

Waverly City Council  
Study Session Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2011 ~ 7:00 p.m.

**A. CALL TO ORDER.**

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

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.**

**C. STUDY SESSION.**

1. **Review Goals for Waverly Public Library Board of Trustees.**

Mark Anderson along with Elaine Main and Diana Blake reviewed the Waverly Public Library Annual Report Statistics. Mr. Anderson informed Council that as part of the Long Range Plan to "Create Young Readers" the Library offered 594 children's programs. The Library also continues to "Stimulate the Imagination" with a new cake pan collection and hosted teen game nights. WPL Foundation provided funding for game table and chairs for laptop users as part of the "Visit a Comfortable Place" initiative of the Long Range Plan. Visitors to the Library continue to increase. Library Director Sarah Meyer-Ryerson stated that the Council would have to approve an increased budget for extension of library hours. Ms. Meyer-Ryerson also informed Council that State funding is unstable and Federal funding is shared with all state libraries. It is also uncertain whether Iowa Workforce Development will move to the Library. 3% of books are purged annually so its collection remains current. Library service does its best to provide free programming. The Library also has been generating more volunteers. The Council discussed the regional impact of the library.

2. **Review Goals for Waverly Historic Preservation Commission.**

Kate Payne informed Council that Waverly Historic Preservation has signed two Memorandums of Agreements for two contracts to prepare surveys of three separate historic districts for the National Registry Program. The \$90,000 in funding for MOA Agreements is provided by FEMA and Homeland Security. The consultants are Jan Olive and Marlis Svenson who will develop education programs for the Historic Preservation Commission and participants. An objective of the Commission for this year is to promote a local recognition program that acknowledges projects citizens have completed to foster historic

preservation on their own homes. The Commission would like to educate the public on national register projects. The Commission also would like to develop a story about the Salvage Project from the 2008 Flood Buyout properties. Historic Preservation Commission encouraged Council to consider moving of houses that are slated to be demolished from the State Buyout properties. The National Historic Districts promotes tourism and marketing and provides for grant funding for Waverly.

3. **Update on Plans for Flood Buyout Properties.**

Leisure Services Director Ray informed Council that adjacent flood buyout lots to existing parks will be blended into the park system. Twelve lots are designated as community gardens. Four of those lots between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and east of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW will be adopted by institutions or clubs and all produce raised from the plots will be donated to the local free meal programs and NE Iowa Food Bank. The other garden initiative is the Orchard Grant written to the Fruit Orchard Association that would provide orchard trees, planting and instruction for maintaining the orchard. Some of the lots along the river will be kept and become part of the park system or be used as river access. Leisure Services is keeping track of interested neighbors who want to adopt a flood lot. The City presently has \$5,000 of the \$14,500 needed for the 2011 Community Institutional Gardens. The City has applied for other grants but have not heard from said funding sources. No structures, solid surfaces, parked vehicles can be put on said properties. The lease is for 5 years and is \$14 cost for the recording fees. There is an out clause for both parties included in the lease agreement.

**D. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

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

**E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.**

The Council discussed the road condition of 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The Council will discuss the road condition at its next Strategic Planning Session.

**F. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Moved By: Lindell**

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

**Yes: 6**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Council adjourned at 7:50 P. M.**

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Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

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Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk

