

MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago, Minnesota

October 12th, 2010

A regular meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday, October 12th, 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, and Stauffer. Staff Present: City Administrator Bless, Deputy City Clerk Boeck, and City Attorney Douglas Johanson.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Stauffer to approve the proposed meeting agenda with the additions of Property Clean Up, and Energy Rates. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to approve the Regular City Council minutes of September 14th, 2010. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Johnson to approve the Emergency Meeting minutes of September 24th, 2010. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Consent Items

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to approve all bills as listed in the council Packet. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Informational Items

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to approve all informational items as listed on pages 17 thru 26 in the council packet. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion of Utility Committee, City Improvement Committee, and Park & Recreation by Council members, motion by Gates, seconded by Ziegler to approve all committee and commission reports on pages 27 thru 30 of the council packet. 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, hearing no comments Mayor Nowak closed the meeting to the public.

General Business

Authorizations

Property Clean Up Request

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Stauffer to allow City Attorney Douglas Johanson to negotiate with a representative for property owners at 232 2nd Street NW. All costs, including employee time would be placed on tax rolls for that property with a high estimate of \$2000. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

City Wide Clean Up Day

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler, to not provide a cleanup day to remove property that may have been damaged as a result of the flooding on September 23, 2010. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Johnson, Ziegler. Voting against: Gates, Stauffer. Mayor Nowak voted against. Motion failed.

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign resolution 2010-475 to provide a cleanup day to those citizens that have registered with the city as of October 12, 2010 as to having had damage to property as a result of the flooding on September 23, 2010, in hopes that by doing so FEMA would reimburse for costs of the pickup. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Stauffer. Voting against: Johnson, Ziegler. Mayor Nowak voted in favor. Motion carried.

Employee Probationary Period

Motion by Gates, seconded by Ziegler to remove Rachel Peterson from probation and increase her wage by 3% effective September 15th, 2010. Discussion held. Voting in favor, Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

Flu Shot Clinic

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Stauffer to allow Cari Eastman to provide the seasonal flu vaccine to all city personnel at no cost. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer.

Duplex Furnaces

Motion by Gates, seconded by Ziegler to replace the furnaces at both duplex and award the work to Kaduce Plumbing & Heating at the cost of \$6508.00. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Enterprise Fund Transfer

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to transfer \$88,082.69 from the 601 fund, \$93,932.85 from the 602 fund and \$27,446.99 from the 604 fund to the debt service as has should have been done in the past. Discussion held. Voting favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Abdo, Eick & Meyers Engagement Letter

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Stauffer to accept engagement letter presented to Council from Abdo, Eick & Meyers which included services for three years with a minimal 2.5% increase in years 2011 and 2012. Discussion held. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Energy Rates

Motion by Gates, seconded by Stauffer to approve Resolution 2010-474 in support of MN Cities trying to keep electric rates from being raised by the Alliant Energy with copies of the resolution to be sent to the Office of Administrative Hearing and the Public Utilities Commission. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

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Administrator's Report

Administrator Bleess wanted to thank all of the public works staff for their hard work during the flood.

Council Reports

Council member Gates also thanked city staff for their hard work, Johnson agreed, Ziegler wanted to thank Austin and Megan as well, Stauffer stated she would like to thank family members of the public works staff for all the time away they had to spend during the flood.

Motion by Gates, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor: Gates, Johnson, Ziegler, Stauffer. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Megan Boeck, Deputy City Clerk

Present to Council November 9th, 2010.

ATTEST:

Randy Nowak
Mayor

Austin Bleess
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer