

Study Session Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2015
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on February 23, 2015 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Infelt presided and the following Council Members were present: Reznicek, Waldstein, Lampe, McKenzie, Gade, and Kangas. Absent: Neuendorf

A. Call to Order.

B. Approval of Agenda.

Moved By: Waldstein Seconded By: Kangas

Agenda as presented is hereby approved.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

C. Study Session Calendar.

1. Champions Ridge update by Fred Ribich.

Champions Ridge Committee Chair Fred Ribich reviewed:

- Need for establishing site development costs, recent milestones achieved, and the importance of initiating needing to establish activity at the site with immediate focus on getting the ball diamonds operational.
- Ben Sandell, consultant with Confluence of Des Moines and Cedar Rapids gave an update on Phase 1 of the project design, specs and cost estimate for site preparation. There were no suggestions from Council for changes in the project design.

Further discussion took place regarding current and continuing fundraising and in-kind contributions to the project. It is expected that the project will be bid according to City bidding procedures. The committee will work to establish a Champions Ridge Governing Board (per Memorandum of Understanding) with 3 representatives from the fair association, 3 from the ball diamond groups, 1 at large and 1 City Council liaison.

2. Discussion of McKenzie property option

August 14, 2014 City Council approved an agreement between the City of Waverly and Scott and Tammy McKenzie for an option to purchase property. Council discussed the need to use the money for other possible City needs like the green bridge issue, housing, industrial park, commercial property or lowering the tax levy. It was the consensus to allow the option to expire.

3. Use of Eminent Domain for the remaining Airport properties

Staff and Council discussed using eminent domain for obtaining easements for the Waverly Municipal Airport. Council and city staff recognize that eminent domain is only to be set in motion as a final resort. Eminent domain in this case would not remove anyone from their home. This use is to purchase easements and land to improve the safety zone at the Waverly Municipal Airport.

D. Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. Economic Development Commission Minutes, Feb. 10, 2015, Record Received.

E. Staff Comments

1. Letter received from Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) congratulating the City of Waverly on the approval of the recent Hazard Mitigation Plan amendment.

2. Letter highlighting Waverly Chamber of Commerce sponsorships and other ways to contribute.
3. The Green Bridge assessment reports will be reviewed and communicated to Council and the community.
4. Council will be asked to vote on a resolution authorizing an additional \$50,000 contribution to the Waverly Area Veterans Post (WAVP) at the March 2 meeting.

F. City Council Comments

- Downtown street lights are in the process of being changed to brighter and whiter L.E.D. bulb.
- Council thanked Jeff Mick for his time in serving as a guest council person.

G. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Infelt commented on the importance of this meeting.

H. Adjournment

Moved By: Kangas Seconded By: Reznicek

To adjourn.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.