

City of Wabasso
City Council
Monday, September 9, 2019
6 pm

The meeting opened with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing on vacating alleys was opened by Mayor Carol Atkins with Council Members Steve Burns, Wade McKittrick, Rachel Ingebretson and Carole Remiger present.

Also present were Scott Hanna, Tiffany Eichten, Jeni Rudenick, Jason Behrendt, Matt Novak, Mike Remiger, Paul Plaetz and Mary Smith.

A RESOLUTION VACATING THE ALLEY LAYING WEST AND SOUTH OF SUBLOT 2 OF LOT 1 OF BLOCK 27 OF THE PLAT OF THE REARRANGEMENT OF BLOCK 26 AND LOT 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 27 OF THE CITY OF WABASSO was approved on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns. Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The Regular meeting began immediately after the public hearing.

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

Holden Salfer explained to the council what he was asking for a building permit for. It was added to the consent agenda.

The city clerk was asked if the city parking lot could be used for an event next summer. The council will consider it providing there will be no damage to the parking lot. She was asked to get further details and bring it back to the council at the October meeting so they can make an informed decision.

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance no. 214B Adopted on September 10, 2012 and Titled "An Ordinance Regulating Construction in the City of Wabasso" was approved on a motion by Burns, seconded by Ingebretson. This amendment clarifies the definitions in Section 1 of Ordinance No 214B.

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

A Letter was received from an attorney that requires the attention of the city. It was discussed whether to use the local attorney or the attorney in Marshall. The decision was made to ask the local attorney to handle the matter.

The EDA update was presented by Rachel Ingebretson in the absence of the EDA President. The board was unable to approve the sale of a lot due to the proposed buyer wanting to move a house onto the property. The covenants require new construction in the Eastvail Addition. A possible loan application is being worked on by Pat Dingels with the individual. The financial

statements that were presented last meeting will continue to be worked on by the clerk to improve them.

The Street Report was presented by Mike Remiger. He brought up the need to make sure people are not piling snow on the streets this winter. If snow is piled on the streets from a business then they need to be charged a removal fee. The city attorney will look into if that also includes individuals. He also asked about if the Lion's bar is being used for an event can people bring in their own coolers as this question was asked of him. The council will not restrict this at this time. No alcohol can be sold in the community center by anyone not licensed to sell off premises or the Lions Club which is licensed for beer and setups. He painted the lines in school parking lots. They should be charged his wages, cost of materials and \$100.00 for use of equipment. A note should be made for the athletic center for next year for painting lines. The steel for the new shed should be here this week sometime. The sidewalk that was broken up uptown while clearing a property will need to be fixed yet this fall as the owner would like to add some landscaping.

Paul Plaetz presented the Water/Wastewater Report. The storm sewer line behind Connie Frericks is done. The cover over the tank is fixed at the sewer plant. The Water Tower needs to be washed out and a company has presented a proposal to have it done for \$1500.00. This was acceptable to the council.

The Softball Association was present at the meeting in the persons of Tiffany Eichten and Scott Hanna. Scott Hanna presented figures on funds raised so far. He also showed the council some items that were added to the project with the cost of the fence being lower than originally planned. The fence is down and cleaned up so far. They have also received a couple of loads of aglime for the field. They will need considerably more to do the work. The City Clerk was instructed to provide an exact figure for the funds that were donated for the athletic field to the softball association. Mike Remiger will assist with some of the work at the softball field with the city tractor.

Prior to the approval of the consent agenda Jason Behrendt explained his permit request to the council.

The following items were approved on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns:

1. Minutes of August 12 and August 19 meetings
2. Land Use Permits
 - a. 1265 Oak Street shed, sidewalk, windmill
 - b. 864 Pine Street patio, entrance sidewalk
3. Beer in Community Center
 - a. Wedding October 26, 2019

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

Information about the reach and cost of a new warning siren on the east side of Wabasso was discussed. The council decided not to add a siren at this time. The sirens are designed to be for outdoor warnings and what the city currently has would not be improved by adding an additional siren.

The city council authorized the clerk to contract for propane for the city at the same amount as was used last year on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Burns.
Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

A motion was made by Ingebretson, seconded by Burns to authorize the City Clerk to contract for propane each year at the best possible price. The recommended time to do so is in July when summer fills are being done.
Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The City Clerk put together a preliminary levy for council consideration that allows room for raises and contains the same propane costs as this year's budget. The council can then look into lowering portions of the budget in the next year or two. The preliminary levy needs to be to the County Auditor by September 30. The preliminary levy was approved as presented on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Remiger.
Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

A discussion was held regarding the flag pole and light that was at the corner of County highway 6 and State Highway 68. It was determined the property owner does not want it back up in that location. Other options were discussed as to where it could be placed. No final decision was made.

The clerk included information in the packets about a storm water utility. The council wants the City Attorney to look into creating an ordinance for this and a decision can then be made as to how and how much of a charge to put on individual utility bills to build up funds for storm sewer maintenance and improvements. Common amounts the clerk has seen have been up to \$3.00 per month per billing.

The Storm Water plan from the engineers for the west side of town was put on hold for now while other issues are dealt with first.

The City Clerk will be off from Wednesday, September 18 until Wednesday, September 25. Julie Rothmeier will be in the office until noon on those days and will be able to reach the clerk if necessary.

The correspondence was reviewed.

The Bills were approved for payment with the several corrections on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Ingebretson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

