

Study Session Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2003 ~ 7:00 p.m.

A. **CALL TO ORDER.**

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on April 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ackerman presided. Council members present were: Fred Ribich, Patsy Reed, Darrel Steege, Mel Kramer, Gary Grace, Cyndi Ecker and Gary Boorum. Absent: None.

1. **Approve Agenda as Printed or Add Items for Discussion Only.**

Moved By: Kramer

Seconded By: Ribich

That the agenda for this Council Meeting as prepared is hereby approved as follows.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

2. **Presentation of Plaque.**

Mayor Ackerman thanked Jim Block for his service on the Board of Adjustment.

B. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

C. **REGULAR BUSINESS.**

1. **Approve the IDOT Funding Agreement for the 3rd Street SE Bridge Project.**

Phyllis Roelfs asked the City Council to postpone their decision on the IDOT Funding Agreement. Butch Kehe reviewed recommended repairs for the 3rd Street Bridge and stated that the City should repair the current structure and find a location for the bridge that is accessible under all conditions. Members of the audience discussed the historic preservation and repair funding. Members of the audience also discussed DNR backwater effects and 1999 Flood. Fouad K. Daoud of WHKS informed the Council that during '99 Flood, debris collected under the bridge causing a backwater increase at the bridge site. Discussion continued on the historic and sentimental value of the bridge. Other citizens voiced traffic concerns. Phyllis Roelfs presented "save the bridge" petitions. Hank Bagelman stated that the Task Force's mission was to just use the best method to make the bridge safe. City Engineer Cherry and Fauod Daoud both stated that the bridge will not last forever. A motion was made to table the IDOT Funding Agreement for 80 days. Phyllis Roelfs will head a task force to address any unanswered questions or concerns.

Moved By: Ribich

Seconded By: Kramer

The IDOT Funding Agreement for the 3rd Street SE Bridge Project is hereby approved.

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Moved By: Reed

Seconded By: Ecker

To table the above motion.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

D. **STUDY SESSION.**

1. **Review of Preliminary Plans for Kohlmann Park.**

Larry Kurtz of AHTS Architects reviewed preliminary plans for Kohlmann Park. Parks & Recreation Director Ray informed the Council that an engineering study was done by Butch Kehe on Kohlmann Cabin. Mr. Kehe stated in a letter to the Park & Recreation Commission that the cabin should be demolished. The fireplace from the cabin would be incorporated in the Kohlmann Park design. Mr. Ray stated the estimated costs for the Kohlmann Park Improvement Project would be \$100,000 to come from the Recreational Capital Improvement Fund. The Park and Recreation Commission reviewed said plans and recommended that the Council approve the preliminary plans for the Kohlmann Park Improvement Plan. Council delayed action on said plans until the May 5th Council meeting.

2. **Review Status of Projects.**

Discussion followed on a proposed downtown streetscape project and costs.

3. **The Iowa Legislature and Local Government.**

Administrator Crayne reviewed the Legislative bill cutting funding to Cities and Counties by \$70 Million. The proposed cuts would impact the City of Waverly by approximately \$165,000 to \$229,000. Mr. Crayne discussed potential budget alternatives and will provide the Council a formal report in the near future.

The Council thanked Jeff Franzen for his participation as Guest Councilperson.

E. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

1. Boards and Commissions.
2. Reports.
3. Communications.

F. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Moved By: Boorum

Seconded By: Ribich

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

Council adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk