

Councilpersons:
First Ward: Gallenberger, Gibson
Second Ward: Schmidt, Hiers
Third Ward: Meurer, Bricher

Mayor: John Meisch
Clerk-Treas. Susan Schamaun
City Adm: David Schmidt
City Atty: Peter Ekstrand
Date: January 19, 2010

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wabasha was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 and was called to order by Mayor John Meisch.

Roll call found all members present.

Mayor Meisch called for citizen comments. Hearing none, he called for the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Meisch announced a change in the agenda and stated 5.1 will be changed from Ambulance Report to Library Report. He stated Ambulance Director, Darren Sheeley, was called to a meeting at the hospital and Library Director, Michele McCaughtry is present to provide Council with a report on the library.

Councilpersons Schmidt and Bricher moved to approve the following consent agenda:

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Gibson, Schmidt, Hiers, Bricher, Meurer, Gallenberger and Mayor Meisch
Nays: None

Approved the January 05, 2010, Regular meeting minutes.
2010 Appointments as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TREE/WEED INSPECTOR:	JOHNSON, TONY
FIRE CHIEF:	HOUGH, KEITH
UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT:	VOSEN, DAVID
EMERGENCY MGMT.DIRECTOR:	KRUGER, DAVID
CITY ATTORNEY:	EKSTRAND, PETER
OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY:	FIRST STATE BANK WABASHA COUNTY BANK
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:	WABASHA COUNTY HERALD
CITY ADMINISTRATOR:	SCHMIDT, DAVID
CITY CLERK/TREASURER:	SCHAMAUN, SUSAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	

AMBULANCE COMMISSION

3 YEAR TERM

1. GIBSON, MELODY 2012
2. DR. ROBERT TAYLOR, MEDICAL DIRECTOR

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

3 YEAR TERM

1. DICK, JAYNE 2012
2. MEYER, DAVID 2012

WABASHA PORT AUTHORITY

6 YEAR TERM

1. JACOBY, DON 2015

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES for PORT AUTHORITY

1. MAYOR JOHN MEISCH
2. BRICHER, CHARLES

HERITAGE PRES. COMMISSION

3 YEAR TERM

1. VACANT 2010
2. MILLER, DAN 2012
3. MARKEY, TED 2012
4. MANN, LINDA 2012

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| 1. JOHNSON, TONY | 4. ROSENDALE, PHIL |
| 2. SHEELEY, DARREN | 5. DAVE VOSEN |
| 3. DAVE KRUGER | 6. KEITH HOUGH |

LIBRARY BOARD

3 YEAR TERM

1. TENTIS, BARB 2012
2. KENNEBECK, DAVID 2012

PARK BOARD

3 YEAR TERM

1. KASPER, JAN 2012
2. NELSON, MICKEY 2012
3. GILLESPIE, RUTH (SUE) 2012

PLANNING COMMISSION 3 YEAR TERM

1. CATHERINE GALLENBERGER 2012
2. BRICHER, CHARLES 2012
3. SCHIERTS, HARTY 2009??

STREET COMMISSION 2 YEAR TERM

1. ABBOTT, JAMES JR 2011
2. BRICHER, CHARLES W. 2011

UTILITIES COMMISSION 3 YEAR TERM

1. WALLERICH, MICHAEL 2012

LODGING TAX COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERM

- SCHAMAUN, SUSAN 2012
- KLEES, CAROLYN 2012

FIRE COMMISSION 3 YEAR TERM

- O'FLAHERTY, FRANK 2012

Approved the following warrants as presented:

	General Fund	
Mayors		8,030.19
Fire Dept.	"	1,101.32
Police	"	3,372.20
Ambulance	"	1,291.01
Fire Siren	"	3.62
Streets	"	12,573.97
Park	"	1,741.22
Pool	"	465.00
Dog Pound	"	101.93
Harbor	"	91.34
Total		\$28,771.80

Mayor Meisch welcomed and introduced Library Director, Michele McCaughtry, and asked her to come forward to give the Library Report.

