

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: April 5, 2011

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wabasha was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Roll Hall.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hall announced all Councilpersons were present with the exception of Councilperson Gallenberger.

Guest Presentation: Mayor Hall announced it was the 100th Birthday of the Wabasha Public Library and invited Jackie Kreye and Michele McCaughtry to address Council and the residents.

Jackie Kreye came forward and stated she was representing the library as a former employee and also as a member of Friends of the Library. She recognized Ms. Georgette Schumacher, member of Friends of the Library, for making and bringing cupcakes for everyone and also for the decorations. She invited people to the Friends of the Library group and announced they meet the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00 pm at the National Eagle Center and they are always looking for new members. She stated in the early days of the library there were no libraries and there were only a couple tables and chairs, a lamp, electric calculator, and electric typewriter, so many things have changed.

Michele McCaughtry, Wabasha Public Librarian, recognized Library Board Trustee Members who are still present today in Wabasha. She stated they are celebrating the library's centennial all through the month of April 2011. The library first started as a City Library on April 22, 1911. There is a small display at the library. The library is working right now to strengthen their historical sources and they are looking for donations of family histories including oral histories on tape. The library is encouraging children in the City to bring in homemade 100 year birthday cards and they will be displayed at the library. She stated the library also has a website and it has information on current events.

Public Comments: **Mr. Richard Fuller**, 128 Main Street West, asked which Council members were appointed to the Port Authority in which Mayor Hall stated Councilperson Bricher and himself serve on the Port Authority. He stated in the minutes of the last three to four meetings, they have had closed meetings and stated he wanted someone to get back to him on why they were closed meetings. Next Mr. Fuller questioned the hours of the employees and wanted someone to get back to him on the hours of the employees and the hours of City Hall as well as information on what the phone hours are at City Hall.

Mayor Hall stated the information could be submitted by Friday.

Deb Sexton came forward and stated as a reminder that she would like the City Administrator's job description posted in the newspaper. She asked if the City Council agenda is posted in the paper in which David Schmidt stated it is not required by law and that it is posted at City Hall, Eagle's Nest, Library, and it is on the website as well as sent to HBCI and US Cable. It was further stated that it is too costly to publish the agendas in the newspaper.

Changes or Additions to Agenda: Councilpersons Bricher and Meurer moved to add 10.7 Street Project Discussion to the agenda. Adopted unanimously.

Mayor's Presentation: Mayor Hall joined Police Chief Kruger at the podium to present Officer Randy Wagoner with a Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving Efforts. Police Chief Kruger announced that Officer Wagoner, while patrolling the city of Kellogg at 11:45 pm, noticed a light on in a garage of a residence and in checking to make sure the individual was alright, found a person sitting inside a vehicle that was still running. It took Officer Wagoner several attempts to wake the person and get a response. Because of Officer Wagoner's alertness, a tragedy was prevented. He was commended for his actions.

Public Hearing – Consider Amendment: No Wake Ordinance: David Schmidt stated the City received a petition from property owners on Lawrence Boulevard and Lower Marina requesting the extension of the No Wake Zone. He further stated it has to be approved by the City of Wabasha, Town of Nelson and State of Minnesota so whatever happens has to go through two more steps.

At 7:27 pm, Councilpersons Hiers and Bricher moved to open the Public Hearing to consider amending the No Wake Ordinance. Adopted unanimously.

Jim Bouquet, 506 Lawrence Boulevard East, stated he lived here in his youth and has returned for his retirement years. He stated until he moved back here in 2008 after buying his parent's house in 2003, he has

noticed a change on the river as there has been an incredible increase in traffic especially on week-ends. He has witnessed questionable behavior and wreckless endangerment. He cited two main reasons for extending the no wake zone:

- Dangers with maximum amount of boaters especially on week-ends
- Damage to river banks and infrastructure

He stated this last summer, the wave action into the rip rap is just incredible and also stated the island that exists across from Wabasha has lost several trees and real estate and doubts that island will be around much longer. He stated the local folks (fishermen, hunters and recreational residents) are respectful of the river, it is the maximum amount of boaters that we get on the week-ends and also the big luxury boats that power up and power down and they create a huge wave. He stated he is hopeful the Council will extend the no wake zone.

Connie Wiles, part owner of the Wabasha Marina (Lower Marina), came forward and stated they purchased the marina four years ago and they did some renovations including new slips and new gas dock. She stated they hire many local dock attendants many who are teenagers and their main concern is their safety. They are fueling the boats and when the wakes come in and the docks and boats start see-sawing up and down, it becomes a dangerous situation. Further she stated erosion is a problem as well. She stated they are supportive of extending the no wake zone and stated they are the only marina in the area who are not protected by a no wake zone.

Rick Billings, property owner on the river down in the Deer Cove area, stated he is an avid active experienced user of the river. Stated he learned this last week about the potential change to the no wake zone and met with a group to discuss the issue. He stated he agrees that holiday week-ends are crazy but their group feels that won't change the condition by simply extending the no wake zone. He stated it comes down to educating people that are using the boats, educating people on the river and how their actions impact other people and the river banks. He recommended boat dock gas attendants wear life jackets for their safety. He stated that is a business and they have a choice of where they locate the gas stop and wondered what other alternatives might be. In reference to erosion, they felt the shoreline along Lawrence Boulevard all the way up and down the river in the Wabasha area, is the hardest gravel and rock based shoreline in this pool and is already pretty highly fortified with rip rap. The shoreline itself, the main river channel, has not moved in the last 30-40 years. They felt the river itself does more damage to the shoreline than what boat damage can do. He also stated they felt there is a significant impact to recreational boaters if the no wake zone is extended. He stated it would double the zone which would take approximately 40-45 minutes to idle through. It would result in almost an hour of the day idling through Wabasha's no wake zone and they feel certain traffic at the landing and at restaurants, local businesses, kwik trip, and bait and tackles, will lose business as recreational boaters will go to other communities to launch. He stated they acquired 24 signatures (submitted to City Clerk) on a petition requesting that Council not extend the no wake zone. He stated the sign outside of Wabasha from the North has a river mural and states "Enjoy Wabasha" and feels extending the no wake zone restricts peoples access to the river and restricts peoples use of the river.

Talman Wiles, River Drive, former Wabasha police officer and current member of the Ambulance, stated his main concern is for safety and felt safety benefits of extending the no wake zone should outweigh other issues. He stated working at the family owner marina, he has witnessed the artificial waves created by the larger boats and has also experienced working on the gas docks when the 40-50 foot boats go by and sees the danger it poses for the teenagers who are working. He stated the dock is currently higher than when past owners ran the marina and stated they have tried to rectify this by adding padding to the edge of the dock.

Fred Passe, 1212 Rustic Lane, stated many things have changed and he owns a small fishing boat and when out fishing on a wing dam, he is not bothered by other smaller fishing boats going by but when a cruiser goes by he is thrown around and can't even hold your boat there. He further stated he feels dealing with the boats that are creating the waves needs to be addressed and having a no wake zone that takes 45 minutes to pass through will hamper people coming to Wabasha. He also stated if the no wake zone is extended, who will enforce it, who will pay for the enforcement, who will pay for the no wake buoys, who will maintain them, and concluded by stating he understands it is expensive to pay for buoys.

John Oschner, 624 Lawrence Boulevard East, stated at 5 mph, a mile would be 12 minutes and that the problem is with the large boats. In the last 10 years, the size of the boats has went up as well as the horsepower. He stated it isn't the fishing boats. He stated he sees 30-40 foot boats come through creating large waves and the rip rap isn't going to hold and also high water does damage.

Jim Bouquet, wondered how to distinguish between the people who violate the river and the people who show the courtesy and felt it is in the best interest of public safety and the environment. He stated Red Wing restricts their no wake zone for the entire river front. He stated he has been told there is no boat activity allowed during periods of high water. He further stated that tows do incredible damage.

John Stears, 15101 674th Street, Wabasha, former property owner, stated erosion is an issue. He stated he is going to refer to the lower end, Pool 5, and 30 years ago there were islands all over and the river eroded them and since then, money has been spent to put some islands back. He felt the no wake zone will not solve this issue. He stated by Teepeota Point, virtually every property owner has steel corrugated abutments to keep their banks from washing away even though there is a no wake zone. The effect of the big boats still has some type of effect. He stated he feels the no wake extension really doesn't achieve anything.

Troy Adams, 1212 River Drive South, asked where does it end? As a taxpayer, he doesn't want to buy buoys, he wants the roads fixed.

Bob Bruegger, 306 Tenth Street East, asked Police Chief Kruger asked if there has been an accident history outside of the no wake zone. He wondered how many incidents have been on the river. He stated he hasn't heard of any accidents but isn't for sure. He stated as far as the marina owners, they should have known what they were getting into.

Mark Gosse, 1213 River Drive South, stated he wants to come home after work and take his kids out fishing and get a couple hours of fishing in. If it's going to take an hour idling through the no wake zone as it doesn't leave much time for fishing. He stated he wants to enjoy the river and get out and fish.

Chris Brantner, Pepin, stated he comes to launch in Wabasha and spends money in restaurants and at the gas stations and loves this portion of the river and doesn't want to spend so much of his river time idling up stream especially with the increase in gas prices. He also stated marina workers should be aware of their surroundings and should be wearing life jackets.

Rick Billings, stated he studied what other places have done that have faced the same issue in reference to no wake zones. He found examples of three ordinances in high traffic areas where the no wake zone is limited a certain distance from shore to help with erosion and to help with personal property owners shoreline etc. He stated the entire State of Wisconsin operates this way as well as high traffic lakes in Missouri and Atlanta limit wakes within 100' of shore. He stated maybe a shore to shore 1-1/2 mile no wake zone isn't the only possibility. He thought maybe there are alternatives such as days or times or distance from shore.

Mayor Hall called once, twice and three times for public comments for or against the extension of the no wake zone.

At 8:15 pm, the public hearing was closed.

Councilpersons Schmidt and Bricher moved to amend City Code Chapter XI Traffic: Motor Vehicles; Other Vehicles Section 1135 No Wake as proposed.

Discussion:

Councilperson Bricher questioned if it was legal to specify times for a no wake. David Schmidt responded time and distance from shore can be specified as well as other parameters.

Councilperson Schmidt stated the whole issue is the wake. He stated in the current no wake zone, the barges are excluded and wondered why fishermen couldn't be excluded. He stated maybe instead of slow no wake, the wording could be changed to just no wake and leave the discretion up to the people patrolling the river.

Attorney Peter Ekstrand stated prosecuting would be difficult and patrolling would be difficult.

Mayor Hall wondered when you talk about assets of Wabasha, he felt the river was pretty far up the list. He stated he heard many good comments and wondered if Mr. Jim Bouquet and Mr. Rick Billings could form a committee and bring back to the Council some common goals, some common challenges and some common solutions to the challenges.

Councilpersons Schmidt and Bricher moved to withdraw their motion to amend City Code Chapter XI Traffic: Motor Vehicles; Other Vehicles Section 1135 No Wake as proposed. Adopted unanimously.

Councilpersons Bricher and Hiers moved to table amending the No Wake Ordinance and approve the formation of a committee consisting of Mr. Jim Bouquet, Mr. Rick Billings, and City staff to discuss and bring back to Council some No Wake Ordinance solutions. Adopted unanimously.

10.1 2010 Audit Presentation – Mr. Andy Berg: Mr. Andy Berg, Abdo, Eick & Meyer, came forward to present the City of Wabasha 2010 financial audit. He stated there were two internal findings in the Management Letter that pertain to the size of the City. One dealt with the number of audit adjustments and the City is showing improvement with the last few years with Sue's willingness to learn and continues to make improvements. The other was the Utility Billings with just one person doing most of the steps in the process. They recommend Sue due some extra monitoring of reviewing the bill register.

