



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WINNEBAGO, MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago

March 13th, 2012

A regular meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday March 13th, 2012 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: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Staff Present: City Administrator Bless, Deputy City Clerk Boeck, City Attorney Douglas Johanson and City Engineer Wes Brown.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to approve the proposed meeting agenda of March 13th, with the addition of Mayors Conference Request. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve council meeting minutes of February 14th, 2012 as written. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Consent Items

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to approve all consent items as listed on pages 6-14 of the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Informational Items

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Robertson to approve all informational items as listed on pages 15-22 of the Council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Commission & Committee Reports

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to approve all commission and committee reports as listed on pages 23-30 in the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Michele Wigern from Faribault County Soil and Water and present to discuss the current Well Head Protection Plan, parts 1 and 2. Wigern explain there is no cost to the city to put this plan into effect. The 1st part of the plan is designed to protect the pure water available now while keeping costs down. The 2nd portion of the plan is looking at ways to detect open wells or unsealed wells which can cause contamination of the water.

There being no further public comments the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

1st Ave SE

Wes Brown of Bolton and Menk presented the updated cost estimates along with the plans and specs for 1st Ave SE. Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 516-2012 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids. Brown stated that most of the increase to the Engineers Estimate was due to poor soil conditions. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Bonding 1st Ave SE

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield to approve Resolution 518-2012 Authorizing the Sale of Approximately \$1,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following members voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Refinancing Bonds

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 517-2012 Authorizing the Sale of Approximately \$1,070,000 General Obligation Improvement Cross Over Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A. Doing so would create a savings of \$49,000 without extending the period of the loan. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Campground Bath House

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to send this topic to the Utility Committee for further discussion. Robertson stated that a \$100,000 can go a long ways, and is worried that we may short ourselves. Scofield stated he wishes to see costs cut. Ziegler was pleased with the idea of no maintenance but didn't think the Council could make a decision on this without further discussion. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Change

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to authorize the amendment of Ordinance Number 1 (adding definitions of free standing signs, temporary signs, and portable signs), Ordinance Number 2 (eliminating the prohibition of flashing signs), Ordinance Number 3 (giving the Zoning Administrator the power to take action on rotted, unsafe or unsightly signs), and Ordinance Number 4 (adding regulations that deal with portable signs, where currently there are

no such regulations). Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Water Meter Purchase

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Scofield to approve the purchase of 26 water meters and 8 radio read tops for water meters at an estimated total cost of \$8534.00. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Resolution 515-2012

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ziegler to accept donation from the American Legion in the amount of \$30.56 to be deposited into the 10% gambling fund Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Mayor's Conference Request

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to allow Mayor Nowak to attend the Mayor's Conference in Winona. Bless stated the cost for the conference is \$120 plus hotel and mileage. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Reports

Bless stated there has been a lot of talk regarding the recent changes at the Library. Library's across the board are changing as the needs of the patrons are as well. Bless stated he supports the ideas of the Library Director Heidi and the changes that have been made, and feels the library is better off with a director like her.

Mayor Nowak wanted to remind everyone that the Ambulance Department is having a pancake feed on March 25th from 8:00am-12:30pm.

Johnson stated he had nothing to report.

Ziegler stated he had nothing to report.

Robertson mentioned he is excited about Brew Fest, stating it took off more than he ever thought it would.

Scofield stated she wanted to echo Austin on what he said in regards to the library. She is also in support of all the changes. Scofield believes the changes to be not just decorative but in the library atmosphere as well.

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

Presented to Council April 10th, 2012.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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