

MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago

May 10th, 2011

A regular meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday May 10th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers.

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

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to approve the proposed meeting agenda of May 10th, 2011. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

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

Consent Items

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Robertson to approve all bills as listed on pages 7-14 of the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Informational Items

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Scofield to approve all informational items as listed on pages 15-23 of the Council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Commission & Committee Reports

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to approve all commission and committee reports as listed on pages 24-28 in the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Bids for Main Street Sanitary Sewer Project

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 500-2011 Accepting Bid for the

Main Street Sanitary Sewer Project. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Scofield. Opposed: Robertson. Motion carried.

Transfer of Funds

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to transfer \$116,165 from the 899 Rural Fire Fund to the 401 Capital Equipment Fund. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Ambulance Department Hiring

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Scofield to authorize the hiring of Carol Ward to the Ambulance Department. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Selling Ambulance

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to approve selling the 1995 Ambulance on MN Bid to the highest bidder with a reserve price of \$10,000. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Accepting Donation

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to accept donation of \$206.16 into the 10% Gambling Fund via Resolution 499-2011. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Donation Request

Motion by Johnson, seconded Robertson to authorize donation of \$206.16 to BEAM from the 10% gambling fund. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Sale of City Lots

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to approve the sale of City lots at 25 2nd Ave NE to Crown Fixtures Inc for the amount of \$3,775.00. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Hiring Life Guards and Pool Manger

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to hire swimming pool lifeguards and manager as listed on page 35 of the council packet. Mary Hicks was present to discuss her concerns with leadership and authority at the pool. Jody Jordan was present to state her concerns for City Employee's serving on the park and recreation committee that don't utilize the pool. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Well Pump Maintenance

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Scofield to approve estimate from Bergerson-Caswell in the

amount of \$17,615 for needed repairs to well pump #2. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Fire Department Retirement

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to approve the retirement of Jerome Behnke from the Fire Department after 31 years of service. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Police Department Personnel

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Scofield to advertise accept resignation from Tim Dirkes effective May 21st, 2011. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to authorizing the hiring of Mike Beletti as an internal hire for a fulltime police officer position. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote, the following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy Changes

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield to approve the proposed changes to the personnel policy as presented in the revised personnel policy. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Open Meeting to Public

Police Chief Bob Toland stated he wanted to publicly thank Tim Dirkes, he did a great job for Winnebago and will be missed.

Administrator Report

Bless stated he has had a few conversations with Blue Earth City Administrator Kathy Bailey about the possibility of contracting our police department to provide coverage to Blue Earth. Bailey would like to have a joint work session on June 8th at 7pm in the Council Chambers. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Scofield to approve work session date and time. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote, the following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Bless also stated staff is appreciative of constructive feedback on pool operations and is looking at the various ideas shared to see if they are feasible.

Council Reports

Mayor Nowak recapped the Mayor's conference he attended last month. He also thanked Tim for his service, and welcomed Carol.

Johnson welcomed Mike and Carol and also thanked Tim and Jerome.

Robertson wanted to welcome everyone and thanked Brett Osborn for his work at the new park shelter.

Scofield stated the new Library Director really hit the ground running and is doing a knock out job.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to adjourn. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Presented to Council June 14th, 2011

ATTEST:

Randy Nowak
Mayor

Austin Bless
City Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer