

MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago

November 9th, 2010

A regular meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday November 9th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers.

Mayor Nowak called the meeting to order and conducted roll call. Council members present: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Staff Present: City Administrator Bleess, Deputy City Clerk Boeck. City Attorney: Douglas Johanson.

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to approve the proposed meeting agenda of November 9th, 2010. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to approve Council meeting minutes of October 12th, 2010. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

Consent Items

Motion by Gates, seconded by Johnson to approve all bills as listed on pages 6-15 of the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

Informational Items

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Ziegler to approve all informational items as listed on pages 16-28 of the Council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

After a brief summary on the EMS Committee, City Improvement Committee, Utility Committee, Community Trust Fund, and Library Board by Council members, motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to approve all commission and committee reports as listed on pages 29-35 of the Council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Open Meeting to Public

Mayor Nowak opened the meeting to the public for the first time. Norma Schmidt was present and wondered if the Legion could put there pop can collection bin in the Municipal Center

parking lot. It was determined that because of issues associated with snow plowing the bin will be placed on the corner of the Knaak Building.

Sally Yeager representing the Winnebago Quality of Life Committee wanted an update on any decisions made regarding extending the pool hours for the 2011 season. Ziegler informed us that the Park & Recreation Committee would be discussing that next year as the pool season approaches.

General Business

Authorizations

Certification of November, 2nd General Election Municipal Results

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to certify the results of the election as follows: For Mayor 2 year term Randy Nowak 423 votes, Write In Candidates 38 votes. Council 4 year term Stacy Huntington-Scofield 319 votes, Scott Robertson 388 votes, Write In Candidates 24 votes. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Fire Department Request

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to approve the hiring of 3-5 new firefighters. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Community Trust Fund Bylaws

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to approve the merger of the Community Trust Fund Committee and the City Improvement Committee. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Gates to approve the amended bylaws for the committees included in the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Social Media

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Gates to allow Administrator Bleess and Deputy City Clerk Boeck to utilize social media such as Facebook and Twitter for city business. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Increases/Resolution 276-2010

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Stauffer to approve Resolution 276-2010 Increasing Sewer Rates for the City of Winnebago from \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.60. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

Duplex Rental Rates

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to raise the duplex rental rates from \$415 per month to \$525. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Donation Request

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to donate \$95.46 from the 10% gambling fund to the Winnebago Cub Scouts attention Brian Winter. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

2010 Assessment Certification

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to certify the special assessments for unpaid utility bills, lawn mowing charges, and snow removal from the real estate taxes as listed on page 48 of the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

2011 Budget Proposal

Informational item only. Bless presented council with a list of changes to the 2011 budget proposal, listed on page 52. Johnson, and Ziegler both commented they are pleased with the budget process this year.

Other Business

Lions Club Pop Can Collection Bin

Discussion held. A member of the legion will measure to see if the bin will fit on the corner of the Knaak building, if not, another solution will be determined.

Skate Park Fundraiser

Motion by Gates, seconded by Ziegler to waive the \$60 municipal center rent fee for a group that plans to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser with proceeds going towards a new skate park. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy Rate Increase

Discussion was held on the Alliant Energy Rate Increase. Bless noted a meeting was to be held here in Winnebago and he asked the Council if they'd like to promote the meeting and/or take a stance on the issue. After discussion the consensus was to advertise for the meeting to be held at the Winnebago Municipal Center on December 8th in regards to the rate increase that Alliant Energy is proposing.

Sheetrock in Duplex Basements

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to approve the estimate submitted by Tom Owen for the replacement of sheetrock and insulation, treat wood with bleach, and replace studs if needed at additional costs. Total material and labor: \$11,212.00. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote with the following voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Open Meeting to Public

Mayor Nowak opened the meeting to the public for the second time. Norma Schmidt stated she would advertise on the radio for the Alliant Energy Rate Increase meeting. Hearing no other comments Mayor Nowak closed the meeting to the public.

Administrator Report

Administrator Bless stated that the employee health insurance is expected to increase for 2011 by 15%.

Council Reports

Gates stated this has been the smoothest budget he has been involved in. Johnson thanked Austin for all his hard work. Ziegler stated he agreed. Stauffer wanted to congratulate the new council members Scott and Stacy.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Presented to Council December 14th, 2010.

ATTEST:

Randy Nowak
Mayor

Austin Bless
City Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer