

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2016
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on February 15, 2016 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Infelt presided and the following Council Members present were: Reznicek, Waldstein, Lampe, McKenzie, Gade, and Sherer. Absent: None
Kangas arrived at 7:46 p.m.

- A. Mayor Infelt called the meeting to order.
- B. Moved by Waldstein, seconded by Sherer to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1
- C. Moved by Sherer, seconded Waldstein to approve the January 30, 2016 budget study session minutes.
Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1
- D. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.

- Duane Liddle commented on the Dry Run Creek Improvements box culverts.

Mr. Liddle also raised concern regarding quality of the televised meetings and TV crew being paid for poor quality. Staff informed Mr. Liddle that Wartburg Students who are the TV crew are only paid for televising Council meetings if the meeting extends longer than two hours and if classes are not in session.

- E. Consent Calendar.
 - 1. Pay request from Peters Construction Corporation for the Waverly Public Services for Operations and Disaster Response for \$15,508.48.
 - 2. Pay request from Design Alliance for the Waverly Public Services for Operations and Disaster Response for \$600.00.
 - 3. Pay request from Peterson Contractors, Inc. for the Dry Run Creek Improvements for \$59,652.53.
 - 4. Class B Liquor License for Jewels LLC d/b/a Happy Hour Bar.
 - 5. Change of Ownership for Class C Liquor License for Dollar General Store #11391.
 - 6. Class C Liquor License renewal for Dollar General Store #11391.

Moved by Waldstein, seconded by Lampe to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

- F. Regular Business.
 - 1. Public Comments and Council Discussion to be heard regarding the 3rd Street SE Bridge.
 - City Engineer Mike Cherry reviewed funding options such as Iowa Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP funding). TAP funds are available at both the regional and state levels. At the state level, there are \$1 Million per year available and has an application deadline of October 1 for the following construction season. Another source of funding would be at a state level and is called Iowa Living Roadway Projects which is used for multi-use trails. This is typically used for trails of regional or statewide commitments. There are some additional dollars coming in over the next couple of years that would allow for a \$300,000 request. This would require quick reaction as early as March. Locally, between TAP and State Transportation Program (STP) there may be \$600,000 available through INRCOG. Both types of funding would be for replacement not repair. WHKS has an opinion that that the additional paint and concrete work added to the 5 year fix would cost around \$1,565,000. However, sandblasting could result in additional repairs and cost.

- Two public comments were submitted. One was from Aaron Anhalt and stated that he was in favor of replacing the current 3rd Street SE bridge. The second was received from Mary Schildroth and stated that she would be in favor of doing a repair on the existing bridge. There were verbal comments from members of the audience as well. Barth Steere spoke in favor of replacing the current bridge with a two lane, concrete bridge. Brian Birgen spoke in favor of converting the current bridge into a pedestrian only bridge. John Kaiser spoke in favor of replacing the current bridge with a two lane, concrete bridge. Randy Neuendorf spoke in favor of replacing the current bridge with a new two lane, concrete bridge with weight limits and slower speed limits. Duane Liddle spoke in favor of repairing the current bridge. Dave Frerking spoke in favor a new bridge similar to the current one. Pete Lampe voiced his concerns about the need to decide whether a collector street is what the city wants at that location. Mr. Lampe added that he would like to see a new bridge that would be for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Council discussion included whether the City would have the authority to restrict the weight limit on the bridge, how a different bridge would affect the appearance of the neighborhood, and which option would have the greatest return on investment and annualized costs.

Councilmember Tim Kangas arrived at 7:46 p.m.

2. Moved by Waldstein, seconded by Lampe to Set the Public Hearing date to review the 2016 Bituminous Seal Coat Program project Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Cost for March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.
Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 1 (Gade) Absent: 0
 - Discussion took place that this project might be held off a year to help fund a decision on the 3rd Street SE Bridge.
3. Moved by Lampe, seconded by Waldstein to Set the Public Hearing date to review the Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17 for March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.
Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0
4. Moved by Waldstein, seconded by McKenzie to Set the Public Hearing date to review the Citywide Pedestrian Ramp Construction 2016 project Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Cost for March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.
Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0
 - Discussion took place that this project might be held off a year to help fund a decision on the 3rd Street SE Bridge and whether it was fair to those citizens who have already participated in the first 5 years of the program.
5. Moved by Sherer, seconded by McKenzie to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 1010, an Ordinance Amending the Water Rates, Charges, and Minimum Rate for Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.
Motion passed. Yes: 4 No: 3 (Reznicek, Lampe, Gade) Absent: 0
 - Council and staff discussion took place regarding whether costs for temporary service interruption, i.e. for snow birds, could be looked at and concerns of affordability for residents who are less fortunate, how often the rates are raised, and for how much

they are raised.

- Duane Liddle, Larry Hanson, and Doug Mraz all voiced that they were not in favor of the rate increase.

6. Moved by McKenzie, seconded by Sherer to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 1011, an Ordinance Amending the Sewer Rates, Charges, and Minimum Rate for Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

Motion passed. Yes: 4 No: 3 (Reznicek, Lampe, Gade) Absent: 0

7. Moved by Sherer, seconded by Waldstein to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 1012, an Ordinance Amending the Solid Waste Rates, Charges, and Base Rate for Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

Motion passed. Yes: 4 No: 3 (Reznicek, Lampe, Gade) Absent: 0

- Waverly is growing; yet, the question is there regarding is there a need to raise the rates every year for three years and does it have to be 2½% each year? Disposable income could encourage local purchases. Service to customers should remain as it was.

- Larry Hanson questioned the possibility of privatizing solid waste collection. Duane Liddle noted responsibility to the younger generation on fixed incomes.

G. Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. The W Monthly Report, December 2015, Received into record.
2. Bremer-Waverly Law Board Minutes, January 11, 2016, Received into record.

H. Staff Comments

- There were none.

I. City Council Comments

- Councilmember Reznicek would like to help keep campaign promises of lowering rates. Discussion is part of the job and not meant to be negative.
- Councilmember Kangas would like to see more information on rates and for Council to have more of a chance to discuss other alternatives on the rate increases.
- Councilmember Sherer commented on the meaning of council comments being neither negative or positive.
- Councilmember Gade agreed with the comments from Councilmembers Reznicek and Sherer.

J. Mayor's Comments

- There were none.

- K. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Lampe to adjourn. Motion passed and Council meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

Charles D. Infelt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla Guyer, City Clerk