

City of Wabasso
City Council
Monday, August 12, 2019
6 pm

The meeting opened with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Rachel Ingebretson with Council Members Carole Remiges, Wade McKittrick and Steve Burns in attendance. Mayor Carol Atkins was unable to attend.

Also present were Tiffany Eichten, Scott Hanna, Madeline Hanna, Sophia Hanna, Pat Eichten, Matt Novak, and Mary Smith.

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

Tiffany Eichten and Scott Hanna spoke to the council about the plans for the softball field at the Frances Mandershied Athletic Field. Plans include new aglime, sand, tiling and resloping of the infield as well as new fence and press box. Total cost at this time is \$70,000.00. Madeline also offered that she would like to see the field fixed up for use. Because the softball field is a more extensive topic than 3 minutes will allow for discussion, they were shifted to the Park & Rec for further questions and comments.

Matt Novak explained to the council that the previous vacation of two short alleys on Barr Street and Main Street need to be redone due to the proper legal description not being used. A public hearing is needed for this. The council passed Resolution 4-2019 Setting a Public Hearing on a Street Vacation for 6pm Monday, September 9 prior to the start of the Regular meeting was approved on a motion by Burns, seconded by Remiger. Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes, Mckittrick-yes, Burns-yes.

People not applying for permits in time for City Council meetings and/or doing the work prior to applying was discussed. The ordinance does state a \$350.00 fee will be required if work is begun before a permit is approved. A better definition of a structure is required. As currently written a two foot by two foot dog house requires a permit. Matt was asked by the council to look into this for the next meeting.

Pat Eichten provided an update on the EDA. The Redwood Area Development Corporation will be doing business visits with some of the revolving loan fund recipients to start. The board did discuss the rental rates and will continue this at the September meeting. The rest of May Street will be platted. The board is seriously considering putting up a duplex or a four plex and is looking into having the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and possibly DSI assist with this project. The board also discussed some accounting/budgeting items. Pat told the representatives of the Softball association the board will discuss the softball field at the

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| c. 1059 Cedar Street | Sidewalk |
| 3. Beer in Community Center | |
| a. Wedding | September 7, 2019 |
| b. Wedding | September 14, 2019 |
| c. Wedding | September 21, 2019 |
| 4. Resolution 1-2019 Write off RLF balance | |
| Resolution 2019-3D Ambulance Donation | |
- Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes, Mckittrick-yes, Burns-yes.

Picnic tables and folding tables owned by the city will be used for St Anne's Fall Festival.

The website was discussed. A website in use by the City of Westbrook looks to be a very good site for the city business as well as for listing businesses and events. A motion was made by McKittrick to approve joining with the commercial club on a new website and paying up to 50% of the cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Remiger.

Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes, Mckittrick-yes, Burns-yes.

The budget meeting will be held Monday, August 19 at 6 pm. Mike Remiger brought up the need to increase the street budget to allow for additional work that needs to be done.

The question of continuing to publish the council minutes in the newspaper was discussed. No change will be made at this time. The question will be looked at after we have the new website up and running.

The Council appointed Alma Price to the Library Board on a motion by Remiger, seconded by Burns.

Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes, Mckittrick-yes, Burns-yes.

A question regarding the lot line distance and a small structure was addressed by the council. The individual will receive a letter advising they will need to place it at least 10 feet from the lot line. If not moved by the designated time they will need to follow the ordinance for a permit and fee.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Bills in the amount of \$78041.35 were approved for payment on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns.

Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes, Mckittrick-yes, Burns-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.