

**WAVERLY CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION AGENDA
November 22, 2010 ~ 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

A. CALL TO ORDER.

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: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

2. **Proclamation.**

The Council approved Saturday, November 27, 2010 as "Small Business Saturday."

Yes 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

B. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mayor Brunkhorst informed Duane Liddle that he and two council members discussed the airport after the Council meeting last week. Mayor Brunkhorst also informed Mr. Liddle that he wanted to make sure that surrounding property owners are informed about the Airport Layout Plan process. City Attorney Carney stated that the agenda item is a discussion of what is the future of the Airport. 2nd Avenue SW will be asphalt paved and some curbs might have to be reconstructed.

C. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Review 4th Street SW Traffic Study.**

Tony Boes of Snyder and Associates reviewed the scope of the study which is to the intersections of 4th Street and 2nd Avenue SW, 5th Avenue and 8th Avenue SW. The intersection of West Bremer and 6th Street was also included. The study collects data on crash history, traffic signal warrants, capacity analysis, and pedestrian crossing options. Cost opinions on improvements will be developed for intersection operational changes. The 4th Street Corridor reflected a higher than state-wide crash history for years 2005 – 2009. Other study information confirmed no warrants were met for traffic signal installation. The use of pedestrian crossing signs with LED flashers were suggested with possible cross walk painting and advanced pedestrian crossing signs. Completion of pedestrian ramps at the intersection and removal of the 6th Street / Bremer Avenue west traffic signal was anticipated upon completion of school improvements.

Mr. Boes suggested converting the remaining 2 lane facility on 4th Street to a three lane cross section with a center turn lane. City staff were assigned to check with other communities on effectiveness pedestrian crossing signs with pedestrian activated LED flashers.

Recommended improvement costs will be discussed at budget time.

2. **2011 Iowa Legislative Update.**

Representative Pat Grassley informed Council that he will be the chair of the Economic Development and Rebuild Iowa Committee. He stated legislators will examine the budget for efficiencies and inefficiencies.

Bill Dix, Senator Elect, informed Council that the focus will be on creating private sector jobs and long term careers. Other goals are to see where tax dollars are spent and set priorities.

Discussion followed on Smart Planning. Mr. Dix does not see an increase in funding to the Time-21 Fund for City roads and water infrastructure.

Discussion followed on watershed planning.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a tool that Cities have today to assist in economic development projects. Mr. Crayne asked legislators to continue to support TIF due to its role in job creation and retention. He also stressed the impact that property taxes have on local government budgets.

3. **Assess the Future of the Waverly Municipal Airport.**

The City Council studied the future of the Waverly Airport. There was consensus from Council that Waverly needs an airport. There was also consensus that further exploration should be done with the FAA. Further, the Council suggested meetings with staff and interested Council members with affected property owners due to a proposed future airport project lengthening the runway and expanding runway safety areas to meet FAA compliance. The City hopes to acquire the properties for the long term community benefit and done fairly through appraisals, negotiations and reappraisal process. It was anticipated capital improvement plan proposed change would take place in FY 2011 with potential for a project in FY 2013 and 2014. McClure Engineering will be asked to provide assistance with FAA. Dennis Hansen, chair of the Airport Commission, informed Council that spray plane activity through the Coops in the area generates \$1,150,000 in revenue. Aerial Services has made a \$4,000,000 capital investment in its operations. Out of 97 general aviation airports in the state, Waverly's traffic count rates 11th. Mr. Curtis stated Aerial Services buys locally in Waverly and paid for the City's portion of the Jet-A Fuel tank. Mitch Bond feels it is important to retain businesses in Waverly.

D. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

Golf Commission – working on the Golf Pro Agreement and Pro Shop Lease.

Cable Commission- February 1 Mediacom will be converting the City's and Wartburg TV Stations to digital. The City's station will change from 10 to 82.

2. **Reports.**

3. **Communication.**

E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

Public Services Superintendent Sullivan informed Council that garbage pickup for Thursday will be on Wednesday and Friday's will be on Monday of next week. The Yardwaste site will be open until December 4th.

Yardwaste and Recycling Centers will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week. A reminder if residents live on a snow route please remove cars if there is an accumulation of snow to assist in snow plowing.

Engelbrecht House is in Keller's parking lot. Candlelight walk event is December 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 P. M.

Council thanked Pat Grassley for his service as Guest Councilperson.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Grace

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

Council adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk