

Study Session Meeting Minutes

July 24 2006~ 7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on July 24, 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, Gene Lieb, Connie Rasmussen, and Gary Boorum. Absent: Fred Ribich

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

Moved By: Ecker

Seconded By: Rasmussen

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

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

2. Presentation of Plaque.

The Council thanked Carl Dillon for his service on the Library Board.

B. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Resolution 06-53, A Resolution Setting Additional User Fees and Charges for the Municipal Golf Course for 2006.

Golf Commissioner Tony Lutz had completed a survey of other golf courses and colleges and found the additional fees appropriate.

Moved By: Grace

Seconded By: Ecker

Resolution 06-53, A Resolution Setting Additional User Fees and Charges for out of town college teams playing in Wartburg College Events at \$12.50 per player or \$75 per team for the Municipal Golf Course for 2006 is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

2. Approve Purchase of SCADA Upgrade (PHASE 2) for the Waverly Water Tower Controllers.

Public Services Superintendent Sullivan informed Council that the upgrade is for the Water Tower SCADA system. The system(Panel) at the Water Plant controls how the four wells and three water towers operate.

Moved By: Rasmussen

Seconded By: Grace

The Purchase of SCADA Upgrade (PHASE 2) from US Filter Control Systems Inc. in the amount of \$15,744.00 for the Waverly Water Tower Controllers is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

C. STUDY SESSION.

1. Review Sidewalk Program.

City Engineer Cherry stated that the City Council had requested a thorough review and discussion of a sidewalk inspection, repair and construction program. The City currently has been limited to enforcing the subdivision ordinance and adding ADA compliant pedestrian ramps on City initiated projects. Additionally sidewalk was added near each of the three public elementary schools. The elements of a sidewalk program include:

- Sidewalk installation in new developments and subdivisions
- Maintaining and repairing the existing sidewalk network
- Eliminating gaps within an existing network
- Add a network of sidewalks to neighborhoods lacking pedestrian accommodations

Waverly's subdivision ordinance requires sidewalks to be installed in all new

developments. The Developer provides City with a performance bond or letter of credit providing for the installation of all the sidewalks within a specified time period. Sidewalks must be constructed as development occurs and vacant lots must have sidewalk installed prior to the expiration of the developer's performance guarantee. Maintaining and repairing the existing sidewalk network requires a regular inspection schedule, a city contractor available to perform work, and may require assessing cost of repair. Mr. Cherry reviewed defective sidewalk areas in Waverly. The shoulder area, trees and insufficient right-of-way remain as challenges to the City sidewalk network. Possible solutions might be to remove trees, acquire right-of-way or obtain construction easements and build retaining walls or sloped embankments. Discussion followed on sidewalk gaps in new subdivisions, additions where sidewalks are on one side of street, and in subdivisions where sidewalks were never installed. City Engineer Cherry proposed to continue enforcing sidewalk subdivision regulations, develop a program to repair and maintain the existing sidewalk network, eliminate sidewalk gaps and add sidewalks to neighborhoods without them. The plan would provide inspection of one region of the City per year at an annual labor cost of \$60,000. Ten percent of time would be identifying problem areas and ninety percent would be the follow-up with property owners, assessing values and enforcement. Other comments expressed:

- Sidewalk programs controversial
- Question whether the City should have rubber sidewalks especially where trees are involved
- Most property owners don't know where to start – have the City take care of it and put assessment on taxes
- Owners should pay
- Some think it's the City's responsibility
- Is it the right time for elderly residents – quite a burden
- Not in favor of sidewalk performance bond – expensive-holds the developer responsible
- Put sidewalk in when house is sold
- Why sidewalk on both sides
- Comprehensive plan for sidewalks
- Public education of a sidewalk program
- Should the City have a system of trails and sidewalks
- Question whether Comprehensive Plan shows sidewalks on one or both sides of the street
- Concern for loss of trees
- Average cost to developers for performance bonds
- Letter of credit more expensive
- No sidewalks in Bridal Spur
- Interest in continuing enforcement of sidewalk subdivision regulations and limited interest in developing an inspection and maintenance program regarding additional staff
- Third time it has come to Council
- No sidewalks in Hinds, Rolling Meadows, Murphy additions and to Wal-Mart
- In areas where there are kids yes, but why do we need them in older areas
- Take sidewalks out in older areas
- Bonding for sidewalk program – essential corporate purpose
- RUT funds can be used for sidewalks only as part of street construction or reconstruction project

