

**WATERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

There was a meeting of the Waterville City Council held in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2022.

Present: Mayor Alan Schmidtke, Council members Jennifer Grobe, Tim Smith, Roy McIntyre, Dave Wollin

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Hill, and City Attorney Jason Moran

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schmidtke Called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. noting that all Council members were present. Also present: Teresa Hill, City Administrator and City Attorney Jason Moran. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda/Additional Items to Agenda.

A request was submitted to Remove Item 5A. Herbert Street Drainage Ditch and 7A. Water and Sewer Vehicle Purchase and adding 7F. Ordering The Abatement of Emergency Conditions. **Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to approve the agenda as amended deleting 5A,7A and adding 7F Ordering the Abatement of Emergency Conditions.**

Motion Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes- October 4, 2022. B. Approval of Disbursements. 1. Electronic Fund Transfers (35253E-35274E) \$38,358.03. 2. Payroll Check Numbers (2022411-2022448) \$39,586.43. 3. Computer Generated Checks and Overtime (37148-37221) \$360,405.03. 4. Total Disbursements \$438,349.49. C. Impress Cash \$13.80. D. Fire Department Addition Relief Payment Approval. **Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Grobe to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Public Hearing on Assessments

Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to open the public hearings. Motion Carried 5-0.

No persons present or by written submission wished to address the Council.

Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Smith to Close the public Hearings. Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2022R-037 Adopting Delinquent Utility Assessment Roll. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Wollin to adopt Resolution 2022R-037 Adopting Delinquent Utilities Assessment Roll. Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2022R-038 Adopting Delinquent Refuse and Recycling Roll. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Smith to adopt Resolution 2022R-038. Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2022R-039 Adopting Delinquent Service Charges. Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to approve Resolution 2022R-039 Adopting Delinquent Service Charges. Motion Carried 5-0.

Unfinished Businesses

A. Herbert Street Drainage Ditch. Item was removed from the agenda.

B Snow Blower Purchase. Street Supervisor Hill presented information on the purchase of the snow blower. He advised that if the Blower were to be purchased in 2023 instead of 2022, we would see about a 9%-12% increase, approximately \$20,000. Councilmember Grobe inquired what the price is now. Street Supervisor Hiller informed the Council that the price is \$189,900. We have had some week snow falls for the last 2-3 years and that may be a little misleading. He also wanted the Council to keep in mind that this is a 30-year investment and the Council has talked that we should get into blowing the snow instead of loading. He also commented that if the rental does not move forward, we would need to load it or go back to the process of buying a blower. He also advised Council that the blower would be used for other jobs in addition to blowing the snow from the streets. Since we purchased the loader, this would be a good time to move forward with the

purchase so we have the whole package. Councilmember McIntyre commented that if we have our own, we could use it on other areas of the city streets rather than to just try to load trucks. Mayor Schmidtke stated that what we are looking at is like \$189,000. We raise the budget 5%. and now we are getting another new truck. It is not a very good time right now because budgets are going to be worse next year without this. Council McIntyre stated that he did not agree with him. Mayor Schmidtke stated that the tax payers are going to pay for this and he is here to do what is right for the taxpayers. Councilmember Grobe asked what the extra per year on the bond? The average principal without the Blower is \$25,000 and with the blower is \$49,000. The difference would be about \$25,000 or \$26,000 principal only. Mayor Schmidtke asked where the money is going to come from. Councilmember Wollin stated that we always have a lot of tough decisions to make and in the long haul it looks like it would be a good time to do it now because the price will be going up but as Alan said, taxes are going up and it is one of these really tough decisions. Councilmember Smith stated that he does see both sides of the argument, any justification that we have here. The lower now, rather than later and it is much easier to hire trucks than a snow blower. That doesn't necessarily justify the expense. Attorney Moran wanted the council to keep in mind that the city will have to maintain and insure this piece of equipment. Those costs would need to be factored in also. Councilmember Grobe asked if our loader now will make it through this winter if Fessels are not available? Mr. Hiller stated that hopefully it is an easy winter like we have had. Councilmember McIntyre commented that over the years this Council has delayed ordering new equipment and trying to run out equipment until it is so broke down and we cannot repair it anymore. If something breaks down, it takes 3 months to get repaired. We need to upgrade where we can do things efficiently and our employees are not in a hardship trying to clean streets in the winter time. Councilmember Grobe commented that if we make it through this winter, we will have a new loader and we could go back to the old way if we need to. **Motion by McIntyre to Approve the purchase of the Snow Blower.** Motion died for a lack of second. **Motion by Grobe, Seconded by Wollin to not purchase the Snow Blower. Voting For: Schmidtke, Wollin, Grobe and Smith. Voting against: McIntyre. Motion Carried 4-1.**

C. Equipment Bond.

Citizen Time

No persons present wished to address the Council.

New Business

A. Water and Sewer Vehicle Purchase. Item was removed from the agenda.

B. Street Closure Request-Waterville Chamber. The Waterville Chamber of Commerce requested the closure of Main Street from 1st Street to 3rd Street from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Magic on Main, a Chamber sponsored event. **Motion by Wollin to approve the street closure from 4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 26th on Main Street from 1st to 3rd. Motion Carried 5-0.**

C. Arts and Recreation Council-Brenda Langerud. Brenda Langerud and Patty Salmon presented information on how the Arts and Recreation Council was started. Mrs. Langerud commented that is aware with small communities you don't have extra staff to do things like grant writing. Cities have the Outdoor recreation program and No Child Left Inside Grant through MN DNR. The committee is requesting permission be granted to pursue the Outdoor Recreations grant for playground equipment for Oak Park. The Grant offers funding from \$10,000 to \$300,000 with a 50% match that does not need to be in cash. They have had some casual conversations with the Lions club about donating and they would be in interested in donating. She commented that they would be looking at playground equipment in the \$60,000 range. This would be about \$6,000 in kind. They would ask the Lions for a donation and also opening up to the community for donations. Councilmember Wollin inquired how much of a plan do they have already for what they would buy or want for equipment? Mrs. Langerud commented that it would be very similar to the playground here in Waterville Elementary, 4 different apparatus a handicapped swing, Jungle Gym. Flagship would be willing to develop and get community input of what they would like. The last time Waterville applied for these grants were 18 years ago. Mayor Schmidtke stated that that would be a good spot. They are getting a lot of little children in that area. Councilmember Wollin confirmed that the plan would be to remove everything and put new in. Mrs. Langerud did confirm that was the plan. **Motion by Wollin, Seconded by McIntyre to go forward with this. Motion Carried 5-0.** Mrs. Langerud commented if you ever wanted more members on your parks and Recreation Commission. Your Bylaws state there can be up to 7 people on the parks committee. Her understanding is that there are 3 right now. Mr. Wollin stated that she would have some people interested. Mrs.

Langerud confirmed that they would have some people interested. By laws also indicated one Council member should be on the Rec. Committee, School Board Members, a Junior in Highschool. So, if you would ever let some more people bring in some more forward ideas, they could probably appoint some more people.

Councilmember Wollin commented that that would be good, more ideas are always better.

D. Senior Center Flooring Quote. A quote was presented from Faribault Interiors for flooring in the Senior Center. Administration requested that the Council approve a maximum of \$5,000 from the 2022 budget for the purchase of the Carpet. **Motion by Smith, Seconded by Wollin to use 5,000 from this year's budget to purchase the flooring. Motion Carried 5-0.**

E. Ordinance 71.04 -2022 Parking Revision

1. Approval of the 1st Reading

2. Setting of Public Hearing date

Motion by Smith, Seconded by Wollin to approve the first reading. Motion Carried 5-0.

7F. Ordering the abatement of emergency conditions. Resolution 2022R-040 was presents ordering the abatement of emergency conditions. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by McIntyre to approve resolution 2022R-040. Motion Carried 5-0.

8. Reports

A. Attorney

B. Engineer

C. City Administrator

9. Council Discussion. Council member Wollin inquired about education about blowing leaves into the lake and how it effects the phosphorous levels.

Adjourn.

Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to Adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.