

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Brunkhorst presided. Council members present were: Kathy Olson, Gary Boorum, Richard Lindell, Gene Lieb, Gary Grace, Tim Kangas. Absent: Jim Vowels

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.

City Engineer Cherry informed Council that the median on 218 South will have a low grow grass and wildflower mix. There will be a concrete apron around the median to keep plants out of the gutter and act as a protective bumper for employees performing maintenance.

Mr. Cherry also informed Council that the 4th Street SW Contractor is responsible for cleaning debris from project impacted areas.

Fall season passes are available at the Golf Course.

The Council discussed traffic safety with the opening of school tomorrow.

Waverly-Shell Rock High School was ranked No. 1 in State for a combination of on the field, on stage and in the classroom award.

The 20th Street project is due to be completed in two weeks.

City Engineer Cherry stated that the sidewalk on 2nd Avenue SW was diverted because it was City owned property.

Jessica Hawbacker requested that the City consider reinstalling the stop sign by the Irving School because of car traffic on 2nd Avenue SW. There is a bus drop off at the old Irving School. Waverly Police Captain Jason Leonard stated that the Waverly Police do patrol during school hours. City Engineer Cherry stated that Iowa Code only allows temporary stop signs to be used at a school site.

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

No items.

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. **Approve July, 2011 Strategic Planning Document.**

The Strategic Planning priorities include River Use, Housing, and Downtown Revitalization. The Council appreciated the input from Department heads.

Moved By: Lieb

The July, 2011 Strategic Planning Document is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

2. **Resolution 11-108, A Resolution Approving a FAA Grant Agreement for the Realign Airport Access Road and Parking Lot 2011 Project.**

Moved By: Olson

Resolution 11-108, A Resolution Approving a FAA Grant Agreement for the Realign Airport Access Road and Parking Lot 2011 Project is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

3. **Third Reading of Ordinance 950, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Waverly Municipal Code Establishing and Describing Wards of the City of Waverly, Iowa.**

The City has made the requested changes made by the Bremer County Auditor for the final reading of the ordinance.

Moved By: Boorum

Third Reading of Ordinance 950, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Waverly Municipal Code Establishing and Describing Wards of the City of Waverly, Iowa is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

E. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Law Enforcement Entity Board to Review Plans for Building an Evidence Storage Building.**

Police Captain Jason Leonard informed Council that the site plan and cost estimate is for the new Impound Shed at Well No. 7 site. The current site is animal ridden and was flooded. The new building is a 60x40 foot building with three 12 foot doors to get vehicles in and out of the building. The 12x12 room inside is for heated storage and would be vented. There is a fence around the facility. The estimate for the building \$44,500.00 with additional costs for approaches, fencing, heated room and stairs. The land site is owned by the City and would be shared by the City and County. The current impound facility is on City land but is owned by the Law Board. It would be a 73/27 % split between the County and the City. Mr. Leonard also informed the Council that the current impound facility is full and the Police Department is charged for impound space at Mark's Towing service. The Law Board feels that there is a need because the facility holds evidence for trial. There are funds available for this project in the Law Enforcement Budget. Brian Sullivan stated that he was concerned if there would be chemical leakage from the building and land should be protected because it is a Wellhead Protection area. The Leisure Services Commission had previously requested that the current impound facility be moved so the City could further develop the Brookwood Park area.

2. **Outdoor Pool Report by Strategy Committee.**

The Strategy Committee has been reviewing the 2009 Engineering Study on the conditions of the outdoor pool. Eric Eckerman informed Council that there are different areas of delamination in the concrete, the filter will need to be replaced in 5 years, the suspended wooden floor should be replaced in the chemical room. The mechanical room has limited ventilation. Recirculation components have excessive corrosion and there

is cracking in the walls. The pool does not meet ADA standards. There is no shade on the pool deck and no slope entry in the main pool. The main and wading pool are separated by a fence. The heaters and disinfection system are nearing the end of life. There are no staff areas and the concession area is small. Leisure Services Director Ray presented pictures of conditions at the pool. Mr. Eckerman stated that the report suggests that the Council invest private and/or public capital funds into the facility to make sure it remains safe and operational or close the facility. Improving the operation of the facilities is important and updates to the amenities keep patrons coming. Mr. Eckerman feels that Waverly is a progressive community and wants to attract people. The report states option 1 is to retain the facility plus identify improvements to the level of financing. Option 2 is to replace and create a new aquatic center. A new pool will not be self sustaining and would need continued financial support from the City. Leisure Services Director Ray also informed Council that the Strategy Committee has talked about hiring a consultant to do cost estimates and designs and alternatives to come back to Council. A consultant will start working on designs or alternatives for the pool through the fall and come back during budget time with methods of financing. Leisure Services Director Ray and Leisure Services Commission will bring back consultant recommendation for consideration in two months.

3. **Review of Costs and Timeline of the Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance Program.**

Community Development and Zoning Specialist Ben Kohout informed Council that the new cost estimate for Zone 1 is \$388,581 reducing costs \$57,089 from the previous figure. The City will consult with the contractor about implementing saw cutting method on pedestrian ramps. Costs were also reduced after a detailed analysis of tree removal and needed sidewalk repairs of flood buyout homes. The City will reconstruct sidewalks on flood buyout properties first and continue with voluntary assessment property owner sidewalks, City pedestrian ramps and alley way sidewalk sections. The City is waiting until September 1st for property owners to respond to the City's request for permit applications. The Involuntary Assessment process will begin after September 1st with work ongoing through the fall and resuming next spring. Estimated cost for all four zones could be \$1,200,000. Residents in Zone 1 are paying approximately \$100,000 for their sidewalk repairs. If any resident decides to do their own sidewalk repair or if there are any changes or questions with their sidewalk repair they should contact the City. Mr. Kohout informed Duane Liddle that the contractor bills the City for the green portion of repairs and the property owners for the white portion of sidewalk repairs. Involuntary special assessments require $\frac{3}{4}$ vote approval of the City Council. There is an administrative fee of \$150 for involuntary assessment agreements. Council urged residents in Zone 1 that have to make sidewalk repairs to contact the City by September 1st. There is an appeal process for residents who differ with the City's criteria. The Zone 2

process will begin earlier in the spring for the northwest area. If business owners on the west side of Bremer Avenue want to replace their sidewalk the City will participate with them on brick inlays as was done on the East side. Voluntary and Involuntary Assessments can be paid over time.

F. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

G. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

City Council candidates can start filing August 29th and the last date for filing is September 22nd.

The Council thanked Diane Gray for her service as Guest Councilperson.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

To discuss collective bargaining strategy for upcoming City Unit and City Unit negotiations as provided by Section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa.

Moved By: Grace

To enter into Executive Session is hereby approved.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

Moved By: Boorum

To reenter into open session is hereby approved.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

I. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorum

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

Council adjourned at 8:52 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk