

voiced concern with cost sharing for the Go-Hawk emblem with WSR Schools.

Moved By: Olson

Add WSR logo and lettering to all 3 towers is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

City Engineer Cherry informed Council that staff will bring back another change order with the WSR emblem and lettering costs to the next meeting. Mr. Cherry also wants to have Kevin Miller, Gary Boorum and Dan McKenzie to serve on a sub-committee to approve of where the lettering and the emblem are going to be placed on each of the towers.

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. Review Housing Strategy Proposal from Economic Development Commission.

Economic Development Director Matthias stated that all Commission members, Council Liaison McKenzie and WLP's General Manager Diane Johnson have worked on the housing strategy. Chairperson Dave Reznicek informed Council that the Commission continues work to retain and support existing businesses and attracting workers to fill available positions in the Waverly area. The Commission is also trying to develop strategies for expansion of the Waverly Industrial Park, and development plans for the Downtown Redevelopment. There are many residential lots available in different developments with different price ranges. The current median home price in Waverly is \$138,435 and the average home sale price is \$174,000. Waverly builders surveyed, \$180,000 - \$200,000 is the minimum new home cost. Mr. Reznicek reviewed housing demographics and items discussed at the public forum on April 10th. There is general consensus that there is a lack of rental property available and this should be the initial focus. The Commission recommends that the City Council appropriate funds for an in depth study to understand the housing market within the community and how to address the needs. City Administrator Crayne stated that the Commission should research request for proposals and pursue possible consultants for said study. Economic Development Director Matthias informed Council of a federal funding program for affordable housing and applications are in the Economic Development office. The Federal funding is a money pool to be used by communities in the Cedar Valley. Barth Steere of Steere Home Builders stated that applicants will receive a 5-year forgivable loan for \$45,000 for a \$180,000 home and \$37,500 for a \$150,000 home. The bank reviews the application and if applicants have car or credit card debt they are refused said funding. Mr. Steere voiced concern with the increased building permit fees. Discussion followed on the increased cost of building multi-family dwellings.

2. **Review Project and Consultant Selection for Dry Run Creek Improvements – Phase 1 (Project Development).**

City Engineer Cherry informed Council that the Selection Committee recommends entering into contract negotiations with WHKS & Co. who has partnered with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for engineering services. WHKS & Co. will initiate services with Stanley Consultants playing a supporting role. Mr. Cherry stated that WHKS & Co. addressed issues and concerns of the dry run corridor and how they would proceed on alternatives and impacts to the adjacent property owners and neighborhood. After the 2008 flood a FEMA contractor created a post recovery visioning plan for the City. The City has acquired flood buyout houses along the dry run creek to create a greenbelt and community gardens have started. Park & Open Space Plan addresses some of the dry run project development and the Downtown Development Plan addresses the elimination of the flood plain for downtown redevelopment. Dry run improvements are a high priority on the Hazard Mitigation and River Use Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission. There are three levels of public participation including adjacent property owners, neighborhood, and community. Discussion followed on easements, in-stream detention, property acquisition and vehicle and pedestrian accommodations in areas along the corridor. WHKS & Co. will examine the whole corridor and evaluate whether the area needs hard surface or soft texture improvements. Staff will be looking for funding for the project. Improvements to the corridor from Cedar River to 5th Ave.NW would allow the City to do FEMA Map Revision. City Administrator Crayne stated that said engineering work would show the project development and costs and should be available in December.

3. **City Administrator Dick Crayne Retirement Announcement.**

City Administrator Dick Crayne announced that he will retire on December 1, 2012. Mr. Crayne has worked for the City for 23 years. The City will be utilizing an executive recruitment firm. Request for proposals have gone out and are due back this week. Councilmember Olson informed the Council that Tim Kangas, Mayor Brunkhorst, Dick and she will interview firms on July 30th. The recommendation will come to Council on August 6th. Councilmembers Olson and Kangas and Mayor Brunkhorst along with Finance Director Bachhuber will work with the recruitment firm to develop a process for the search. Council would like to have the new administrator start by November 15th. Mr. Crayne thanked the staff, citizens and public officials and commission members for their help during his years of service.

E. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes- Downtown historic walk on Sunday. The Commission will be sending RFP's for a survey of southwest Waverly.

2. **Reports.**
3. **Communication.**

F. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

Administrator Crayne reviewed items for the next Council meeting.
Councilmember Boorom thanked Public Works, Police, Fire Department staff for their help during Heritage Days.
Council congratulated Brian Sullivan for the Historic Preservation award for his home.
Council thanked Public Services Superintendent Sullivan and his Public Works staff on their work on the streets in town.
Council thanked Justin Jackson for his participation as Guest Councilperson.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorom

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent:1

Council adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Jo-Ellen Raap, City Clerk