

MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago

August 9th, 2011

A regular meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday August 9th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers.

Acting Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and conducted roll call. Council members present: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Staff Present: City Administrator Bless. City Engineer Wesley Brown. Absent: Mayor Nowak, Deputy City Clerk Boeck, City Attorney Johanson.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve the proposed meeting agenda of August 9th, 2011 with the addition of Police Office Resignation. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Robertson to approve Council meeting minutes of July 12th, 2011 as written. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ziegler to approve Special City Council minutes of August 2nd, 2011 as written. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Consent Items

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to approve all bills as listed on pages 9-17 of the council packet. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Informational Items

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to approve all informational items as listed on pages 18-32 of the Council packet. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ziegler to extend Summer Hours until the last Friday of October. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield.

Johnson stated that Boeck's summary of the Clerks Institute was very informative.

Commission & Committee Reports

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve all commission and committee reports as listed on pages 33-36 in the council packet. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jerry Johannsen, 235 2nd Ave SW of Winnebago was present to discuss a possible Veterans Memorial in Whiting Park. He stated it'd be an attraction for Winnebago, and something people could be very proud of. Robertson stated that if Jerry was willing to do the leg work for the project council should give him their blessing to work alongside the parks department. Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to give priority in Whiting Park to the Veterans Memorial. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson Scofield. Motion carried.

PT Police Officers Resolution

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ziegler to approve Resolution 504-2011 Resolution of Police Declaration. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Closing out Project Funds

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve resolution 505-2011 Closing Funds No Longer in Service (1st Ave SW and 6th Street NW) and Transferring Revenue to Debt Service Funds. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Franchise Fee's

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield to approve Ordinance No. 2, 2011 implementing a Gas Energy Franchise Fee on CenterPoint Energy-Minnesota with the following monthly meter fees: Residential - \$1.50, Firm A - \$1.50, Firm B - \$4.25, Firm C - \$10.50, SVDF A - \$11.00, SVDF B - \$50.00, SVDF C - \$75.00. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Robertson, Scofield. Opposed: Ziegler. Motion carried.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign a new franchise agreement with Alliant Energy implementing a 2% franchise fee. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Robertson, Scofield. Opposed: Ziegler. Motion carried.

2011 Budget Reductions

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve the transfer from capital equipment to general fund \$53,000, with any other budget reductions in 2011 to hold harmless the police, fire, and ambulance departments. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

EDA Loan to Backwood Designs, LLC

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Scofield, to approve an EDA loan in the amount of \$38,756.00 at an interest rate of 5% for 10 years with the first three payments to be interest only. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Johnson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded Robertson by to allow the EDA to make loans without Council approval as state statues allows. When EDA loans are made, they will be placed in the Council packet as informational items. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Police Officer Resignation

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to approve resignation from Officer Vasvick. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried. Johnson stated it was sad to see him go.

Administrator Report

Bless thanked the Motofest committee for all their work. He stated it was a fun weekend overall. Monday August 15th from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. will be the new picnic shelter dedication. September 10th, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. the EDA Hall of Fame Award will be presented to Larry and Sue Stauffer.

Council Reports

Scofield stated Motofest was wonderful, and it was good to see all the people around. She appreciates the discussion on franchise fees.

Robertson thanked Chris Vasvick for all his work, he considers him a friend, and appreciates his work for Winnebago these past years.

Ziegler thanked Chris Vasvick for his service, and he wishes him the best. Also, a thanks to the parade committee because it is a big undertaking.

Johnson stated he is really going to miss Chris Vasvick, but it's good to see him continue on with his career. Johnson also thanked anyone who had a hand in Motofest. It takes a lot of volunteers.

Closed Session

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ziegler to adjourn into closed session to discuss the property purchase of R31.200.7320, R31.200.7640, and R31.200.7670. Council Member Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Present in the closed session was Acting Mayor Johnson, Council Members Ziegler and Scofield, and City Administrator Bless. Council Member Robertson abstained from and was not present in the Closed Session.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Scofield, to go into open session. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to purchase the three parcels and the old trailer court for \$12,500 to be paid for out of the liquor store reserves. Discussion held. Acting Mayor Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Scofield, Ziegler. Robertson abstained. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to adjourn the meeting. Council member Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Ziegler, Scofield. Motion carried.

Presented to Council September 13th, 2011.

ATTEST:

Randy Nowak
Mayor

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