garage. Mike was asked to come to the special meeting at 5:15 pm on Monday with more information on the mower bids.

Carole Remiger presented a report on Park and Rec. She attended the baseball Association meeting and was very impressed. They are very well organized. She had also been approached about items wanted at the softball field. She told them there needs to be a plan put together and then brought to the city. Wade McKittrick told the council that Andrea Rohlik has been hired to take care of field prep for the softball season. He also brought up the possibility as part of a long range plan to convert the football lights to LED's. If the city would be interested, the cost would about \$60,000.00.

The Roadhouse still wants to know about paving behind the bar. It is recommended the city have the alley paved and bill the two thirds that would be the businesses share.

The Clerk will contact the cities in the area again to see what they pay part time help for snow removal.

One land use permit was placed on hold until further information can be obtained. The remaining items were approved on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns as follows:

1. Minutes of the March 11 meeting
2. Land Use permits
 - a. 1456 Elm Street garage
3. Beer in Community Center
 - a. Lions Awards night April 24
 - b. Fire Department Pork Chop Feed April 26

Atkins=yes, Burns=yes, McKittrick=yes, Ingebretson=yes.

The new city owned dumpster policy that requires a form being filled out by the party requesting one and presenting it to the clerk was approved on a motion by Burns, seconded by Remiger.

The policy and form is available on the city website at wabasso.org, at the city office or can be requested by mail. The form must be filled out and signed before any dumpster can be delivered.

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

The clerk explained the information she has been given by the FEMA rep is that the one part of the applied for relief has had the funds committed for it and two others should be submitted soon.

The court case that Mike Remiger testified at last week went okay. There are two issues that could negatively impact the outcome. One is that it took 15 months before anything being done and two the original invoice to Bladholm Construction had the wrong amount on it.

The cleaning at the community center was discussed. The clerk will put together a checklist to be used when cleaning. The council would like to see the current cleaning person attend the next meeting if possible.

The correspondence was reviewed.

Bills in the amount of \$28,861.91 were approved for payment on a motion by Burns, seconded by McKittrick.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.