

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

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

**A. Call to Order.**

**B. Approval of Agenda.**

**Moved By: Kangas                      Seconded By: Neuendorf**

Agenda as presented is hereby approved.

**Moved By: Gade                      Seconded By: Neuendorf**

To amend agenda adding Public Comments as item C before moving on to Regular Business.

**Yes: 6                      No: 0                      Absent: 1**

To approve agenda as amended.

**Yes: 6                      No: 0                      Absent: 1**

**C. Public Comments.**

- Megan Buhrow presented a power point presentation featuring support for the Green Bridge. Ms. Buhrow maintains a Facebook page that monitors the likes for the bridge and a Petition Site that gathers demographic data of the people who have signed it. Currently, over one thousand people have signed the Petition site including local, regional, and global signatures.
- Nikki Welch who maintains the Facebook page for the dog park and has been active in the creation of it, expressed her and the Waverly Off-Leash Friends (WOLF) committee’s concern for the decision of having an asphalt parking lot due to the heat it would emit. For the safety of the pets, she would like recommendations including gravel to be considered, even though the asphalt approved by City Council.

**D. Regular Business.**

1. Resolution 15-64 approving and consenting to the Memorandum of Agreement among The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office, and the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the Dry Run Creek Flood Mitigation project for the section 404 permit and directs the mayor to sign this agreement on behalf of the City of Waverly.
  - The MOA was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission of March 19<sup>th</sup> and has been submitted by the Corps of Engineers to National Council and State Historic Preservation Office. Currently, both organizations are in agreement with the procedures and documentation of the house.
  - Duane Liddle inquired whether the city will be compensated from the expense and potential risk WHKS put the city in by not noticing that a 404 permit was required. Staff explained that the incurred document costs would have been required regardless of the oversight and to keep in

perspective the much larger role WHKS has in the construction phase of this process. WHKS and others were working through the permitting process appropriately under the guidance given by various federal agencies.

**Moved By: Neuendorf Seconded By: Kangas**  
is hereby approved.

**Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1**

**D. Study Session Calendar.**

**E. 1. Update from Leisure Services Commission chairperson, Brian Pins.**

Leisure Services Commission chairperson, Brian Pins reviewed:

- Work started on the pool project on February 9<sup>th</sup> with sandblasting and installation of new heaters. The projected completion date is May 22<sup>nd</sup> with the pool reopening May 30<sup>th</sup>. They are also looking at a share program with the W by combining lifeguard staffs.
- The cemetery wood sign will be replaced with a granite sign.
- The Economic Development and Leisure Services office is being remodeled with adding walls for one office and an additional front counter.
- The columns in front of the Civic Center will be redone this summer due to deterioration.
- The Skatepark work days will be March 25-26 to assemble the park components.
- 49 trees will be planted by the Waverly Rotary Club this fall in the downtown area.
- Public Services and Waverly Light and Power have helped remove 57 Ash trees and 104 hazard trees.
- The dog park's fence and the water lines ran should be installed for drinking fountains next week. Parking lot options are being discussed with the asphalt concern, as gravel is against City Ordinance and concrete would double the price. The WOLF group is also having a brick fundraiser for the entrance to help pay for amenities and offset future maintenance costs. A free Easter egg hunt for dogs will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon.  
A river clean-up day will be planned in June for the area around Red Cedar Park, and staff will consult with the DNR for any further mitigation.
- The Golf Pro Shop has new management under Jordan David.
- There will be a Hunger Workshop on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Trail Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Walk will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Middle School Service Day will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> with over 600 volunteers working around the community.
- The Community Share Gardens will open on May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.
- Trees Forever will be planting 211 trees on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW berm and the new substation southwest of Wartburg.

**D. Reports from Boards and Commissions**

1. Library Board Minutes, January 13, 2015, Record Received.
2. Library Board Minutes, February 10, 2015, Record Received.
3. Historic Preservation Commission Minutes, March 19, 2015, Record Received.
4. Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes, March 5, 2015, Record Received.
  - Council expressed concern on the policy on votes with absent members, and whether this commission should abide by the same rules as the council. Staff explained that State Code requires a majority of the seats regardless of present or not present for ordinances and resolutions and commissions are considered advisory bodies and not required to follow the same requirements. There is a perception that follows Planning and Zoning Commission items and the resulting vote, but items still come to Council for review regardless of how they passed.
  - Staff informed Council the receipt of a petition from the neighboring property owners of 1000 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE requesting a “No” vote for the item which will be presented at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was noted that several property owners aren’t opposed to the development but are concerned with the implications that rezoning to R-3 might have on the neighborhood and how they can protect it.
5. Monthly Financial Report, February 2015, Record Received.

**E. Staff Comments**

- Live-streaming on You Tube is now working and going forward, videos should archive faster.
- KCRG-TV will be featuring Waverly as “Our Town” the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Community Meeting for business leaders and others interested on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff presented a summary of the City Bridge fund listing revenues and expenditures. Staff explained that due to the condition of the Green Bridge, it qualifies for funds from the state. However, the funds aren’t eligible for repair of the structure due to the weight, width, and height restrictions. The funds would only be available to replace or relocate the structure.

**F. City Council Comments**

- Councilmember McKenzie informed public of the Community Meeting April 1 at the Middle School at 7:00 pm regarding the Mumford and Sons festival.
- Councilmember Reznicek expressed his appreciation for being invited to Eisenach Village and mentioned the interest in knowing how projects are prioritized for Council meetings. He also mentioned his concern for the RR crossing near the village and it was reiterated by other Councilmembers for the data to be reviewed by the state DOT for additional safety enhancements.
- Councilmember Kangas also enjoyed the time spent at Eisenach Village. He also verified from staff that DVD’s of the council meetings are still available at the library for either copies or check-outs and expressed his

concern regarding keeping the city staff up-to-date with training and technology for televising council meetings.

- Councilmember Waldstein appreciated being invited to the meeting with Councilmember McKenzie's Ward and Eisenach Village.
- Councilmember Gade asked for every public meeting to include public comments on the agenda.
- Guest Councilmember Korth thanked the Councilmember Neuendorf for being invited to participate and has enjoyed the experience.

**G. Mayor's Comments**

- Mayor Infelt commented that Wartburg College is launching the Waverly Phase of their fund-raising drive as of March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**H. Adjournment**

**Moved By: Kangas                      Seconded By: Neuendorf**

To adjourn.

**Yes: 6                                      No: 0                                      Absent: 1**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.