

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2004 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER.**

The regular meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on February 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ackerman presided. Council members present: Fred Ribich, Gary Boorum, Connie Rasmussen, Mel Kramer, Darrel Steege, Gary Grace and Cyndi Ecker. Absent: None

1. **Approve agenda as printed or add items for discussion only.**  
**Moved By: Ribich** **Seconded By: Rasmussen**  
That the agenda for this Council meeting as prepared is hereby approved.  
**Yes: 7** **No: 0** **Absent: 0**
2. **Minutes.**  
**Moved By: Boorum** **Seconded By: Steege**  
The January 19, 24, and 26, 2004 Council minutes are hereby approved.  
**Yes: 7** **No: 0** **Absent: 0**
3. **Guest Councilperson.**  
The Council welcomed Ron Lundberg as the Guest Councilperson for February.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**C. TABLED ITEMS.**

**D. VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

- Duane Liddle questioned staff on Federal-Airport Improvement Program funding for the Runway Land Acquisition.
- Dean Soash voiced his concern with the East Bremer Sidewalk Improvements.
- Butch Tilson voiced his concern with the City's subsidy of recreation.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA.**

1. **Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, and Class C Beer Permit for Regal Liquors (Hy-Vee, Inc.).**  
**Moved By: Kramer** **Seconded By: Ribich**  
Item 1 on the Consent Agenda is hereby approved.  
**Yes: 7** **No: 0** **Absent: 0**

**F. REGULAR BUSINESS.**

1. **Review of the City of Waverly Audit.**  
Jeff Peters will review the City of Waverly Audit on February 16<sup>th</sup> due to travel problems attributed to the snowstorm.

2. **Resolution 04-03, a Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the East Bremer Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project and Publishing Notice Thereof.**

The Council appointed Councilmember Boorum to look at the plans and specifications to accommodate business owners and minimize interruption during construction.

**Moved By: Grace**

**Seconded By: Ecker**

Resolution 04-03, a Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the East Bremer Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project and Publishing Notice Thereof is hereby approved and sets February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall as the date, time and place for said public hearing.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

3. **Resolution 04-17, a Resolution setting User Fees and Charges for the Parks and Recreation Department for 2004.**

Parks & Recreation Director Ray reviewed the increased user fees and charges for recreation, pool, cemetery and Civic Center. The increased fees will reduce the City's subsidy to said operations. Mr. Ray also stated that reserves are now in the general fund. Staff also reviewed adult ball diamond fees with Butch Tilson. Council delayed action on this resolution to wait for public comments.

**Moved By: Grace**

**Seconded By: Ribich**

Resolution 04-17, a Resolution Setting User Fees and Charges for the Parks and Recreation Department for 2004 is hereby approved.

**Yes:**

**No:**

**Absent:**

**Moved By: Grace**

**Seconded By: Ribich**

To table Resolution 04-17, A Resolution Setting User Fees and Charges for the Parks and Recreation for 2004 is hereby approved.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

4. **Resolution 04-18, a Resolution Setting 2004 Season Pass Fees for the Municipal Golf Course.**

Parks & Recreation Director Ray reviewed the Season Pass Fees for the 2004 Season. The Golf Commission recommended at their Special Commission Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> to increase all types of golf season passes by \$10.00. The season trail pass will remain at \$160.00. The Commission also recommended to reduce a building and grounds maintenance item in their budget by \$1,000. The 9-hole green fee rate and twilight rate is now \$14 and a punch card is \$130. Mr. Ray also stated that an estimated \$15,000 worth of free rounds are given to Waverly-Shell Rock Schools and Wartburg College. Butch Tilson voiced his concern with subsidy to recreation. Councilmember Grace informed audience

members that our municipal course cannot be compared to the private course. The City course is just for golf and a season pass is \$406. Centennial Oaks has a membership fee for the Clubhouse and golf for approximately \$1,200. Staff will begin to market the municipal course for the 2004 season.

