

Study Session Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2019
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

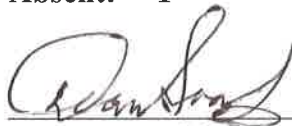
A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on October 28, 2019 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Soash presided.

- A. Mayor Soash called the meeting to order.
- B. Roll Call
Present: Birgen, Drenkow, Kangas, McKenzie, Rathe, Sherer, and Waldstein
Absent: None
- C. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Waldstein to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0
- D. Moved by Drenkow, seconded by Sherer to approve the October 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0
- E. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- Waverly Health Center Chief Executive Officer Jim Atty informed Council and the Public that the Waverly Ambulance response times have been on an average one minute faster, a 15% reduction in response times, since the Hwy. 3 / Bremer Avenue three-lane conversion has taken place and traffic signal timing has been optimized. Atty asked the providers and staff and no one felt that the road has impacted the time of care or ability to respond and no one has heard any comments that the road has impacted response times. The hospital conducts its business with the community’s well-being as its top priority and will continue to do so including an EMS program delivering care to our service area.
- F. Study Session Calendar.
- Presentation by Brian MacLearn of the Waverly Kiwanis Club
 - Brian MacLearn of the Greater Waverly Kiwanis Club shared with Council that the motto for Kiwanis is serving children. There are over 300,000 youth members as part of the 550,000 total members. There are groups in elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, universities, and colleges. One more club that they have is Adults with Disabilities called the Action Club. The clubs participate in over 150,000 projects annually. Kiwanis is currently involved with UNICEF to eradicate tetanus in underdeveloped countries. The Waverly Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesday mornings from 6:45 am until 8:00 am at Wartburg College. Membership is currently 20 members which is down from 34, and they would welcome new members. You can be a full member, without attending every meeting, just by helping with service projects. The Waverly Kiwanis Club has been very involved in Little League with field maintenance, concession stands, etc. Scholarships are funded for five Waverly-Shell Rock graduating students. One of the scholarships is reserved for a graduate pursuing a vocational or industrial education. The Club provides all tickets to area youth who are interested in attending the Kaleidoscope series at Gallagher Bluedorn and are proud supporters of the Waverly Public Library. Donations are annually given to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Friends of the Family, United Way, Waverly Health Center, Waverly-Shell Rock Booster Club, and Wartburg College. All are invited on November 19 at 6:45 a.m. to listen to guest speaker Sarah Meyer-Reyerson on the topic of; “So you think you know the library”.
 - Leisure Services Commission update
Moved by Waldstein, seconded by Sherer to postpone the Leisure Services Commission update until the November 4, 2019 meeting.
Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0
 - This postponement was due to the Commission Chair Randy Neuendorf coming down with an illness.

3. Ball Diamond Task Force update

- Ball Diamond Task Force Chairperson Jeremy Langner presented an update to Council regarding the youth ball diamonds proposal. Both baseball and softball clubs are represented on the task force. Charlie Heyer represents the softball club and Mr. Langner represents the baseball club. The task force members all reside in Waverly and are made up of parent advocates, current coaches, former coaches, and league leaders within the community. The organization of recreation opportunities is done by the coaches and volunteers for those clubs. The City provides the facilities for the ball clubs. There are needed improvements for ball facilities. The City of Shell Rock would be a partner with the clubs in terms of providing recreational opportunities. The task force would recommend using the Kiwanis fields as practice fields going forward. The designations of 8U, 10U, 12U, 13U represent that the field is capable of having kids play on that field and under. Mr. Langner also shared a conceptual drawing of a potential layout of fields. The Miracle Field will provide an opportunity for the youth in our community and surrounding areas with disabilities to be able to play ball with their friends. The Miracle Field will be positioned nearest the south parking lot and more centralized. The complex will allow for: the Miracle Field, three 14U softball fields and 13U baseball fields, three 10U and 12U softball fields, and there is an eighth field in the drawing, this field would allow for 13U baseball or possibly, softball. This field would support recent numbers for recreational baseball. There are some bio-swales drawn into the conceptual drawing. There are also playground structures, restrooms, concessions, bleachers, storage facility and press boxes included in the proposal. There would be a pedestrian/bike trail on the north by Crestwood and would run down Cedar River Parkway to adjoining neighborhoods south and west of the soccer fields. Trail visitors will be allowed to use this restroom facilities. Langner showed pictures of high waters making an impact on the proposed area from last spring. Communication to the surrounding neighborhoods and all of the citizens within the City needs to happen. There may be times that shared parking will become necessary and the soccer association has verbally agreed to sharing parking spaces.
- To accommodate the diversity of 8U through 13U fields, there will typically be moveable mounds and bases. There are some communities that also have portable fences so they can adjust fencing for the age group playing. Funding sources have not been determined yet, however there have been some ideas about it. There may be projects that will need to be delayed further. The Miracle Field surface will be like the soft surface that was installed at Kohlmann Park this past spring, and then, parents and/or volunteers assist children around the bases. Staff will look into ways of making pedestrian crossing safer near the soccer complex and the proposed softball/baseball complex on Cedar River Parkway. There are two task force members who are willing to sit on a committee to select an engineering firm together with two Councilmembers and two City staff. City Administrator James Bronner and Leisure Services Director Garret Riordan will drive the project going forward and give recommendations to Council while utilizing the ball group to determine the best fits for materials, etc. Council thanked the task force for the time and effort they invested in this project so far. Council expressed their sadness that the Champions Ridge project didn't come to fruition; yet, they support this proposed project.

- G. Reports from Boards and Commissions
1. Board of Adjustment Minutes; August 27, 2019; Received into record.
 2. Ball Diamond Task Force Minutes; September 23, 2019; Received into record.
- H. Staff Updates
- There were none.
- I. City Council Comments
- Councilmember Drenkow extended his apology for comments he made in regards to Kiwanis Club vs. Rotary. He noted his appreciation to those who talked with him personally regarding Champions Ridge.
 - Councilmember Birgen commented that there are too many drivers speeding along Cedar River Parkway and 1st Street St SE in that residential neighborhood. Due to having an Executive Session, he will not be going to a beer tonight after Council meeting. Trick or Treating is on Thursday so watch for kids.
 - Councilmember McKenzie thanked Jim Atty for his comments regarding ambulance response times.
 - Councilmember Kangas informed that there will be a candidate forum at City Hall on Wednesday, October 30.
- J. Mayor's Comments
- Mayor Soash commented on a Facebook post of Nick McCumber of Hobby House who set up a drone at 4-Queens. The video showed all sides of Waverly including the traffic patterns. Downtown Trick or Treating was a huge, crowded success.
- K. Executive Session
1. Moved by McKenzie, seconded by Birgen to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy for upcoming City Unit and City Unit negotiations as provided by Section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa.
Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0
Councilmember Kangas dismissed himself at 9:07 p.m.
Moved by Birgen, seconded by Waldstein to re-enter into open session is hereby approved.
Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1
- L. Moved by Sherer, seconded by Waldstein to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting was then adjourned at 9:19 p.m.
Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1



Dean Soash, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carla Guyer, City Clerk