

## **Study Session Meeting Minutes**

February 27, 2006~ 7:00 p.m.

### **A. CALL TO ORDER.**

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ackerman presided. Council members present were: Cyndi Ecker, Gary Grace, Duane Liddle, Fred Ribich, Gene Lieb, and Gary Boorum. Absent: Connie Rasmussen

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

**Moved By: Ribich**

**Seconded By: Ecker**

That the agenda for this Council Meeting as prepared is hereby approved/amended as follows:

**Yes: 6**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 1**

### **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

City Administrator Crayne informed Council that recommendations are made by department heads for any needed personnel. He reviews said needs and presents his recommendations for additional personnel at budget time. FY06/07 budget Mr. Crayne presented the reorganization of the police department with a request for an additional officer. A committee will analyze a request for a computer tech person for FY07/08 Budget. All personnel changes are approved with budget.

All gross wages for City employees from the previous calendar year are published in the local newspaper per Iowa Code.

### **C. STUDY SESSION.**

#### **1. Review of Solid Waste Operations.**

City Engineer Cherry reviewed Solid Waste Study and highlighted the history, present and future operations in a Power Point Presentation. Present operations of the Solid Waste Division include garbage collection, yard waste and recycling activities. The garbage collection operations are comprised of residential and commercial accounts, and provide temporary dumpsters and special collections. Wood mulch and composting are available at the Yard Waste site. Also the department offers special collections such as fall leaf and Christmas tree pickups. Mr. Cherry reviewed wood mulch and compost processing at the Yard Waste site. Recycling operations incorporates curbside recycling, drop-off recycling, and appliance and large item drop-off sites. The City recycling truck picks up clear glass, newspaper, milk jugs, steel cans, magazines and single-layered cardboard as part of the curbside recycling program. At the Drop-off Recycling Center residents can dispose of their milk jugs, plastics, newspapers, clear glass, steel cans, magazines, cardboard, paper, and aluminum. Furniture, water heaters, and household appliances can be dropped off at the Yard Waste Site during the season or at Public Services. Residential and Special

Collections along with Commercial and Temporary Dumpsters generate the major portion of the Solid Waste revenues. City Engineer Cherry stated that the monthly residential fee for solid waste is \$12.45. \$1.62 of said fee is for landfill expenses, \$3.86 is for operational expenses, \$.72 is for curbside recycling, \$.73 is for the Recycling Center, \$1.33 is for Yard Waste, \$.23 is for fall leaf collection, \$.08 is for Christmas tree collection, and \$3.89 is for interdepartmental transfers. Solid Waste employees help with snow removal and street department employees help with special collections. Solid Waste and Street Divisions share in the cost of purchasing, operating and maintaining many pieces of equipment. Council viewed a video on a side loading one person operated garbage truck. Council reviewed residential garbage fees from 1980 to present. With the new equipment one person could handle the residential route. Bremer County landfill will close in September 30, 2007. Therefore, it will cut the time for pickup due to time constraints in additional travel time to Blackhawk County Landfill.

Discussion followed on:

- Residential customers could keep their own garbage containers but it might be beneficial for commercial customer to invest in the new “European” dumpsters.
- Blackhawk County transfer stations or convenience stops for small loads
- Extra staff needed on double route days and bad weather – have to allow for staff vacations and time off
- Two new trucks would allow the residential truck to help with commercial collection and still allow for growth in Waverly
- Pros and cons of privatization
- Would private haulers offer recycling or yard waste opportunities
- Contact Waste Management to speak with Council on what they do for other communities
- Would the City still have to do billing for a private hauler
- Solid waste staff helps streets and what will happen to remaining operations if there are no solid waste staff
- FY05-06 solid waste fund generated interdepartmental allocations amounting to \$117,000 –if the City lost its solid waste revenue what impact would that make on the City’s general fund
- Solid waste operation is fiscally responsible and offers Waverly good customer service
- Co-mingling recyclables was not popular at one time
- Are there many private haulers out there
- Comment-City will give up local control and the popularity of its present system. Present system is a pretty good bargain
- Comment - “if its not broke why fix it”
- \$12.45 – good rate for garbage, recycling and yard waste
- More education programs on solid waste, recycling and yard waste operations
- 100% return on mulch and composting – citizens wait for mulch

- “look outside the box at other opportunities”
- Four garage stalls in new Public Services Facility - \$30,000 - \$125,000.
- New trucks needed –time constraints on commercial pickup due to haul to Blackhawk County landfill
- Blackhawk County Landfill – EPA regulations – should last 50 to 55 years
- Windy days – Blackhawk County may minimize trucks
- City might sell new roll-away containers for new solid waste trucks
- Modest inflationary adjustments for the future
- \$339,000 for 2 new garbage trucks
- \$20,000 for fuel costs
- Six year rotation on trucks – trade in values
- Arrange presentation by private hauler

**D. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

2. **Reports.**

Bids were accepted for the Fire Station and Museum. Holland Corp was low bidder on the Fire Station for \$3,059,000 and the Museum for \$220,300.

3 **Communication.**

Council thanked John Baber for his participation as guest councilperson for February.

**E. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Moved By: Boorum**

**Seconded By: Ribich**

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

**Yes: 6**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Council adjourned at 8:38 P. M.**

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**Ivan J. Ackerman, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Richard J. Crayne, City Administrator**