

Study Session Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2016
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on April 25, 2016 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Infelt presided and the following Council Members were present: Kangas, Gade, McKenzie, and Sherer. Absent: Waldstein, Lampe, and Reznicek.

- A. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Infelt.
- B. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Gade to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3
- C. Moved by Kangas, seconded by McKenzie to Proclaim the day of April 22 to be Arbor Day for 2016.
Motion passed. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3
- D. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.
Guest Councilmember James Perry commented that with this being his third and final meeting he has looked forward to it and it has seemed to have gone by fairly quick.
- E. Study Session Calendar.
 1. Review of Iowa DOT Hwy 3/ Bremer Avenue Reconstruction 2017 project
 - Project Manager for the Reconstruction of Iowa Hwy 3/ Bremer Avenue Scott Sweet of WHKS recapped the presentations from the public information meetings that were held earlier at City Hall with members from WHKS, Iowa DOT, and City staff. After the formal presentation of the project, the meeting was opened up to public comments. Then, they divided the project into four sections to allow the public to focus their attention on the area that would affect them the most.
Mr. Sweet presented Council with the formal presentation which consisted of the following:
 - > Project Background which included: Need (This is based upon looking at existing conditions.), Concept Statement (A mechanism for them to determine the extent of the project by looking at existing pavement, alternatives for pavement reconstruction, and costs. This also allows urban areas to look at improvements to their infrastructure. It was determined that full reconstruction was the better alternative rather than overlay.), and Status (Preliminary layouts were completed prior to the public meeting and JCG Land Services, a right of way consultant, reviewed temporary easements of adjacent property owners for sidewalk reconstruction.)
 - > Project Improvements which included: Pavement Reconstruction, Storm Sewer, Water Main, ADA Compliance (at and between the intersections), Lighting (wiring and conduits upgrades), and the option of changing the landscape in the downtown area including the sidewalks after construction
 - > Geometric Analysis- Traffic analysis along the corridor looked at typical sections and intersections. One feasible option to consider would be to have a 3 lane section east of town to the bridge which would transition back to 4 lane until 4th Street NW and then, back to 3 lane. This option would increase the median width and include a bike lane. If the 3 lane route is chosen, they would look at the timing of traffic signals. It was also mentioned that if it is found that 3

lane won't work switching it back to 4 lane would only take changing pavement markings.

> Maintenance of Traffic which included: Staging, Constructability, and Accessibility during construction. According to Mr. Sweet, the Maintenance of Traffic throughout the project can determine whether or not the project is successful or not.

There will be a Public Information meeting in the summer 2016 and fall 2016. Letting will take place in February 2017 with construction beginning in spring 2017. WHKS will consolidate all of the comments from the first meeting and provide them to the City and to the public in the summer meeting. Also, JCG Land Services will be present at upcoming meetings to discuss the temporary right of way acquisition process.

2. Review the Long-Range Strategic Plan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

- City Engineer Mike Cherry stated that WHKS is the City's on-call consultant for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and assists in mapping out needs and developing improvement projects for the last 8 years. The facility was constructed in 1980 and the last major facility plan was completed in 2010. The plan identified projects based on the community's growth, projective, needs, and maintenance issues at the facility. Previously completed projects based off of this plan included: lift stations at 6th Avenue and Ridgewood, added covers onto final clarifiers, and in 2013, a trickling filter assessment. In January 2015, the Iowa DNR issued a new permit for the City which included two conditions. One condition dealt with copper which the City's testing show that we currently meet the criteria. The other condition is concerned with nutrient reduction focusing on the amount of phosphorus, nitrates, and ammonia that are in the waste stream going into the rivers. A nutrient reduction strategy report is due to Iowa DNR by December 2016. With the City's trickling filters nearing the end of their life, the City can look at replacing it with a new system that addresses phosphorus and nitrates in our waste water. The plan would go under design in 2020 and take 12 to 18 months to construct. The timing works out so the project will coincide with a drop off in debt capacity. In addition, the continuation of the 2.5% rate increase would allow money to be set aside for the estimated \$4 million project to take place in 2021. It was also noted that the existing trickling filter will be removed after the new system is in place.

F. Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. Airport Commission Minutes, Mar. 10, 2016, Rec'd into record.
2. Monthly Financials, Mar., 2016, Rec'd into record.

G. Staff Comments

Leisure Services Director Tab Ray reported that last year they applied and received a grant for a swing for special needs kids. The swing was installed earlier this month. Within 3 weeks, it was vandalized by too much weight being put on it. The picture of the swing gained a lot of publicity on social media, and after contacting the company in California and explaining the situation, the company replaced it.

H. City Council Comments

- Councilmember Gade commented on the downtown construction expressing businesses' concerns with wanting to see some type of improvements like the possibility of

opening up side streets. It was mentioned that having the bridge part of the equation made it difficult to have different options with the road closure.

- Councilmember McKenzie questioned if it was possible to have flashing red lights all around on 3rd Street to help the traffic on side streets get across or on Bremer Avenue.
- Councilmember Sherer commented on the creativity of downtown businesses with their signage. He also reflected on this being the end of his fourth month on Council and how he's impressed with City staff for being approachable and confident and feels the community is well-served.

I. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Infelt encouraged people to frequent downtown businesses during construction and when it is done.

J. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Gade to adjourn. Motion passed and Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M. Motion passed. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3

Charles D. Infelt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Valorie Manager, Office Manager