

Study Session Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2005~ 7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on March 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ackerman presided. Council members present were: Cyndi Ecker, Fred Ribich, Gary Grace, Mel Kramer, Connie Rasmussen. Absent: Tammy McKenzie, Gary Boorum
Approve Agenda as Printed or Add Items for Discussion Only.

Moved By: Grace

Seconded By: Ribich

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

Yes: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints invited the Council, Commissioners, and staff to come to the groundbreaking of their Church April 12th at 5:30 P. M.

Discussion followed on materials for agenda packets.

C. TABLED ITEMS.

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. Discussion with Bremer County Fair Board Regarding Future Facilities.

Roy Petersen stated that a meeting was held with the Bremer County Fair Board's Executive Committee and City staff on a proposal to relocate the Fair along with the City's Public Services operations to the Rural Water site west on Highway 3. Mr. Petersen informed the Council that Waverly's traffic flow supports the Fair but questioned whether it was financially feasible for the Fair to move to the proposed site. He also asked if the City would consider donating land and infrastructure and if there was grant money available to ease some of the relocation costs. The Fair Board also informed the Council that grandstands will have to be remodeled within 2 years due to insurance guidelines. Entertainment is essential to the success of the Fair. Cost for the grandstand improvements is approximately \$150,000. The Fair would need 40 acres and possibly more for potential growth. The Fair cannot partner with Waverly Sales because of disease factors. The current lease at the Fairgrounds is for another 14 years. Mr. Petersen also informed the Council that the Bremer County Fair is one of 6 fairs that received the Blue Ribbon Award because of its growth and improvements. The Fair Board is very interested in a proposed partnership with the City at the Rural Water site and foresees potential additional storage and meeting room facilities as a revenue generator. Discussion followed on whether the present fair buildings could be moved to a new site.

E. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION.

1. Review of Capital Improvement Planning.

Administrator Crayne stated that Council and staff were looking for the public’s input on the Capital Improvement Plan. Capital improvements are not funded in the budget because they are usually bigger projects and have a significant price tag. A capital improvement identified in the Traffic Study conducted by Wal-Mart was the 218 corridor from Bremer Avenue to 8th Avenue SE and Technology Place and Oak Ridge Circle intersection. The IDOT was informed of the Traffic Study during Wal-Mart negotiations and the IDOT will be coming to Waverly in August for a Regional Meeting at which time the City will discuss 218 corridor improvements with the IDOT . Other projects identified in the Capital Improvement Plan were 10th Avenue East and the Green Bridge. Staff is working towards formalizing the Capital Improvement Plan as acknowledged in Waverly’s newly adopted Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Ackerman stated capital improvement planning has to be flexible because of the state’s tax system. If certain funding for a capital project is available it may advance before other projects. An audience member asked the Council to consider capital improvement funding for another east/west corridor other than Bremer Avenue. City Engineer Cherry informed the Council that a good internal east/west transportation corridor would be 10th Avenue East. Discussion followed on a partnership with the state for 218 corridor improvements, and when the City would make a decision on the Public Services’ site.

F. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

Discussion followed on municipal infractions for sign ordinance violations.

The Council thanked Roy Voigts for his participation as guest councilperson for March. Mr. Voigts stated that the City of Waverly is well-served by its Councilmembers.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Ribich

Seconded By: Grace

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

Council adjourned at 8:09 P. M.

Ivan J. Ackerman, Mayor

Attest:

Richard J. Crayne, City Administrator

