

Study Session Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2003 ~ 7:00 p.m.

A. **CALL TO ORDER.**

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on January 27, 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

B. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Duane Liddle voiced concerns with snowmobiles on his property on 4th Street SW.

C. **REGULAR BUSINESS.**

1. **Approve Engineering Agreement for 29th Avenue SE Lift Station.**

Discussion followed on the Engineer's liability insurance.

Moved By: Ecker

Seconded By: Steege

The Engineering Agreement with TeKippe Engineering for the 29th Avenue SE Lift Station is hereby approved subject to the City Attorney's approval of agreement regarding the Engineer's liability insurance.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

D. **STUDY SESSION.**

1. **Results of the Softened Water Survey.**

City Engineer Cherry reviewed the results of the Softened Water Survey. Mr. Cherry indicated that 70% of residents did not want City supplied softened water and that the survey was not scientific. He also stated that that if the City does not purchase softened water from Central Iowa Rural Water, they will build a plant in Janesville. He also stated that the City may have to deal with a nitrate problem in the future.

2. **Review of Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Rates.**

The City is proposing a \$1.00 increase in the solid waste base monthly charge. Additional revenues are needed to compensate for fixed inflationary expenses and increased operational expenses at the yard waste facility.

Moved By: Grace

Seconded By: Ribich

Adjust sticker and solid waste base monthly charge is hereby approved.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

The City is proposing a 10% increase on all water user fees. Additional revenues are needed to compensate for fixed inflationary expenses, debt service payments and to build reserves in anticipation of a nitrate removal plant and a fourth water tower on the southwest side of the City. With the proposed rate increase, an additional rate increase will not be required until FY07-08 unless a substantial capital project is undertaken. Mr. Cherry stated the removal of nitrates in all the City wells would cost approximately \$2 to \$3 million.

The Council had previously approved a 9% increase on sewer fees starting July 1. Additional revenues are needed to compensate for fixed inflationary expenses, debt service payments and to build reserves in anticipation of substantial plant repairs in about 10 years. With the proposed rate increase, an additional rate increase will not be required until FY05-06 or FY06-07 unless a substantial capital project is undertaken.

3. **Review of Local Option Sales Tax Vote.**

City Administrator Crayne reviewed the 3 purposes/avenues which revenues of the local option sales and services tax will be used within the City. The purposes/avenues include 100% for law enforcement center, public safety projects and equipment, for street, alley and parking improvements, and drainage and flood control improvements. Mr. Crayne also reviewed programming issues of said projects.

4. **Review Status of Projects.**

City Engineer Cherry reviewed current and future projects.

E. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

1. Boards and Commissions.
2. Report.
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 8:32 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk