

Study Session Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2007 ~ 7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ackerman presided. Council members present were: Cyndi Ecker, Gene Lieb, Gary Grace, Gary Boorum, Connie Rasmussen, and Duane Liddle.
Absent: Fred Ribich

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

Moved By: Rasmussen

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

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

B. TABLED ITEMS.

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Pay Request from Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments in the amount of \$393.44 for the Lead Based Paint II.
2. Pay Request from Northland Regional Council of Governments in the amount of \$811.63 for Rehab II.

Moved By: Liddle

Items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. Review of the Waverly Light and Power Financial Statement.

Glenn Cannon stated that Waverly Light and Power's Audit is in conformity with general accounting principles. WLP has issued requests for proposals for an additional power supply and received responses. The Board will review said responses. Waverly Light and Power has also accepted bids for two 900 kilowatt wind turbines from AWE. Mr. Cannon discussed global warming and climate changes and introduced Waverly Light and Power's new rate design to encourage energy efficiency.

2. Bremer County Building Official Doug Bird Will Be Present to Review Building Code Updates.

Doug Byrd informed Council that the building code updates are a balance for the communities of Denver, Janesville, Readlyn, Tripoli and Waverly. The update calls for the establishment of a Board of Appeals, Electrical and Plumbing Board. Waverly will be represented by 2 members on each board. Mr. Byrd has met with City staff and contractors as well as Waverly's Electrical and Plumbing Boards. The update will also benefit the public as the community insurance rating that is established by the ISO will be improved. Building permit fees will increase approximately 10% and for larger projects there will be a plan review fee. The building code will be reviewed again in three years. Discussion followed on waiving fees for economic development projects and powers of the Board of Appeals.

3. **Review of Proposed Downtown Location for Waverly Farmer's Market.**
Rob Faux informed Council that the Farmer's Market has been turning away vendors and needs more room for Saturday's market. 1st Avenue SE between 2nd and 3rd Streets SE has more room and has better access for the handicap and elderly. The new location has more shade for fresh produce and more parking and will benefit downtown merchants. Police Chief Pursell felt that the area could be blocked off. Pat Brown from the Boveia Law Firm had no problem with the Farmer's Market on Saturdays.
Moved By: Grace
The use of 1st Avenue SE from 2nd and 3rd Streets SE for one year is hereby approved.
Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1
4. **John McKee Development Nonjudicial Foreclosure.**
City Attorney Carney informed Council that the City has received notice of election to proceed with alternative non-judicial voluntary foreclosure procedure for the Centennial Oaks Golf Club Addition. John McKee Development, Inc. has entered into an agreement to convey undeveloped property to State Bank & Trust Company. The City is not adversely affected but was contacted because of pending special assessments. Assessments, and future infrastructure will be paid by the bank. Phase 3A of the Golf Club addition has not been accepted by the City. City Attorney Carney will discuss recreational trail and street extensions in the Golf Club Addition and deterioration of Augusta Lane with State Bank & Trust. The driving range maintenance continues to be the responsibility of the Golf Club Addition and the obligation is ongoing.
5. **Council Member Liddle requests the City Council consider changes to Chapter 66 of the Waverly Municipal Code entitled *Junk Motor Vehicles*.**
Councilmember Liddle reviewed his proposed changes to Chapter 66 of the Waverly Municipal Code entitled Junk Motor Vehicles. Said changes were to Sections 66.2 regarding Definitions, Section 66.3 Authority to Take Possession of Junk Motor Vehicles, Section 66.10 Cost of Abatement, Section 66.11 Hearing, Appeal, and Section 66.12 Penalties. City Attorney Carney stated that if the proposed changes were made to the ordinance, abatement could not be enforced. Chief Pursell also stated that notices to abate are complaint driven and said notices have been issued to other properties and follow the same process. Councilmember Liddle felt that the ordinance penalizes people who restore vehicles. Councilmember Ecker informed Council that even Junk Dealers are inspected and have to follow strict guidelines. Mr. Liddle voiced concerns with health hazards of non-enclosed dumpsters. After further discussion the other five members of the Council expressed no interest in pursuing the proposed changes to Chapter 66 entitled Junk Motor Vehicles.
6. **Review of Proposal for Establishing Economic Development and Support within the City of Waverly.**
Administrator Crayne reviewed the Council's Strategic Planning goal of establishing Economic Development Plan within the City of Waverly. Mr. Crayne presented a plan proposal and job description to the Council. Traci Magsamen felt that economic development was not given the emphasis and focus it should have received in the Waverly Area Development organization. Discussion followed on properties in Business Park and entrance. Mayor Ackerman stated that the proposed new system would increase costs. Jeff Meyers also stated that

the Waverly Area Development Board heard from their membership and were ready to redirect their vision and take the next step to reorganization. Mr. Crayne requested that the community should evaluate the proposed economic development system after three years. Councilmember Boorum reminded Council that Ames has increased its tax base due to their focus on economic development. Councilmember Rasmussen voiced her concern with the loss of Waverly Area Development Group staff. The City had been approached by the WADG Board to take over Economic Development. Ms. Magsamen emphasized that the WADG Board can reorganize and concentrate on Main Street, Chamber and Tourism. Mr. Crayne believes that economic development, although hard to measure, is the responsibility of the full community.

F. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

G. VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS.

City Engineer Cherry informed Council that he has been in contact with the IDOT on redesign of intersection at Technology Place. Mr. Cherry will bring the project to Council in June or July.

There will be a meeting on May 2nd on a possible Dog Park in front of the Wastewater Plant. Ball Diamonds remain a Council priority.

Discussion followed on Steffes Construction correspondence.

Council congratulated staff and Golf Commission on their advertising of the Golf Course.

Council thanked Ron Matthias for his service as Guest Councilperson.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorum

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

Council adjourned at 9:09 P. M.

Ivan J. Ackerman, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk