

City of Wabasso
City Council
Monday, May 13, 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 Jeni Rudenick, Jason Zintner, Matt Novak, Becky Lanoue, Mike Remiger and Mary Smith. Paul Plaetz was not able to attend.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Remiger, seconded by Burns with the addition of 1 item to the regular agenda and the addition of an item to the consent agenda. Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

Jeni Rudenick appeared before the council to discuss ongoing concerns about the flow of water to their property. The council listened to her concerns and discussed possible ways to address the problems. When Jason Zinter arrived, the situation was explained to him and the council asked for his opinion on solutions that might help the situation. He was asked to look into getting the city an estimate of cost for the engineering firm to look into it. Mike Remiger suggested possibly putting in a berm between the properties to hold back water. Jeni and Joe also have concerns regarding work staying within the property lines and not crossing onto their property. Mike Remiger spent some time discussing this with her. Other concerns were discussed as well. The clerk will send out agendas and possibly post on the city website prior to the council meetings so people are aware of topics to be discussed that they may be interested in. Traffic on the access road to the baseball field that runs near their property also needs to be slowed down.

The sewer replacement was a topic for discussion. Jason Zintner explained the letter and new agreement for expanded work. Additional clay lines have been identified that should be replaced. The sewer plant is outdated and near capacity. It has been running over the capacity it was designed for. Minnesota Pollution Control has indicated they may not issue a permit for expansion of properties in town to the system beyond those already developed. For USDA Rural Development funding for the project starts with a loan that will allow rates to stay reasonable and any additional cost of the project then comes from grant funds. For the USDA Rural Development funding, there needs to be options for the wastewater disposal. There will be options in the preliminary engineering report for both a mechanical plant and for ponds. As part of this project, at least apportion of lines servicing individual properties will be televised and any issues found will need to be corrected by the property owners. Additional engineering fees for the expanded project will be a total of \$30,000.00. The expanded preliminary engineering report and additional costs were approved with a motion by Ingebretson, seconded by Burns.

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

Becky Lanoue was at the council meeting at the request of the council. The Mayor asked her if the job here was interfering with her full time job. Becky said there were issues for a while due to the facility being short staffed for a time. It made it difficult for her to get things done here. It is going better now and she is able to be here more often. The clerk said there has been a definite improvement. Becky did ask about the air fresheners for the front restrooms as they seem to have more problems with lingering odors. The clerk will discuss this with Mike Remiger.

A key to the bar will need to be made for the baseball association. They will be storing beer in the Lions storeroom during the summer baseball season.

The council was asked about the use of the round tables from the community center by a private party for a graduation. The council stated they do not wish to allow the round tables to be used by private parties.

The update for the EDA was presented by Rachel Ingebretson. The Ourada property was discussed and the letter reviewed by the city attorney. Matt recommended it be made plain in the letter that the letter makes clear the offer is strictly preliminary and nothing is definite until a purchase agreement is in place. The board agreed to wait for a year before looking at having Serenity Suites sign an option for the lot next to the facility. The board approved the clerk purchasing Lending Pro software to service up to 40 loans at one time as it has more features that will make tracking loans easier and allow for statements to be sent out. Cole Altermatt had asked Pat Eichten about the possibility of putting a turnaround at the end of Elm Street. For the city to put in a cul-de-sac there is a requirement for it to be a certain size. It could take as much as half the of the end lot on each side to do so.

A question about getting the sump pumps discharging properly to the outside was raised by Ingebretson. It was decided the city attorney and city clerk will put together to be sent to all residents reminding them of the reasons for discharging sump pumps to the outside and the requirements in the ordinance.

Mike Remiger presented the Street Report. He asked the council if they were still looking at putting up a cold storage building. Material costs from Gramstad Lumber in Sanborn for a 36 x 40 building would run \$16,000.00. The building may not be that large. Hiring someone to set poles and put up rafters was suggested by Burns. Then Mike and Paul would finish the work, with the project being done sometime more toward fall. A motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns to proceed with the project with the money coming from the Nursing Home Sale savings account was approved.

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

Mike presented an estimate for repairing cracks and small holes in the street. This would take the entire amount budgeted for street repairs. It does not include any of the larger repairs to

be done. It was recommended by the council to first do the larger repairs that need to be taken care of.

Mike wants to put about 6 yards of concrete in front of the shop and at the same time there are a couple of spots in alleys that need some concrete put down to help keep the street approaches smooth and not have large holes develop because of where the water runs.

Mike asked what the council wants to do about the street by the elevator. So far Mike has put in crushed rock and there is still water six inches down. After it dries out some, he can try adding more crushed rock and gravel.

Playground tube that is broken does not appear to be intentionally done. It looks as though it broke from use. Wade McKittrick said the Lions Club is ordering a new section.

There are a lot of campers and trailers being left parked on the city streets. What do we want to do as the ordinance says 24 hours unless it is waiting for service work at a local business? The council thought sending letters would be a good first step.

There is a divot in the street at the by the sidewalk of a property on June street. Basically it is a low spot that lets water collect. This happens all over town. Spots like this are not easy to fix and require extensive work to stop the water from collecting. The council recommended having someone from the companies he works with take a look at it.

The Athletic Field lease agreement will be updated by Matt Novak and then presented at the next council meeting.

The Summer Rec Agreement with the school was approved on a motion by Burns, seconded by Ingebretson.

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

The following items on the consent agenda were approved with correction of the April 8 minutes to state the Roadhouse is to get bids for the paving including the alley and the city will pay their 1/3 share. A motion was made to approve with the correction by McKittrick, seconded by Burns:

- A. Minutes of the April 8 meeting (as corrected), April 16 Special Meeting, April 16 Board of Appeal and April 29 Special Meeting
- B. Land Use permits
 - 1. 1247 Oak Street Cement patio
 - 2. 593 Hope Street Remove and Replace Concrete Driveway
- C. Beer in Community Center
 - 1. Graduation May 19, 2019
 - 2. Graduation May 26, 2019
- D. Annual 3.2 Beer License for Wabasso Area Baseball Association

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

The council voted not to pursue the Bladholm Construction matter any further as the cost could leave the city recovering little or nothing on a motion by Ingebretson, seconded by Burns. Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The Following updates were presented:

All of the waivers have been signed and returned for the repair of the storm sewer line between Main and North Streets and Maple and County highway 6.

It appears the repair of the fire truck damaged by the flood waters on July 3, 2018 will be covered by insurance.

City Office Summer Hours begin on Tuesday, May 28 until Tuesday, September 3 as follows: Monday through Thursday 7:30 am until noon and 12: 30 pm until 5 pm, Fridays 8 am until noon

The county agreement for use of the County Highway (Main Street) by the Roadhouse for the Annual Roll Ins has been signed and a copy presented to the clerk

Correspondence was reviewed.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$27,816.43 on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9%0 pm.