Michele McCaughtry came forward and reported the following:

- Sponsoring events from funds received from the MN Legacy Fund Grants.
- \$550,000 available through MN Legacy Fund Grant for 36 libraries.
- MN Legacy Fund Grant provides monies for arts and culture, history, and natural resources.
- Five libraries were selected and Wabasha was one of them.
- MN Legacy Fund Grant requires partnering with other resources and Wabasha has partnered with RJAC (River Junction Arts Council) and they have been key for the library to get these grant monies.
- MN Legacy Fund is a MN Constitutional Amendment in November 2008 and it raised the MN sales tax from 6.5% to 6.875% and this was done to dedicate funds to MN Outdoor Heritage, Clean Water Parks and Trails, our state's Arts and Cultural Heritage.
- The Library monies fall under the Arts & Cultural Heritage.
- Received a Doffing Foundation grant whereby they will be conducting a general assessment survey of the Library's historical resources.
- Bringing to Wabasha performances, exhibits and educational events.
- Can partner with local businesses for these grants.
- Funds cannot be used for events that are already established, but they can be used to establish and/or expand existing programs.
- Proposed events:
 - o 6-11-2010 - Children's band under the bridge.
 - o 3-3-2010 - Carolina Chocolate Drops Bluegrass Band at the Broadway Theatre.
 - o 3-13-2010 Music and puppet show at St. Felix
 - o Literary Festival during the summer.
- Another grant cycle will begin after June 30th.
- Friends of Library
 - o Call Library - will be put on list
 - o Do not have to be a card carrying member

Mayor Meisch announced due to Caucus Day, the next regular scheduled Council meeting has been changed from Tuesday, February 2, 2010, to Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm. He further announced there will be two public hearings at that meeting:

- Consideration of Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 2
- Consideration of amending Section 505.21 Subd. 3: The Sewer Service Charge System of the City Code

Mayor Meisch stated the two public hearing notices were published in the paper with the new date of Monday, February 1, 2010.

Mayor Meisch stated the City received a letter from Moen Law Firm in reference to the letter and final payment for the 2008 Paving Project submitted to Road Constructors.

Attorney Peter Ekstrand stated the letter from Moen Law Firm is a response letter to City Engineer, Bill Anderson's final letter to Road Constructors. In essence, Road Constructors is arguing the position that the City is taking and are asking for a formal statement from the City Engineer regarding liquidated damages for the delays and extra costs for engineering services. He further stated City Engineer Bill Anderson will draft a response and forward for review before sending out.

Attorney Peter Ekstrand stated, in reference to the fence by the slough, he prepared a Hold Harmless Agreement that would hold the County harmless from liability if they took the fence down. He stated the agreement was e-mailed to the County Attorney about a month ago and he forwarded to the County Engineer and County Administrator. Attorney Peter Ekstrand stated it will be put on the next County Board meeting. He suggested a representative from the City should attend the county Board meeting.

Mayor Meisch stated the City received a letter from Wabasha County Engineer, Dietrich Flesch, requesting a meeting with City officials to discuss revoking County Road 76, which would change the road authority from Wabasha County to the City of Wabasha on segments of County Road 76 within the City of Wabasha. It was determined Councilpersons Bricher, City Administrator and Mayor Meisch would meet with the County to discuss this issue. Mayor Meisch directed David Schmidt to contact the County to arrange the meeting.

Mayor Meisch announced the police department received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$150.00. A card received with the donation thanked the police department for all the care and compassion in the setting of law enforcement and keeping peace in the community. It also stated 'It's reassuring to know you can count on the Wabasha Police Department to go the extra mile'. Mayor Meisch thanked the Police Department.

Councilperson Meurer stated at the end of the last Council meeting the tv from US Cable was kept on and he and Councilperson Gibson were talking. He stated he received complaints that he was yelling at Councilperson Gibson. He offered Councilperson Gibson his apology.

Councilperson Gibson stated Councilperson Meurer was not yelling at her or being rude and they were just having a good discussion.

Councilperson Hiers stated Project GO is thinking about taking the kids skating next week. She asked the public if they have skates that are no longer be used, please drop off at City Hall to donate to the warming house for use.

Councilperson Schmidt stated as long as David Schmidt is going to contact the County, he asked that it be mentioned there are terrible potholes at Hiawatha and Pembroke and request that they be fixed.

Councilperson Gibson stated the Common Closet has signed a lease at 154 Pembroke Avenue and they are planning a soft opening of April 1st. She stated they are requesting donations of spring and summer clothing and they will be posting a notice as to when they will be accepting those donations. She stated to contact Jeanne Wodele, Carol Cookie, and herself. She also stated they are looking for men to serve on the board to make it a well rounded board.

Councilpersons Meurer and Gallenberger moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Motion adopted unanimously.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk/Treasurer