## 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

September meeting. Steve Burns asked if the EDA would consider changing the Eastvail covenants to allow for larger sheds. Matt will provide some input on what all is involved. The Street Report was presented by Mike Remiger. The street patching is done and the roof will be put on the new shed. Steel will be done as time permits. The paint for the streets has been ordered. Mike requested some vacation time. There may be grant funds available for fixing streets blown out due to winter conditions. A question was asked if a crosswalk could be added on County Highway 6. The city will need to contact the County Engineer.

The Water/Wastewater Report was presented by Paul Plaetz. Empire Pipe is in town jetting 1/3 of the lines and televising the lines the engineers need done for the preliminary engineering report. One household had water shoot up through their toilets due to the jetting. It was not a household where the city knew there might be a problem. Paul and the person from Empire talked with him and explained that it was clear water that got into their home. Paul told him now that he knows there could be a problem he will notify them prior to any jetting being done. Keeping toilet lids down and refilling traps with water after jetting will alleviate problems. There are two people who have expressed interest in a meeting with the engineer to discuss the city needs for the sewer project. This meeting will be set as soon as possible. Paul will be taking a couple of days off later in the month.

The discussion of the work to be done at the softball field continued. The Softball Association is in the process of trying to raise funds for this work and would like the city to consider a contribution. The tiling of the softball field was probably last done around 20 years ago and needs replacement. The quote that was presented for the fencing has the installation included but not the removal of the old fencing. The city will need to see at least one additional quote for the fencing. The clerk was asked to look into what funds are still available from donations given for park and rec activities. Work on the improvements can begin except for the infield which can begin once the proof of funds for the project can be presented on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns.

Carole Remiger attended the Baseball Association meeting. They have plans developed for a batting cage, bullpens and concrete work. They are also looking at a new concession stand. They would like to get the fencing done for the tournament to be held here next year.

The Athletic Field Lease was approved on a motion by Burns, seconded by Remiger. Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes, Burns-yes. McKittrick-abstain.

An idea was presented by McKittrick for the sand volleyball area at the city park. It really is not utilized any longer, but might be able to be turned into a ballfield for little kids instead.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved on a motion by Mckittrick, seconded by Burns:

- 1. Minutes of July 8 meeting
- 2. Land Use Permits

a. 578 South Street

b. 863 Pine Street

Sidewalk Paver patio c. 1059 Cedar Street

Sidewalk

3. Beer in Community Center

c. Wedding

a. Weddingb. Wedding

September 7, 2019 September 14, 2019 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.