He pointed out the ending fund balance of \$2.4M which equates 121% of next year's budgeted expenditures. A big portion has been designated for future uses such as equipment replacement. The pending working capital is at about \$1.6M. The general fund is not all cash. There is a loan from other funds of \$1.1M related to the National Eagle Center loan and the Hotel Property Project.

David Schmidt stated the \$1.1M and the \$1.6M, is money due to that fund so when you pull that money out, it leaves approximately \$540,000 in working capital cash. When the hotel property either sells or the condo property pays back enough in TIF revenue, the \$762,029 will be paid back.

Mr. Andy Berg took Council through the rest of the Management Letter outlining the City's financial status.

Councilpersons Schmidt and Friedmeyer moved to approve the 2010 City of Wabasha Financial Audit Report as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mayor's 90 Day Report: Mayor Hall reported on his first 90 days in office.

Committee Report on Employee Interviews: Melody Gibson reported the committee interviewed employees and reviewed all job descriptions. She stated the interviews started in December 2010 and ended in March 2011. She stated after interviewing all 19 employees and reviewing all job descriptions, they concluded there were very few duties that could be transferred. She explained some job descriptions need to be updated. She stated their main goal was to find out if there were areas that could be changed and also stated nothing was brought forth about job performance. The committee based their meetings strictly on job descriptions and duties. She also stated she felt the employees have been doing more than the work of one person in their positions and the City has lost enough support staff and they pretty much it fine tuned in each of their jobs and are quite efficient. The manpower and resources have been exchanged between departments and make allowances to help each other. She stated the administrative staff has been cut back with Darlene's retirement and between Patty and Sue they are doing the job of three. She stated she is quite distressed that some members of staff have lost vacation hours on a use or lose at the end of the year. She stated some employees have not taken all their furlough time so are working without pay. Also, some employees, like Dave Kruger, that face on call hours that are above and beyond and are non paid hours. She also stated there is a lack of Human Resources personnel at the City. The employees need a place to take their concerns if they are having problems. She stated the City is lucky to have the employees working for them as they are truly on our side.

Councilperson Hiers, stated the committee determined the departmental organization and staffing is all vital to the City. Department heads are needed to keep that department organized and functioning efficiently and need to have enough staff to get the necessary work done. They didn't find any place where a position could be cut and the necessary work could still move forward. In administration, the committee felt it was extremely important to have a City Administrator who is overseeing and coordinating all City functions, a City Planner position is needed to thoughtfully guide the City into the longer range future, and a Planning & Zoning position is needed to help the public and contractors build for the betterment of the community. She stated looking through all the information they gathered, they did not see any place to eliminate positions. She further stated they made an honest effort to do what they could with the information and this is only the first step in the process. She also stated she was not suggesting that no issues surfaced or came to their attention that would require further examination or offer opportunity for improvements. She stated there are Human Resource issues that occur in any workplace and there are issues that go along with managing employees. She stated the work that they've done this far leads them to see an ongoing effort to improve the employee's structure as well as the quality of the work life for those involved and hopefully this would lead to a better outcome to the employees as well as the citizens of the City. The committee recommends the formation of a Personnel Committee that would include possibly the Mayor, a couple Councilpersons, City Clerk, City Administrator and a member of the community with a Human Resources background. Further, this group could continue and expand on the work that this committee has done and it could serve as an advisory committee to Council and it could look at issues that are beyond the scope of the Interviewing Committee. The Personnel Committee could ensure the City has professional personnel administration and the City is in compliance with any and all state requirements and updating job descriptions and monitoring and the employee compliments and employee supervision and to serve as a resource for the employees and the citizens in settling complaints and perhaps even generate an employee handbook. She concluded this could also ensure that everybody, the public as well as the employees, are functioning in an atmosphere where everybody is treated with dignity and respect. A lot of small and large cities have done this with a fair amount of success.

Councilpersons Bricher and Meurer moved to create a Personnel Committee to consist of Mayor, City Clerk, City Administrator, two Councilpersons, and a citizen with a Human Resource background. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports and Wabasha Good News:

Councilperson Schmidt – Utilities Commission: Reported Utilities Commission is not excited about using Utility Funding for paving streets.

Councilperson Hiers – Park Board: Reported Park Board is still working on the Summer Rec Program and it is looking good and they are excited about that. She also reported the Millville Hunting & Shooting Club donated \$1,500.00 to the Summer Rec Program. Jason Mickow is president of the club and they have been active in the Bruegger Park area and they showed up at the parent meeting about Summer Rec. They want to see a good program for the kids.

Councilperson Friedmeyer – Planning Commission: Reported the Planning Commission is continuing to review and edit the Subdivision Ordinance and will be bring to Council in the next few months.

Councilperson Bricher – Street Commission: Reported the Street Commission met on March 29th and discussed the following:

- Approved Stop Sign on Pierce Avenue at Circle Drive.
- Approved acceptance of Fahrner Asphalt bid for the placement of crack sealer at the cost of \$1.16 per pound using City supplied material.
- Directed Tony Johnson, St. Superintendent, to purchase a Hot Patch Mix Heater to be installed in the Street Dept's small dump truck. Unit costs \$8,350 including installation. Funds coming out of the Street Dept. Equipment Replacement fund.
- Reviewed a product called Slurry Seal for maintenance of City streets. Will be monitoring this product at sites where it has been applied.
- Approved Newman Traffic Sign bid for the purchase of reflective signs being required by the Federal Government.

Attorney Ekstrand questioned why the Street Commission did not bring the purchase of the Hot Mix Box to the Council for approval and also stated he hasn't looked at the ordinances for the commissions. David Schmidt stated this was a budgeted line item and the City has a Purchasing Policy for department heads and this Hot Box is a single source item.

Wabasha Good News: Mayor Hall reported he attended the book store when author Ken was visiting and he stated he got to Wabasha an hour early and drove around and stated Wabasha might be the prettiest town in Minnesota.

Administrator's Report: David Schmidt reported the following:

- flood report is estimating that on April 15th the flood level may be at around 15 feet and the problem for Wabasha is at 15.5 a dike has to be prepared and the City has to start to pump. There are 18,000 sandbags filled thanks to many citizens and the W-K schools and that same group helped sandbag Slippery's.
- Wabasha Port Authority - he is finishing up for submission of a \$100,000 grant to the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Application to develop a revolving loan fund for the Port Authority. He stated he along with the Mayor and a member of the Port Authority have met with Rebound Industries, owner of the Archer House in Northfield, and they have a Letter of Intent to purchase the Anderson House.
- Police Department has been collecting applications for the Police Reserve Program and they will be meeting on April 11th to review.
- Utilities – several people have reported a pipe on Lawrence Blvd. discharging water into the river and he reported the City has been directed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to bypass some of the sanitary sewers to maintain the plant, to protect the overflow of the plant.
- Announced to all citizens they need to ensure that sumps and floor drains are not emptying into the sewer system and City staff will be doing sump pump/sewer service inspections at no charge in an attempt to isolate additional inflow areas to the system. Residents having water issues in their basement should pump the water outside into their yards.
- Reported a certain amount per capita for the entire State to have damage and there has to be estimated \$3-8 M in total damage to the State before the State qualifies and Wabasha County has to have upwards of \$100,000 in damage before a declaration of disaster can be issued. If the City has to build a dike, a minimum of \$45,000 will be expended with the possibility of no damage reimbursement. So the City has been very diligent in watching the flood levels and trying to determine what needs to be done and when. The pump is already in place in case pumping needs to start.
- National Eagle Center broke a Soar with Eagles attendance record this past week-end.

