

## **Study Session Meeting Minutes**

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

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

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on March 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, Connie Rasmussen and Gary Boorum. 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**

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

### **C. REGULAR BUSINESS.**

#### **1. Third Reading of Ordinance 855, an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Waverly, Iowa Providing for Rezoning of Certain Area of Said City (Nestle USA, 61 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW).**

**Moved By: Boorum**

**Seconded By: Grace**

Third Reading of Ordinance 855, an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Waverly, Iowa Providing for Rezoning of Certain Area of Said City (Nestle USA, 61 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW) is hereby approved.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

#### **2. Mayoral Appointments.**

**Moved By: Ecker**

**Seconded By:**

The following Mayoral Appointments are hereby approved:

Chuck Austin and Dan Marsh to the Airport Commission

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

### **D. STUDY SESSION.**

#### **1. Presentation By Waste Management.**

Waste Management Representatives were present to review its solid waste and related services. Waste Management provides collection, recycling and disposal services to municipal, commercial, industrial and residential customers throughout 34 counties in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. Waste Management provides weekly single stream recycling, collection and yard waste services for the City of Independence. Independence does the billing of services. Waste Management provides commercial collection for John Deere, ConAgra Grocer Products and Covenant Hospital in Waterloo. E-scrap recycling (collection of computers, etc) is a new service provided by Waste Management. Solid waste collection includes variable fee structures, automation, carts and bins, curbside and alley collection and roll-off. Additional services are provided including annual clean-ups, leaf collection and yard waste collection, and temporary services. Two landfills are owned by Waste Management, one in Lake Mills and one in Spirit Lake. The gas to energy program provides

electricity and Lake Mills landfill will have this program complete by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Company is also looking at future innovative disposal technologies and environmental management. Waste Management is involved with Habitat for Humanity, Youth Recycling Green Team, Earth Day activities, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Recycling accepted items are all types of paper, No. 1 and 2 plastics and aluminum and metal cans. Solid waste disposal carts vary in size. The City of Independence charges \$11.00 a month for weekly curbside and recycling plus administrative charges. A typical City/Company agreement is for five years and contains cost of living and fuel adjustment clauses. City Engineer Cherry questioned what the Council would want to contract out and what impact that would have on Solid Waste and Street operations. He also stated that the Council would have to make a decision within the next few months because staff will be reviewing specifications for a new garbage truck. Discussion followed on :

- The City expanding curbside recycling
- The City providing single stream (commingling of all recycled materials) recycling
- Survey to City residents on recycling
- Expansion of the City's yardwaste hours

Waste Management uses a 64 or 96 gallon cart for all their single stream recycling and is collected by an automated truck. Carts would be an investment to seniors but may increase recycling participation.

Staff will develop a recycling survey and present it to Council.

2. **Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Repair.**

City Engineer Cherry reviewed the history of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge. The bridge was built in 1917. Asphalt overlays of the wood deck began around 1950. In 1970 major structural repairs are made to the steel beams below the bridge deck primarily on the east side. Wayne Claassen Engineering performed bridge assessment in 1976 and recommended bridge replacement but no action was taken. Brice, Petrides & Associates in 1981 identifies the need for major bridge deck work to prevent closing the bridge. In 1983 repair project is undertaken to replace the wood-asphalt deck with a new grated deck. Some steel members were also reinforced with plates and welded at this time. WHKS & Co. recommended in 2001 that bridge replacement was the most economical long-term solution but no action was taken. A Task Force convened in 2003 and recommended a new bridge in the same location. A citizens group disagreed with the Council-appointed Task Force and presented their information. The City Council agreed to maintain the bridge in lieu of removing. Significant flood events were in 1961, 1993 and 1999. Presently, the sidewalk is deteriorating rapidly. Steel floor beams, stringers and connections are continuing to weaken and concrete piers and abutments continue to get worse. The proposed 2006 repairs would include replacing sidewalk and railings, and repair of expansion plates. Estimated costs for the 2006 repairs would be \$100,000. Annualized cost of past, present and future repair and maintenance would be \$18,000 a year. Mr. Cherry stated that by 2015 repair or replacement of the steel floor beams, stringers and connections would be necessary. Repainting the bridge may also be a consideration. By 2025 the concrete piers and abutments should be repaired or replaced. Mr. Butch Kehe agreed with the proposed repairs to the

sidewalk, railings and expansion plates. Mr. Kehe also informed the audience that precast concrete sections were cheaper than other materials. A chain link fence would be secured to the sidewalk on the outside of the bridge and a guardrail would be along the inside of the bridge. A member of the audience expressed concern that the bridge did service the community as a functional crossing for east side businesses and that repairs should be implemented. The present bridge does have a load limit and is susceptible to flooding. The bridge at its present capacity is not eligible for any funding programs. Administrator Crayne informed Council that there is \$15,000 currently budgeted and another \$30,000 available in the 06-07 budget. Another member of the audience asked staff to examine gusset plates during the bridge's repair process. Staff and Butch Kehe will work on a design/build proposal for Council's review in the near future.

3. **Quarterly Review of Strategic Planning Report.**

Administrator Crayne reviewed Council's 2006 Strategic Plan and its Goals and Priorities and the progress made on said goals.

**E. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

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

Council thanked Linda Moeller for her participation as Guest Councilperson for March.

**F. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Moved By: Boorum**

**Seconded By: Ribich**

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Council adjourned at 9:16 P. M.**

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**Ivan J. Ackerman, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Richard J. Crayne, City Administrator**