

Study Session Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2019
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on March 25, 2019 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Soash presided.

- A. Mayor Soash called the meeting to order.
- B. Roll Call
 - Present: Birgen, Kangas, Rathe, Sherer, and Waldstein
 - Absent: Drenkow and McKenzie
- C. Moved by Waldstein, seconded by Rathe to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed. Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2
- D. Moved by Sherer, seconded by Birgen to approve the March 4, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Motion passed. Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2
- E. Community Highlight
 1. Mayor and Council presented a plaque to the Waverly-Shell Rock girls and boys wrestling teams. Mayor and Council then recognized and congratulated them on their 2019 State Championships achievements. The girls celebrated the first State Championship in Iowa history, and the boys celebrated their 10th State Championship.
- F. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
 - There were none.
- G. Study Session Calendar
 1. Municipal Housing Commission Update
 - Director of Waverly Homes Rebecca Laas updated Council on the new apartments that will be constructed in 2019 and 2020. Ms. Laas noted that the rezoning has been completed. The old house that was on the designated property was demolished today. AHTS Architect has designed a two-story building that will be constructed to house 14 apartment units. There will be one- and two-bedroom apartments, and there will be two that are handicapped accessible. Tenants will have to meet income requirements. Waverly Homes has saved enough for this project so it will not be necessary to use any tax dollars. They expect to have the project completed by April, 2020. There are currently 100 total apartments. Waverly Homes relies only on the rents from their tenants and subsidies from the federal government for revenue.
 2. Tobacco and Nicotine Free Parks Discussion
 - Waverly Health Center Community Health Specialist Amanda Ranthum shared two handouts regarding tobacco and nicotine free parks. The Waverly Health Center holds the Tobacco Prevention and Control Grant for all of Bremer County from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Ms. Ranthum reviewed reasons to implement a tobacco and nicotine free parks and trails policy that would include all parks and trails within the Waverly City limits with the exception of the Municipal Golf Course, Memorial Park Ball Diamonds, and the County Fair area. Tobacco free parks and trails would re-enforce the original purpose of parks and outdoor spaces which is to be active, to be able to relax and to enjoy the outdoors. Ranthum started with the Leisure Services Commission Mission while emphasizing each point and explained how such a policy aligns well with the Mission. The Department of Public Health does provide free signage and communication will be a large part of making people aware of the policy. Peer enforcement also helps with compliance as such a policy would be self-enforced. This policy would include vaping. The grant has been held for at least 10 years and the Waverly Health Center continues to apply every year. Council will entertain public comments at the Council

meeting before discussing the proposed policy. Staff will work on a policy and bring it back to Council.

3. Review of the Fireworks Ordinance Sec. 104.4.01
 - Council reflected on the past input given by citizens and staff. Council thanked staff for the research that was gathered regarding other cities and their rules. Some of the comments that were made by Council included: what the City has in place so the public can form a sense of consistency and trending, restricting the current ordinance more or even banning the use of fireworks, and the importance of keeping the military vets, pets, people with mental disabilities, and senior citizens in mind. Council felt like it was important to hear more public comments at one of the three readings of a newly proposed ordinance. City Attorney Bill Werger was directed to prepare a new proposed ordinance.
4. Bergan KDV Council Computers Update
 - Andrew Brockway and Jordan Michaelson of Bergan KDV introduced discussion regarding Council Chamber technology options for viewing agendas, presentations, and other misc. items. The current system will no longer be supported after December 31 of this year. The gentlemen brought and demonstrated that a micro-computer could mount behind the monitor, under the desk, or just about anywhere. They had 17-inch monitors that would work with the micro-computers. Performance would be comparable to either option. They also brought a laptop and demonstrated how that would work. Unfortunately, the monitors are still necessary for the visual boxes to connect. The visual boxes allow each person at the dais to see what is being presented.

H. Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. Library Board Minutes; January 15, 2019; Received into record.
2. Airport Commission Minutes; February 14, 2019; Received into record.

I. Staff Comments

- Leisure Services Director Tab Ray announced that the Waverly Municipal Golf Course would be opening for the season on Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m.

J. City Council Comments

- Councilperson Rathe shared that Leisure Services Director Tab Ray received the Lifetime Achievement award at the Waverly Chamber Annual Dinner. She also noted the passing of a previous Mayor and Councilmember, Les Zelle.
- Councilperson Birgen will be at the Beach House directly following this meeting for anyone wanting to visit about City business. Horse Sale begins Tuesday, March 26. Please welcome all the visitors.
- Councilperson Sherer noted that Les Zelle was just short of celebrating his 95th birthday by a few weeks. He added that the Library Board will begin waiving all fines. This will be an experiment for one year.

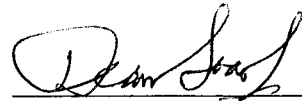
K. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Soash expanded Councilperson Rathe's comments regarding Tab Ray. There were four other awards given. Barb Bridges was awarded the Community Service award, Cedar Valley Hospice received the Not-for-Profit award, East Bremer Diner received the Small Business award, and Meyer Pharmacy received the Large Business award. He commented that the lines on Bremer Avenue have started to be re-painted.

- L. Moved by Waldstein, seconded by Birgen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.


Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2

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Dean Soash, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carla Guyer, City Clerk