

**Waverly City Council
Study Session Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2013 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on July 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ivan "Ike" Ackerman Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Bob Brunkhorst presided. Council members present were: Gary Boorum, Kathy Olson, Gene Lieb, Dan McKenzie, Wes Gade, Chris Neuendorf, Tim Kangas. Absent: None.

1. **Approve Agenda as Printed or Add Items for Discussion Only.**

Moved By: Olson

That the agenda for this Council meeting as prepared is hereby approved.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

B. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS.

- Mayor welcomed Sandy Salmon as guest council person.
- Duane Liddle thanked Public Services and Leisure Services, Pete Lampe and the Heritage Days Committee for all their help with the recent Heritage Days Celebration. The Heritage Days Committee is a small group and can always utilize additional members to volunteer their time and talents.

C. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Review 2013 Goals of Wartburg – Waverly Sports and Wellness Center (The W).**

Sheila Kittleson and Romeo Djoumessi of Wartburg – Waverly Sports and Wellness Center (The W) were present to review goals for 2013.

2. **Waverly Light & Power to Review Proposed Rate Changes.**

Mike Litterer and Curt Atkins of Waverly Light & Power were present to review the proposed rate changes. Waverly Light & Power consulted Utility Financial Solutions, LLC where Mark Beauchamp, CPA, CMA, MBA, President, Utility Financial Solutions performed a study analyzing current rates charged by Waverly Light & Power and made a recommendation on how Waverly Light & Power should move forward. There were two (2) recommendation options proposed to Waverly Light & Power based on monthly billed kilowatt hours:

- Option One – Reduce number of blocks from four (4) to three (3) in summer months.
- Option Two – Two blocks in summer months, two blocks in winter months.

If you would like to learn more regarding the proposed rate changes you are encouraged to call Waverly Light & Power at (319) 352-6251 and/or e-mail Waverly Light & Power Board of Trustees members, there is a contact list on the Waverly Light & Power web site at <http://wlp.waverlyia.com/>. All citizens are welcome to attend the Waverly Light & Power Board of Trustees meeting on August 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. when they will be reviewing the proposed rate changes. Public input is welcome. When rates are finalized they will go into effect on January 1, 2014.

3. **State Representative Sandy Salmon Will Present a Legislative Update.**

State Representative Sandy Salmon presented a legislative update:

- A big portion of the Legislators' duties is to pass the budget for the State of Iowa. There are 10 different budgets that make up one total budget for the State with each of the 10 having to be passed individually.
- The total budget passed for the fiscal year 2013 – 2014 was \$6.84809 billion. There is about \$7 billion additional dollars of funding which comes from the federal government.
- This year's budget expenditures are about 3% higher over last year's budget.

- The revenue increase was about 8.7% over last year.
- The State is required to keep 10% of its budget in an emergency fund.
- Property Tax Reform Bill
 - > Reduction of Assessed valuation of commercial and industrial property. It will now be assessed at 95% beginning January 1, 2014, 90% beginning January 1, 2015 and then be frozen.
 - > This is an attempt to bring commercial property tax rates more in line with residential.
 - > This is the first year in 10 years that the State has fully funded the Homestead Property Tax Credit.
 - > It is currently the State's plan, over a ten year period, that apartment complexes will be switched over from residential to commercial.
 - > There was \$110 million appropriated for the justice system pension fund and the peace officers' retirement fund which was vetoed by the governor. It has now reverted back to the \$5 million per year to the peace officers' fund.
- There were no gas tax changes.
- Road Use Tax Bill, also known as "gas tax", is still alive.
- Drivers' licenses can now be renewed on line every other time. The Counties will lose \$7 per license that is renewed on line. Representative Salmon will let us know whether the State will reimburse the County for the loss.
- Apartment / Multi-family Use Bill is still alive at the State level. No action has been taken on this.

D. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

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| Hazard Mitigation / River Use Commission Minutes | April 16, 2013 |
| Leisure Services Commission Minutes | June 26, 2013 |
| • Commission took annual tour of City Parks | |
| • Commission and Public reviewed 18 different park plans for Willow Lawn Park New Equipment. | |
| Board of Adjustment Minutes | July 8, 2013 |
| • Looking at putting a shelter in Pelican Park | |
| Economic Development Commission Minutes | July 9, 2013 |
| • How to enhance partnership with County and throughout the County. | |

2. **Reports.**

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| Building Trades Permit Issuance – Monthly Report | June, 2013 |
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3. **Communication.**

E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

- Attend the July 27th Waterloo Bucks game for only \$1. Tickets are available in the City of Waverly Economic Development Office.
- Congratulations to Network Control for winning 1st place in the Heritage Days Float contest.
- Waverly City Golf Tournament was this past weekend with many attendees.
- Mayor toured the new bakery over the weekend. It looks like they will be adding some commercial accounts.
- Heritage Days Celebration was great and there 5 reunions going on.
- The wild flowers in the median by Hy-Vee had annual weeds that were cut down.
- The Iowa Department of Transportation performs numerous traffic counts on a 4 year rotation.
- Citizens should be mindful of speed limits both going too fast and those going too slow.

- Those people who are requesting 65 gallon trash containers are on a waiting list. The yellow lids for 35 gallon containers have not arrived yet.
- Sidewalk permits cannot be shared between neighbors. Each property is required to have their own \$5 permit. They can share contractors.
- August 1 Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on a new convenience store on 4th Street SW and a public hearing on Champions Ridge.
- Sidewalk issues regarding Safe Routes to School and Neighborhood Connectivity can be brought up at any time by council, staff, different commissions or by the public. Numerous calls and comments have been received by members of the community regarding the lack of connectivity. Safe Routes have passed a strategy needs to have more details around the strategy and for Council to put the priorities together.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorum

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

Council adjourned at 8:47 P. M.

Bob Brunkhorst, Mayor

Attest:

Carla Guyer, Deputy City Clerk