**Moved By: Ribich**

**Seconded By: Steege**

Resolution 04-18, a Resolution Setting 2004 Season Pass Fees for the Municipal Golf Course is hereby approved.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

5. **Soccer Association Request for a Joint Purchase of Aerifying Equipment with the Parks and Recreation Department.**

Parks & Recreation Director Ray and Jeff Soash were present to request a joint purchase of aerifying equipment for the City and the Soccer Association. The unit would attach to a Parks or Golf Course tractor. The cost of the equipment is \$20,000 with the City share being \$10,000. The Soccer Association is willing to purchase the equipment out right if the City would pay half the costs by August of 2006. Staff informed the Council that the City would sell their existing aerifying equipment this year and pay that amount to the Association. The remaining amount would have to be budgeted in 2006-07. The last time the golf course greens were contracted for deep tine aerification, it cost \$3,000. The Soccer Association investigated contracting the aerification of their fields and the cost would be \$2,400. Maintenance and sharing of equipment schedules will be worked out between City staff and Association members.

**Moved By: Steege**

**Seconded By: Ecker**

The concept of sharing equipment with the Waverly-Shell Rock Soccer Association and the joint purchase of the deep tine aerifier is hereby approved.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

6. **Investigation on Feasibility of a Municipal Gas Utility in Waverly.**

City Administrator Crayne informed the Council that this is an opportunity to study whether the formation of a municipal natural gas utility will benefit Waverly citizens through lower natural gas prices, increased local employment, positioning for economic development and providing a new source of revenue to the City. Mr. Crayne would request Waverly Light and Power staff and the Waverly Area Development Group's Infrastructure Committee to work with the City in looking at the feasibility of a municipal gas franchise. Mid American Energy wants the City to sign a 25-year Franchise Agreement. Council felt that this was a choice time to look at other options. The City has received a proposal from Latham & Associates for the preparation of a feasibility study. Latham & Associates are knowledgeable and have experience in such studies. Terry Woolman stated that Mid American Energy would provide the City with a consultant at no charge to create a feasibility model for the City's evaluation. He also

stated that Mid American would consider a less than 25-year franchise agreement. Mr. Woolman cautioned the City that with the creation of a municipal owned gas franchise does have high startup costs and requires trained personnel to keep the utility running. Mike Stevens voiced his concerns with government involvement in private enterprise. Mr. Woolman stated that their consultant would create an independent assessment for the City with no guarantees. After discussion the Council agreed to use Mid American's consultant service to conduct a feasibility study for a municipal owned gas utility. Dr. Richard Shields stated that the City should investigate deregulation issues.

**Moved By: Grace**

**Seconded By: Ribich**

To enlist services of Latham & Associates, Inc. to conduct municipal gas feasibility study in concert with a Citizens Study Group is hereby approved.

**Yes:**

**No:**

**Absent:**

**Moved By: Boorum**

**Seconded By: Steege**

To amend previous motion to use the service of Mid-American Energy's consultant at no cost to the City to conduct a feasibility study in concert with a Citizen's Study group is hereby approved.

The original motion was then voted upon as amended.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

7. **Review of 2004 Water Pollution Control Facility Project.**

City Engineer Cherry reviewed the proposed work at the Water Pollution Control Facility. The proposed work is necessary and includes replacement of the secondary digester cover, routing gas from the digester to the boiler system and replacing the screening mechanism at the main lift station. Discussion followed on piping digester gas to the boiler system to save on utility costs. Staff will begin the feasibility study to project costs for said improvements.

8. **Review of Language and Action on Proposed Amendment to the City of Waverly Economic Development Assistance Strategy.**

City Administrator Crayne reviewed the proposed amendment to the City of Waverly Economic Development Assistance Strategy. Mr. Crayne stated that economic development assistance could provide public infrastructure or improve existing infrastructure on a project. It could also provide for acquiring and/or disposing of land or for site improvements such as grading, utility connections, railroad siding, etc. Carol Jahnke from Waverly Area Development Group informed the Council that the parties involved in the economic development project would have to show why they need assistance. Discussion followed on adding wording to the resolution that the final decision on the request for assistance rests with the Council. The retroactive date on Resolution 04-19 was also removed.

**Moved By: Kramer**

**Seconded By: Ecker**

Resolution 04-19, a Resolution Amending Resolution 03-08 regarding the City of Waverly Economic Development Assistance Strategy within an Urban Renewal District Utilizing Tax Increment Financing.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**G. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

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

**H. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Moved By: Boorum**

**Seconded By: Ribich**

That the City Council Meeting is hereby adjourned.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Council adjourned at 9:24 p.m.**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**