

WAVERLY CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
January 24, 2011 ~ 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

CORRECTED

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: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

B. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Kelly Engelken and Darcy Knights reviewed the Waverly Chamber Strategic Planning initiatives. Discussion followed on grants and the Chamber's Incubator Program.

C. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. **Resolution 11-09, A Resolution Awarding Contract to Baker Concrete And Excavating for the Demolition of 42 of the 69 HMGP Buyout Properties.**

Community Development & Zoning Specialist Kohout and Kyle Durant of INRCOG stated that the size of the contractor and their location relates to their bid. The City is waiting for the notice to proceed from the State on the demolition of 16 historic homes.

Moved By: Boorum

Resolution 11-09, A Resolution Awarding Contract to Baker Concrete And Excavating for the amount of \$423,380.25 for the Demolition of 42 of the 69 HMGP Buyout Properties is hereby approved.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Review Waverly Shell Rock School Traffic Study.**

Tony Boes of Snyder and Associates stated that this study was a joint study between the City of Waverly and Waverly Shell Rock Schools partially funded through the Iowa DOT TEAP funds. The study included data collection, crash analysis, traffic projections associated with the new school, traffic signal warrant analysis, capacity analysis of peak hour traffic conditions, development of recommendations for improvements and cost analysis. Bremer Ave at 16th Street and 20th Streets meet traffic signal warrant criteria. Initial improvements to address the needs of the area are a traffic signal at 16th Street and Bremer Ave, a trail connection from Bremer Ave 20th Street intersection south to the school site, sidewalk along the south side of Bremer Ave from 20th to 21st Street. The IDOT has agreed to reduce the speed limit to 45 m. p. h. by Heritage Way through the 10th Ave intersection area and a school speed limit of 35 m. p. h. along the school site and through the new school entrance area. Future improvements identified include reconstructing Bremer Ave. from 20th Street east to the railroad as a three lane cross section with a two way center left turn lane, and a roundabout at the 20th Street intersection. The City should consider an all way stop at the Heritage Way and 10th Ave intersection with flashers as a temporary measure only. A permanent solution would be to construct a roundabout at said intersection. The City should also consider sidewalks and trails along Bremer Ave on both sides

of the road, 20th Street along the east side north of Bremer Ave. to 3rd Ave and possibly north, 16th Street along the west side south of Bremer Ave to 4th Ave. SW and 2nd Ave from 16th Street to the railroad. Roundabouts slow traffic down, are pedestrian friendly and yield to oncoming traffic. The IDOT is in agreement with the City on the Traffic Signal at 16th Street and pedestrian/bike accommodations. Discussion followed on traffic signals at 15th Street and 16th Street, congestion problems and the need to coordinate signal operations at the two intersections. Snyder Engineering will evaluate costs of said proposal. The Council reviewed the plans for the pedestrian crossing from Willow Run Subdivision to the new school across Highway 3. Staff will bring an engineering proposal on the proposed accommodations on March 7th. Council discussed involving the School Board and parents in discussion of said improvements. The cost of the traffic signal and sidewalks is \$250,000. The staff will continue to have discussions with the IDOT on the 4th Street Corridor and Bremer Ave improvements. City Engineer Cherry informed Duane Liddle that an underpass by Redeemer Church would require a major reconstruction of Highway 3 to elevate it.

2. **Update on the Waverly Area Veterans Post.**

Jim Beam of the Waverly Area Veterans Post informed Council that the interior and exterior design of the facility is the same as was presented to Council last year. The Veteran's phase of fundraising is finished and they have collected \$800,000. The Veterans will apply for a CAT grant and the City and County are part of the application process. The new website is www.waverlyvets.us. The Vets have hired a public information consultant to get the news out about the joint facility all through the Midwest and nationally. If the Vets do not raise \$3.5 Million they will scale back their plans.

3. **Update on Mediacom's Changeover to Digital and Discussion with the Cable/Telecommunications Commission.**

Bruce Bahlmann reviewed the future goals of the Cable/Telecommunications Commission. Waverly's Channel is currently Channel 10 but will go to Channel 82 due to Mediacom's changeover on February 1st. The commission feels it may be of interest to the community not only to provide coverage of the Council meetings but also school programs. The Commission will also be looking at the City's website to see if it addresses the City's needs. Mediacom is providing a DTA (Digital Terminal Adaptor) for free. By going digital it will allow Mediacom to provide more digital service and more bandwidth for high definition data services.

4. **Discussion of Firearms or Other Weapons on City Property or in City Buildings.**

Police Chief Pursell informed Council that weapon permits last 5 years. Weapon permits are no longer solely at the discretion of the County Sheriff. An Iowa firearms permit allows concealed or open carry. Chief Pursell advises private enterprise to speak to their lawyers or headquarters on firearm restrictions. The state has put firearm restrictions on their buildings and will not stop cities and counties from setting up restrictions on their buildings. Potential options for Council consideration are no changes in city policy, develop an ordinance restricting weapons within city buildings, or establish city policy restricting persons from

entering a city building with weapons. Chief Pursell reviewed what other cities' policies were regarding firearms on their premises. The Waverly Library, Harlington Cemetery and the City parks have firearm restrictions for their facilities. City Attorney Carney's recommendation, should the Council decide to restrict firearms on city property, would be to adopt a city firearm restriction policy. Chief Pursell stated that most of the new changes to the firearm law have been related to the permits. Chief Pursell will update the Council periodically on what other communities are doing regarding the weapons law.

E. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

F. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

Candlelight Ski is February 5th 5:30 – 7:30 P. M.

Doug Snook was inducted into Iowa Golf Association's Hall of Fame.

Council discussed moving announcements up to Visitors/Public Comments section.

Council requested that announcements be made during Visitors/Public Comments section of the Council Meeting.

Council thanked Dave Barton for his service as Guest Councilperson and requested Council consider improvements to 29th Ave. SE.

Council recognized Ethan Young from Troop 90.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

Moved By: Vowels

To enter into closed session.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

Moved By: Vowels

To 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 9:33 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk