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Study Session Meeting Minutes –September 26, 2016
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on September 26, 2016 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Infelt presided and the following Council Members were present: Reznicek, Waldstein, McKenzie, Sherer and Kangas. Absent: Lampe and Gade.

- A. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Infelt.
- B. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Reznicek to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed. Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2
- C. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.
 - There were none.
- D. Study Session Calendar.
 1. Municipal Housing Commission Update
 - Executive Director of Waverly Homes Rebecca Laas reported to Council. Waverly Homes provides housing for people that are 62 years of age and older and those that are on Social Security Disability. The main goal of the home remains steady for 46 years and is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for all residents. There are 100 apartments between the two facilities. The three-story building has 54 apartments and the six one-story buildings hold 46 apartments. There is constant maintenance of the apartments which has helped the longevity of the buildings. Waverly Utilities donated their old sub-station building to the Waverly Homes. It is now used for storage. This freed up an efficiency apartment that was currently being used as storage. Waverly Homes purchased the house behind them in 2014, and it is now called the LZ Phoenix shelter for veterans. It is actually run by the board of Rally Point Cedar Valley Veterans. There are requirements that they cannot accept residents that are not in need of subsidy. The top end rent amount is \$462 per month for a couple for a one-story apartments at Waverly Homes. The top end rent amount for Waverly Manor is \$563 per month for a couple. If another 25 apartments were available, they could be filled from the waiting list. This would be a total of 125 apartments. A new building would open up more one-story apartments. Residents only pay for cable and phone services. Waverly Homes did open up some rooms for people impacted by the September 23, 2016 flood. If a new building were built, it probably would no longer house veterans. The LLC is looking to start a building fund and possibly moving the old house to a different location for veterans use.
 2. Waverly Public Library Board Update
 - Members of the Library Board were present (Diana Blake, Elaine Main, Jordan Shanks, Linda Podhajsky, and Library Director Sarah Meyer-Reyerson). Board Vice-President Diana Blake shared a handout with Council. Ms. Blake added that the library offers core services for all ages which include:
 - > Early Literacy Programs
 - Story Time for pre-school ages and younger. Staff goes to the pre-schools and in-home day cares to read stories. There are 54 traveling, story time programs every month to the preschools and the 12 in-home day cares.

- Summer Reading Program – helps children retain their reading skills over the summer months.
- School Class Visits – 41 school class visits are done per month.
- Teen Programming – There is a dedicated teen area with re-purposed benches. There are photography groups, author enhanced and monthly discussion groups, and many “Do It Yourself” programs.
- Adult Programs – There is Mysteries and Munchies- an adult summer reading program called Exercise Your Mind.

- The library offers usage of computers for those who do not have one at home and for anyone who needs to use one. They have downloadable books, audio books, online magazines, Waverly Newspapers online, historical photos that have been scanned and cataloged. Staff assists with computer help. There are an estimated 50 to 55 patrons per hour and about 150,000 visits per year from patrons. The library has gardens with water features. Eventually, staff would like to open up story time for home bound and older citizens that are unable to make it to the library. Staff would like to keep up with the demands of growth; however, this can only be done with additional staff flexibility.

- Council discussion followed. McKenzie noted that the traveling story time is very well received by children at the in-home day cares. Sherer commented that the library board has a great bunch of people. Library Director Sarah Meyer-Reyerson said the historic photos have mostly been received by individual donors, and the Budgeting & Finance Committee will meet next week. Council appreciates the Library Board, Director and Staff. They are fiscally responsible and yet creative. Library staff is not aware of the rumors that the library budget would be cut \$50,000. If this were to happen, it would impact the number of staff hours that would be available which would in turn affect the number of programs offered.

- Rebecca Laas also added that the residents of Waverly Homes also get the opportunity to enjoy library staff bringing them books. Residents truly love it.

- Council also thanked Rebecca Laas and the staff at Waverly Homes for their service in providing homes.

E. Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. Monthly Financials, August, 2016, Received into record.

F. Staff Comments

- City Clerk Carla Guyer reminded citizens who have had their utilities shut off due to the recent flooding that Waverly Utilities should have almost everyone’s electricity restored. For those MidAmerican Gas customers that are still in need of having their gas service restored, they can call MidAmerican. MidAmerican has restore orders all ready to go once a customer calls in. If there have been any appliances that have had any water contact or have been underwater, the appliances affected will need to be inspected by a contractor/plumber. Once they have been passed inspection, the customer can call MidAmerican, and they will restore the gas services to their residence. If appliances have been replaced, the resident will need to have the Bremer County Building and Zoning Department inspect them. Anyone in need of funding assistance due to the flooding should call the Northeast Iowa Community Action out of Decorah at 563-382-8436. There will be income thresholds to meet with this service. The Red Cross Shelter has closed. There are cleanup kits available at City Hall in the Community Development Office.

G. City Council Comments

- Councilmember Waldstein extended her thanks to City staff, citizens, student volunteers (both high school and college), and all other volunteers before and during the flood event. Mrs. Waldstein also mentioned that the Oktoberfest was a nice respite for many and noted that the Oktoberfest committee was sensitive to the situation.
- Councilmember McKenzie mentioned that the community showed its true colors with the efforts that were put into the flood event. City staff managed to get information out as timely as practical. Mr. McKenzie also hopes the community will stay together and help in the cleanup efforts as well. The new emergency operations center was put to the test and used and seemed to work very well.
- Council thanked Guest Councilmember Matthew Steuer for his time.

H. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Infelt reminded citizens there is more to go with clean up and moving everything back to basements or first floors. Mayor Infelt thanked Wartburg for the role they played and KWAY radio for taking such an active role.

I. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Sherer to adjourn. Motion passed and Council meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Motion passed. Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2

Charles Infelt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla Guyer, City Clerk