



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WINNEBAGO, MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago

May 8th, 2012

A regular meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday May 8th, 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 Wesley Brown.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to approve the proposed meeting agenda of May 8th as presented. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to approve council meeting minutes of April 10th, 2012 as written. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Johnson to approve special council meeting minutes of April 16th, 2012 as written. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Consent Items

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield to approve all consent items as listed on pages 10-20 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 Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve all informational items as listed on pages 21-28 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 Scofield to approve all commission and committee reports as listed on pages 29-Addendum 2 in the council packet. 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. Hearing none Mayor Nowak closed the meeting to the public.

1st Ave SE

Bless stated the Utility Committee met and discussed a change order for 1st Ave SE as requested. With little cost savings, and the number of trucks the street sees during the fall the Utility Committee recommends not to pursue a change order. Discussion held. Council's decision to leave 1st Ave SE as it was designed requires no motion.

Corn Plus Water Main Project

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Scofield to approve Resolution 525-2012 Approving Business Development Infrastructure Application. Bless stated in the event Corn Plus moves forward with extending a water main to their property this resolution will allow the city to apply for grant money from DEED to help pay for this project. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Seal Coating

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Zielger to approve bid for seal coating from Pearson Brothers Inc in the amount of \$27,769.60. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Campground

Motion by Scofield seconded by Johnson to approve primitive camping at West City Park near the East shelter and RV camping on the former tractor pull site which is also City property for the night of June 23rd. Discussion held . Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Scofield build a fence along the property lines of the old trailer park and the southern piece of the block that was recently been purchased by the city at an estimated cost of \$3,500. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

JM Manufacturing Water Bill

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Johnson to approve a \$7,000 credit to JM Manufacturing for high water bill if the following conditions are met: the plant is reopened within 12 months, and 25 jobs are maintained for 3 years. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Noise Permit

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson to approve Robert and Jane Sturtz' request for noise permit on May 26th, 2012 until 8pm. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Lifeguard Hiring

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Robertson to approve the hiring of lifeguards as listed on page 41 of the council packet. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Rate of Pay for Pool Staff

Motion by Ziegler seconded by Johnson to approve a raise in pay for the pool manager from \$9.19 to \$10.19 per hour. As well as raising the lifeguard and WSI pay rates by 2%. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Gambling Permit

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Scofield to allow the Winnebago Grill and the American Legion to provide pull tabs at the Grill. Bless stated all requirements have been met. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Craft Brew Fest Special Legislation

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to approve Resolution 524-2012 Approving Special Law. Bless stated the legislation provides a one day per calendar year exception for breweries that do not distribute in Minnesota to come to the City and pour their beer. Ziegler question if this special legislation indicated Winnebago only. Bless confirmed, if any other cities were to want to have out of state breweries that do not distribute into Minnesota they would have to be granted special legislation just like Winnebago. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Craft Brew Fest License

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Robertson to allow City Administrator Bless to approve all food, beverage, noise and miscellaneous licenses needed by various organizations for Craft Brew Fest. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Chief Toland Annual Review

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Ziegler to approve a COLA increase of 3% to Chief Toland as his anniversary date is May 5th. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Council Salaries

Bless noted he had been asked during the budgeting process last fall to bring up Council salaries and a possible raise for the next terms. Robertson stated he is not interested in raising Council's salaries. Ziegler stated he knows surrounding cities and counties have raised salaries of recent, feels it is admirable and agrees with Robertson. Scofield and Johnson were also in agreement. Discussion held. Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield, to not raise council salaries.

Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Ambulance Pay Rate for Transfers

Motion by Johnson, Ziegler to increase the rate of pay for ambulance transfers to \$20 per hour. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Property Clean Up

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ziegler to clean up the exterior of the old Lopez property as Ron Howe is now the current property owner and will keep in it good condition moving forward. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Hiring Firefighters

Motion by Scofield, seconded by Robertson to allow the fire department to advertise to hire more members. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Fire Rates

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Scofield to approve Resolution 526-2012 Adopting Rates for Fire Department Billing. Rates would be raised from \$250 (minor calls) and \$750 (major calls) to \$1000 per call. Discussion held. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Other Business

Scofield stated she had a discussion with Jerry Johannsen from the Veterans Memorial Committee regarding some obstacles they are facing with raising money. He wondered if the city would be willing to donate some of the liquor store funds. Ziegler stated with the land and the infrastructure the city was giving them that would be the city's contribution. Chief Toland, a member of the Memorial's committee, said that there are other avenues the committee can take in fund raising, they have only been at it a year so far, and something as big as this will take some real time and effort.

Reports

Bless stated thanked council for their approval on the Special legislation for Craft Brew Fest.

Mayor Nowak stated he had a good time at the Mayor's Conference. He learned the importance of networking and working together.

Johnson congratulated Bob on the positive review.

Ziegler thanked Bob for his hard work and congratulated Austin on delivering a baby.

Robertson stated he is really looking forward to Main Street Brightening up with the new flower pots, and is thankful the work is over. It's been a long process for businesses.

Scofield thanked both Gunther and Rosen for working with Austin on the Craft Brew Fest Legislation.

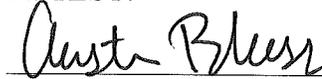
Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ziegler to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Nowak called for a vote. The following voted in favor: Johnson, Ziegler, Robertson, Scofield. Motion carried.

Presented to Council June 12th, 2012.



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Mayor

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