

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on August 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Brunkhorst presided. Council members present were: Kathy Olson, Gary Boorum, Jim Vowels, Richard Lindell, Gene Lieb, Gary Grace. Tim Kangas. Absent: None

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

Moved By: Grace

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

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

B. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no comments.

C. TABLED ITEMS.

1. **Resolution 10-112, A Resolution Establishing a Program for Maintenance and Repair of Existing Sidewalks.**

No action was taken on this item.

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Report on Golf Course Management Options.**

Larry Van Daalen, stated that the:

- Golf Commission has had limited time to discuss said proposal.
- In July the subcommittee was asked to give a report to the Golf Commission and Council on Management options.
- The Golf Commission felt too rushed on making a decision on management options.

Concerns expressed at the Golf Commission Meeting:

- There are two valued employees who are doing a great job- Doug Snook and Greg Mason.
- Golf Course expenses are the same as 6 years ago with the same quality.
- Greg Mason-gives the City a lot of experience with his knowledge of golf courses.
- Last year was the highest revenue generated ever for the Golf Course.
- Last year the Golf Course was 10.6% of the City's total general fund expenses.
- Waverly Golf & Country Club agreed to accept non-members into the Club House during play.

- Golf Courses that have been “privatized” by management companies in almost every case have seen quality compromised.
- High School and College golf students can golf for free.
- Golf Course is used for sledding and fireworks.

Mr. Van Daalen suggested that the Commission have a discussion with Doug Snook to see how long he plans on working for the Golf Course and continue to contract with Greg Mason and the Golf Commission would then have the time to research possible management options. The Golf Commission would like to know what is an acceptable funding subsidy? Other concerns expressed:

- Expenses have been trimmed and may compromise the quality of the course.
- The two new holes take up 16 acres and the old ones took up seven.
- The new water feature is high maintenance.
- The overall golf economy is down.
- Centennial Oaks continues to compete with the Municipal Course.
- Last year the Council decided not to increase fees.

Council reviews operations to see if they are running efficiently. Council wants to work with the Commission and Country Club members to maintain the quality of the Golf Course. Steve Tyler informed the Council that these are tough times in the Golf business. The maintenance budgets of golf courses are going up. Mr. Tyler thought it was not a good idea to raise fees. Dan Freiburger voiced concern with City events held at Centennial Oaks instead of the Municipal Course and Tax Increment Financing funding. Duane Liddle discussed getting accurate numbers of golf course funding and the College Golf Team getting free golf at the Municipal Course. Doug Snook thanked supporters of the Golf Course. Mr. Snook voiced concern with scrutiny of the golf course subsidy. The Pro Shop lease and Greg Mason’s contract comes up in January. The Golf Commission will have to decide on the length of Greg Mason’s contract due January 1st. Greg Mason urged Council to consider a multi year contract upon renewal of his contract.

2. **Discussion of Band Shell Project and Process.**

Dick Moeller, President of the Greater Waverly Municipal Band, asked Council’s permission to use the bandshell transfer out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds to engage an architect to design a bandshell. The Municipal Band has been performing in Kohlmann Park during the summer and has 400 to 500 in attendance at said concerts. The Band wants to explore sites for the band shell. The Band likes Kohlmann Park because of the shade trees, playground and bathroom facilities. The Waverly Chamber of Commerce arranges the sponsors and food vendors. Councilperson Vowels stated that the Greater Waverly Municipal Band would like to keep the bandshell as close to downtown as they can and enhance the river. Staff will work with Dick Moeller on an architectural proposal for site

selection and costs for a bandshell for recommendation to Council. Other Greater Waverly Municipal Band Members present were Mark Mueller, Keith Collins, and Sandy Oldenburger.

3. **Update on the Status of a Joint Veteran's Post.**

Carl Benning stated that Jim Beam sent an e-mail on the status of the joint Veteran's Post. Mr. Benning informed the Council that the Veteran's group is in the first phase of fundraising which will and continues to mid-September. After the first phase the Veteran's group will assess whether to move forward with this project or move to another site and build a one story building with room for future expansion. The current site would not work for a one story building. Right now the plans are to move forward with the plans that were presented to Council. Current fundraising is limited to the local veteran groups. Mr. Benning also stated that they will not have the architect design anything until they reach their desired fundraising goals.

Community Development and Zoning Official Kohout informed the Council that the State entered into a grant agreement with the City to start the formal application process for the AMVETS building demolition. This is the only non-resident application submitted by Waverly. In September a proposal will come to Council for the grant agreement administration proposal with INRCOG. The application will require a site assessment to make sure it is cleaned up before the Federal Government pays the City. The City should hear something by January, 2011.

E. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes-green energy proposal to Council. Hank Bagelmann informed Council that Planning and Zoning went through consultant applications for the Comprehensive Plan Update process. Community Development & Zoning Official Kohout has contacted a list of interested stakeholders who represent different interest of the community to participate in the update process.

Municipal Airport Commission Minutes – The Commission will attend the September 27th Council Meeting.

Library Board of Trustees Minutes-The Library has added more broadband for patron use.

Administrator Crayne stated that the Council received this evening additional information on sidewalk maintenance repair program. Staff will work on size of project, what are the assessment fees, staffing models.

2. **Reports.**

3. **Communications.**

F. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

There is no left hand turn going south on Highway 218 by the new Mc Donalds. Discussion followed on traffic cameras.
Hank Bagelmann stated that there are grant opportunities for wind energy. The Council reminded citizens of traffic safety with school starting. Discussion followed on Isiah Krull's push for the State's new seatbelt law and Waverly Shell Rock ACT scores.
The Swimming Pool will be open from 4:00 – 8:00 P. M. this week, regular hours next weekend and on August 30th from 5:30 – 7:30 P. M. is the dog swim.
Council thanked the City street crew for fixing the 3rd Street SE Bridge. Council thanked Janet Platter for her service as guest Councilperson and she hopes that the golf course will be there for all people.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

1. To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Moved By: Boorum

Enter in Executive Session.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

Moved By: Boorum

Reenter into open session.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

H. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorum

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

Council adjourned at 9:23 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk