

City of Wabasso  
City Council  
Monday, March 9, 2020  
5:30 pm

Informational Meeting on Possible Paving of All or Portions of Gravel Streets

Mayor Carol Atkins called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Burns, Wade McKittrick, Rachel Ingebretson and Carole Remiger present.

Also present were Karl & Dawn Guetter, Perry & Jody Hansen, Brad & Vicky Pitzl, Joel Dudgeon, Roger Werner, Jeni Rudenick, Roger Werner, Dave Palm, Matt Novak, Pat Eichten, Mike Remiger, Paul Plaetz and Mary Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dave Palm from Bolton & Menk went over the preliminary estimates of the cost to pave the three streets in town that are gravel which are June Street from Ash Street to County Highway 6, Perry Street and Front Street from Dewey Street to North end. The city would be responsible for paying for the center portion of any street paving and the property owners would be responsible for the side their property is on. Property owners would be assessed by the linear foot of their property abutting the street. One issue on Front Street is run off from further south on the street. Additional catch basins at the intersection of Dewey and Front can help to improve the situation but won't deal with heavy rainfalls like those seen in the last few years. After listening to the questions and concerns brought up by the individuals the work would effect, the council decided that since not all of the residents affected were present, all residents would be contacted by mail to determine if they are in favor of plans to pave these streets moving ahead. Once input has been gathered then the council will discuss and decide whether to proceed.

The Regular meeting began at 6:30 pm.

There was an addition to the consent agenda for a land use permit. A motion was made by McKittrick, seconded by Ingebretson to approve the agenda.  
Atkins-yes, Burns-yes, McKittrick-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

Pat Eichten presented an update on the EDA. He explained what is happening with the effort to work with Serenity Suites on possible future plans. Work is currently being done on possible options if Serenity Suites would like to buy one additional lot, two, three or four additional lots. After some discussion took place and Dave Palm let the council know the plat is finished except for the recording and setting of pins, it was decided the options can still be furnished to Serenity Suites and the final items done for the plat as well.

The EDA board agreed on how to proceed with the loans that are outstanding. Matt Novak appeared at the EDA meeting to present ideas and will draw up a letter letting the person know what was decided.

Matt Novak gave a reminder to the City Council that they need to act as one and not individually. He is working on the personnel policy. This should be finished up for next month's meeting.

Kevin Baune appeared to check into what needs to happen to get water to his storage facility. The council will need to look at the issue more fully at the April 13 meeting.

Mike Remiger presented the Street Report. The alley behind the Roadhouse will cost \$12,450.00 to do according to M & R Paving. Of that, one third of the cost is the city's responsibility which is \$4150.00. The remaining \$8,350.00 will be the responsibility of the property owner. He did check the possibility of using concrete for the alley but was unable to obtain an estimate for the labor. Materials to do the 20 feet by 150 feet would cost about \$6105.00.

Paul Plaetz presented the Water/Wastewater Report. Paul had the annual well inspection completed. He was at the Rural Water conference the first week of March. Dave Palm explained the hard copy of the proposed sewer improvements have gone to the Minnesota Pollution Control and have been sent to USDA Rural Development as well. The application for the project priority list was submitted for consideration under the clean water revolving fund.

Carole Remiger reported the first softball and baseball games are currently scheduled for the end of March.

The City Clerk job posting will be discussed at the April meeting as the job description is not yet completed.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Remiger:

1. Minutes of the February 10 meeting
2. Land Use Permits
  - a. 2024 W Main Street New garage w/apron & patio, fence
3. Beer in Community Center
  - a. St Anne's Capital Campaign March 22, 2020
  - b. Lions 301 April 4, 2020
  - c. Firemen's Relief Pork Chop Feed April 17, 2020
  - d. Lucan Lions April 18, 2020.
4. Annual Off-Sale License Hwy 68 Off-Sale

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

The following updates were discussed:

1. Streamline Community Center Contract process revisit April meeting
2. City Clerk/Administrator Job Description revisit April meeting
3. Personnel Policy revisit April meeting
4. Jonti Craft Crosswalk Sign -Jonti-Craft decided to do something different.

The Community Center Cleaning was discussed. This will be addressed at the April meeting.

The Clerk will be off Tuesday, March 10. Julie Rothmeier will be in the office from 8 am until noon.

The correspondence was reviewed.

Bills in the amount of \$20,628.78 were approved for payment on a motion by McKittrick, seconded by Ingebretson.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.