

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

Mayor: Rollin Hall
City Attny: Peter Ekstrand
City Adm: David Schmidt
City Clerk: Susan Schamaun

Date: January 4, 2011

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wabasha was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor John Meisch.

Mayor John Meisch swore in Mayor elect Rollin Hall.

Mayor Rollin Hall swore in first ward Councilperson John Friedmeyer, second ward Councilperson Steve Schmidt and third ward Councilperson Charles Bricher.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hall announced this past fall he had the opportunity to watch the local girl's volleyball team and stated he has never seen a nicer display of teamwork and the positive results were the Wabasha Girl's Volleyball team won the State Volleyball title. He stated he invited the Girl's Volleyball coach, Ms. Tara Bieber, to this meeting to talk about leadership, teamwork and positive attitude.

Ms. Tara Bieber came forward and gave a Powerpoint Presentation entitled "State Championship Story – What does it take and how did we do it?"

Mayor Hall asked if there were any Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Mayor Hall a speech to the citizens of Wabasha and expressed his appreciation for electing him to the office of Mayor for the next four years. He stated he is excited to be mayor and part of the City of Wabasha's City leadership team.

Mayor Hall asked retiring Mayor John Meisch to come forward and presented him with an engraved clock thanking him for his 24 years of service to the citizens of Wabasha.

Mayor Hall asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Councilperson Gallenberger stated she would like to add a closed session meeting at some point to discuss an employee issue. Mayor Hall stated that could be done and David Schmidt stated Council could meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00 pm to discuss the employee issue as well as police coverage issues. It was agreed Council would meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00 pm.

Councilperson Bricher suggested repositioning Chief Kruger so he could see the entire room during the meeting and so he would not have his back to anyone which would also mean there may be some repositioning of Councilpersons.

Committee Reports and Wabasha Good News: Mayor Hall stated he would like to have Councilpersons be active participants on City Commissions or Boards and then give reports on that commission or board and also to give some type of good news on some aspect of Wabasha perhaps on something to do with their particular ward.

Councilperson Bricher reported he is a member of the Street Commission and they meet the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm at City Hall. He stated the Street Commission reviews roads, signage, and equipment replacement. He stated the Street Commission looks forward to public input also.

Councilperson Schmidt asked if the City was on track for the paving project anticipated for 2011. Councilperson Bricher stated the design work is moving forward but the City is behind in reference to the public hearing process. David Schmidt stated the City met with Mr. Bill Anderson and Mr. Chuck Springer, who was hired to do an evaluation on the assessment review. He further stated he and Mayor Hall will be meeting with Mr. Mike Bubany to review the City's financial information. Mr. Chuck Springer has been hired to give the City the best assessment ratio information.

Councilperson Hiers reported she is a member of the Park Board and stated the Park Board finished a Park Plan where they looked at each park and prioritized what is needed for each park and now they are refocusing priorities due to the budget cuts. They will also be reviewing the Summer Rec Program and discussing restructuring it. She stated they want to make it a really good program and they are getting input from the community. She stated they meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm at City Hall. She stated she would like Council to consider the Park Board to amend their by-laws to allow one position to be opened to a member that may live on the prairie or right outside City limits.

It was determined Council would look into this concept and would start with the Park Board.

Councilperson Friedmeyer stated he is on the committee that is dealing with the search for a new Ambulance Director. He stated the committee met on December 22nd and their goal was to redefine and give a job analysis of the Ambulance Director position. He distributed a draft job description along with an analysis of the duties for this position as well as an old job description. It was determined to put this item on the February 1, 2011 agenda.

Councilperson Friedmeyer stated he was also a member of the Planning Commission and reported this body of government that keeps an eye on the growth of the community by looking at the following issues:

- Subdivisions
- Zoning
- Housing density
- CUP's
- Variances

He stated currently the Planning Commission is reviewing the Subdivision Ordinance and will be bringing their recommendations for amendments to the Council.

Mayor Hall reported Councilperson Schmidt will be serving on the Utilities Commission.

Mayor Hall announced all Councilpersons were present.

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

Ayes: Gallenberger, Friedmeyer, Schmidt, Hiers, Bricher, Meurer, and Mayor Hall

Nays: None

Approved the December 7, 2010 Regular Council minutes and December 30, 2010 Special Meeting minutes.

Approved 1st Half of 2011 Appointments

Approved Chamber of Commerce MN Lawful Gambling Application for Raffle for Home & Garden Show

Approved Chamber of Commerce MN Lawful Gambling Application for Raffle for Grumpy Old Men Days

Approved W-K Prom MN Lawful Gambling Application for Raffle

Approved Resolution of Board of Directors for Bank Authorization

Approved Cooperative Maintenance Agreement between County of Wabasha and City of Wabasha

Approved the following warrants as presented:

Mayors	General Fund	\$80.07
Legal	"	\$1,287.78
Fire Dept.	"	\$3.35
Park	"	\$205.00
Streets	"	\$1,537.16
Total		\$3,113.36

10.1 RFP's Discussion: David Schmidt distributed RFP's for Legal Service and Engineering Services and it was determined Council would read review and direct all comments and suggestions back to David Schmidt and bring final drafts to the February 1st agenda. City Attorney Peter Ekstrand stated it was his opinion if the Legal Service RFP is sent out "as is", he feels the City is inviting higher rates. David Schmidt stated he received the Legal Service RFP from the League of Minnesota Cities and Lake City used it recently. In conclusion, David Schmidt stated all Councilpersons should forward their suggestions to him before the February 1st Council packet goes out giving him at least a week prior to finalize a draft for that meeting.

Wabasha Good News: Councilperson Gallenberger stated she felt it was nice to see two new construction projects happening in Ward 1.

Mayor Hall stated on December 23, 2010, the City received \$292,375.50 in LGA which is the same amount the City received in July so the City received \$584,751 of LGA in 2010.

Councilperson Gallenberger stated she only received one snow plow complaint and considering the amount of snow and ice this year, she felt the residents have been extremely patient and the City crew did a very good job with these snow amounts. Mayor Hall stated it takes teamwork and that showed for the City crew as well as the residents.

10.2 Council Goal Setting for 2011: Mayor Hall stated Council had a teambuilding meeting and stated he felt it was important Council sets clear and concise and measurable and attainable goals. He listed a few of the goals that were talked about at the meeting:

- Tightening the Budget in 2011

- Hold next year's tax rate at 0
- Create jobs
- RFP's
- Explore merging some City and County services
- Amend City Charter to set term limits
- Keep community diverse and functional
- Develop new Industrial Park
- Make Council consistent and support Commissions

He also asked the community for input on City short and long-term goals.

11. Donations: Councilperson Gallenberger reported Thomas and Patricia Hasket donated \$100.00 for the Wabasha Public Library. She stated it was well appreciated.

Mayor Hall stated David Schmidt will give Council a budget report so this issue stays in front for the citizens.

Having no other business, Councilpersons Schmidt and Meurer moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Adopted unanimously.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk