

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Brunkhorst presided. Council members present were: Gary Boorum, Jim Vowels, Richard Lindell, Gene Lieb, Gary Grace. Tim Kangas. Absent: Kathy Olson

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: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

B. VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Staff informed Duane Liddle no complaint has been filed for undisclosed amount removal of salvageable material from flood homes after the City buyout.

The Park and Open Space Plan open house is tomorrow at 6:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. at the Civic Center.

March 8th Cedar River Parkway Project Open House and March 15th is Flood Awareness Meeting.

C. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Review of Strategy for Locating the Waverly Band Shell in Kohlmann Park.**

Dr. Dick Moeller stated that the Band Shell Committee thinks the best site for the band shell is in Kohlmann Park. The Band Shell Committee requested a Board of Adjustment hearing on a variance for said band shell site but the hearing did not proceed. Discussion followed on whether the south half of 4th Avenue NW could be vacated by the City and become part of Kohlmann Park to meet the setback requirements for the band shell. The north half of 4th Avenue NW would remain a City street. Sharon Cashman informed the Council that the Leisure Services reviewed the pros and cons of Kohlmann Park and Memorial Park sites. Fred Wagner voiced concerns with the proposed violation of setback requirements and band shell size. Kathy Folkerts, Deb Lane, and Janet Platter voiced concerns with the Kohlmann Park location due to flooding, safety, geese, noise, and parking. Community Development and Zoning Specialist Kohout informed Duane Liddle that as long as the structure is built with flow through measures, utilities elevated to at least one foot above the 100 year level and the structure is non-residential or non-commercial it can be built in a flood plain. Mark Mueller stated that they have seen an increase of young families attending concerts. Diana Blake informed Council that

the Committee has spent a great deal of time dealing with facts, organizations, professionals to come up with band shell location. Eric Eckerman proposed a removable stop sign that could be rolled out during the concerts and one sided parking along 1st Street NW. The original band shell design was created 7 years ago when the Public Services site was proposed. The Band Shell Committee does not want to create a design until the site is identified. Dr. Moeller emphasized the need for shade trees. Council requested an example of the band shell design. Dr. Moeller stated that the Committee never looked at Regents' Park because it was Wartburg's property. John Campbell questioned whether fill could be used for the base in an U-1 Environmental Sensitive zone and the handicap design of the band shell. Jim Vowels stated that the Municipal Band Committee still wants to address safety and neighbors' concerns if the band continues to play in Kohlmann Park. Council still felt that they needed more information on the band shell design, safety and parking issues.

2. **Project Update and FEMA LOMR Process for the Waverly Dam Reconstruction Project.**

City Engineer Cherry reviewed the progress of the Waverly Dam Reconstruction project. All citizens can view said progress on the Waverly Dam Cam on the City's website. The next process would be to anchor 13 bolts into the limestone bedrock. The construction is behind schedule but the weather forecast is good. The bypass gates are open and the City continues to monitor the moisture in the snow pack upstream. At the point where flooding is a risk the coffer dam will be removed. The inflatable dam materials that have been installed are durable and can withstand flood waters if the coffer dam has to be removed. Peterson Contractors should be installing the dam gate system by the end of March.

Dan Fullerton informed Council that Stanley Consultants will help the City through the LOMR application process and also compile documentation necessary to accompany said application. Stanley Consultants will design modeling of the Cedar River and go through a series of calculations documenting what the river will look like when the dam is constructed. Mr. Fullerton reviewed the other phases of the LOMR process including public input on said process. The LOMR process takes about a year. Stanley Consultants modeling is coordinated with FEMA's modeling. In March or April staff will submit a contract for engineering services from Stanley Consultants for Council approval. The City will submit said applications for EDA review for reimbursement. The City will go through the Letter of Map Revision again when Dry Run Creek improvements are completed. There are approximately 24 properties that will be taken out of the flood plain because the rest of the properties on the west side of the river are affected by the Dry Run floodplain. City Engineer Cherry informed John Wuertz that in the case of high water it will take two days to remove the coffer dam.

3. **Review Hazard Mitigation and River Use Commission Progress.**

Marty Perry informed the Council that Lincoln Savings Bank has donated funds and the Hazard Mitigation/River Use Commission recommended that said funds be used to install crossing arms on the Dry Run for safety when full. Also said funds will be used to purchase rain barrels for citizens to use for rain runoff. The National Weather Service donated a high water mark sign in remembrance of 2008 flood and the Commission recommended that said sign be placed at the Fire Station. The Commission recommended that flood proof improvements be made to the main lift station, and a 5 to 10 year plan for Dry Run flood mitigation improvements. The Commission has recommended an exercise to work out any kinks in the Community Action Plan. The Commission will continue to work with the Cedar River Watershed Coalition and the Soil and Water Conservation Group and work with community groups on recreational opportunities for the river. Flood Awareness Open House March 15th at the Civic Center. The Rain Barrel event will be May 14th.

D. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

- 1. Boards and Commissions.
- 2. Reports.
“ The W” – revenues continue to grow. April 12th next Advisory Meeting.
- 3. Communication.

E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorum

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

Council adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk