

Study Session Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2015
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on July 27, 2015 at 7:00 P. M. at Mayor Pro Tem Tim Kangas presided and the following Council Members were present: Reznicek, Waldstein, Lampe, McKenzie, Gade, and Neuendorf. Absent: None

A. Call to Order.

B. Approval of Agenda.

Moved By: Neuendorf Seconded By: Waldstein

Agenda as presented is hereby approved.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

C. Public Comments.

D. Study Session Calendar.

1. Discussion of the 3rd Street SE Bridge report.

- Tim McDermott of VJ Engineering was present to review 6 options for the 3rd Street SE Green Bridge report. A copy of the report is available in the clerk’s office at City Hall and is also available for review it in its entirety at <http://www.waverlyia.com/news/city-of-waverly/3rd-street-se-green-bridge-evaluation--feasibility-study.aspx>

- Council and staff considered each option with thorough discussion. Items included for consideration include: what finance options there could be; the current structural code vs. 1917 requirements along with risks of bridge failure; the historical value; the location of the bridge; longevity of a repair vs. a replacement; and possible future traffic needs.

Comments from the public were then received.

- Butch Kehe designed the repairs of the bridge in 1983 and the sidewalk repairs in 2004. Mr. Kehe stated that in 1983 it was relayed to Council that they should consider replacing the bridge in 1995. He said to restore the bridge to today’s standards puts a significant load on the bridge and there is no practical way to bring the bridge to current vehicular design standards. Mr. Kehe also stated a new bridge is the only practical option if wanting to open a bridge to regular truck traffic and there is need for a bridge at that location to use during flooding events for accessibility for residents in the southeast part of town.

- Duane Liddle commented on restoration vs. rehabilitation and added he would like to see it restored.

- Darin Gaede stated that he lives in the neighborhood and bridge at that location is sometimes their only option in and out of that area. 7th Avenue and 4th Street are both low points and would need to be elevated to allow for other options for evacuation during high level water and flood events.

- Pete Lampe noted that it is important to keep in mind the traffic count that bridge saw upwards of 3,000 vehicles per day, and the Bremer Avenue bridge will need maintenance or replacing in the future as well.

- Megan Buhrow stated that she would like Council to look at option for restoration of the bridge.