Councilpersons Meurer and Hiers moved to approve the following consent agenda: Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Approved the March 22, 2011 Special Council minutes

Approved Fire Department Purchase of Fire Boat Lift

Approved the following warrants as presented:

Mayors	General Fund	\$3,084.34
Legal	"	\$3,587.78
Fire Dept.	"	\$2,375.45
Park	"	\$1,411.75
Streets	"	\$12,900.81
Pool	"	\$561.65
Dog Pound	"	\$76.00
2010 Audit		\$18,000.00
Building Inspection Fees	"	\$1,358.70
Police	"	\$2,849.97
Ambulance	"	\$9,337.46
2011 Street Imp. Eng. Fee	"	\$37,795.60

2011 Flood Expense	“	\$7,822.91
Emergency Management	“	\$10.83
Total		\$101,173.25

10.2 Insurance Transfer: David Schmidt reported the City of Wabasha rotates between local insurance agencies every three years and the City has been practicing with Flicek Insurance and it is now time to rotate to First State Insurance Agency.

Councilpersons Meurer and Schmidt moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign documents for insurance renewal with First State Insurance of Wabasha, Inc. Adopted unanimously.

10.3 League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Liability Coverage: David Schmidt reported this is reviewed annually and the City has historically moved to not waive the statutory tort liability limits .

Councilpersons Meurer and Hiers moved to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability limits established by Minnesota Statute 466.04. Adopted unanimously.

10.4 School Resource Officer Contract: David Schmidt reported this contract is ongoing and it is for approximately \$2,235.00 less than in the past and has always been based on what they receive from their Safe School Levy. This still helps cover a full-time officer and we have them at the school and we can call them from the school whenever necessary and we have them all summer.

Councilpersons Meurer and Friedmeyer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the School Resource Officer Contract effective until December 31, 2011. Adopted unanimously.

10.5 RFP Review Committees: David Schmidt reported the Mayor asked him to develop a Legal RFP Committee and an Engineering RFP Committee. He recommended the Legal RFP Committee be comprised of the Mayor, 2 Members of Council, City Administrator, Police Chief, and a resident member of Police and Planning Commissions. Councilpersons Schmidt volunteered to sit on this committee and it was recommended Councilperson Gallenberger also serve on this committee with Councilperson Hiers as a backup.

David Schmidt recommended the Engineering RFP Committee be comprised of the Mayor, 2 members of Council, City Administrator, City Planner, Public Works Director, Resident member of the Streets and Planning Commission and a member of the community. The Mayor has asked Mr. Joe Baasch to serve in this capacity. Councilpersons Bricher and Friedmeyer volunteered to sit on this committee.

Councilpersons Meurer and Bricher moved to approve the Legal and Engineering RFP Committees as presented. Adopted unanimously.

10.6 Downtown Parking: Police Chief Kruger explained the resident downtown parking passes that were established to help the people who live in the direct downtown area are being abused and some vehicles are parked in front of businesses all day and in some cases for several days without moving.

Attorney Peter Ekstrand stated unless the City writes into an ordinance conditions for parking, it isn't enforceable unless the City puts signage out for designated times. The resident parking passes really discriminates against everyone except the residents to where they can park. If the City wants to continue with the parking passes the City needs to write it into an ordinance. Police Chief Kruger reported there are 94 resident parking permits.

Councilperson Bricher gave the following parking spaces information:

Main Street (Bailey to the Bridge) has:

- 107 spaces - 2 hr.
- 4 Handicap – 2 hr.
- 5 spaces – 10 minutes (post office)
- 1 handicap – 10 minute (post office)
- 1 space – 15 minute (Hill's Hardware)

Pembroke Avenue (Big Jo Alley to Second Street) has:

- 19 spaces – 2 hr.
- 1 handicap – 2 hr.

Alleghany Avenue (Big Jo Alley to Second Street) has:

- 22 spaces – 2 hr.
- 2 handicap – 2 hr.

Total for 2 hour parking on streets:

- 148 spaces – 2 hr.
- 7 handicap – 2 hr.

- 5 post office spaces
- 1 handicap – post office
- 1 Hill’s Hardware (15 min.)
- TOTAL OF 162 SPACES

After discussion, Councilpersons Bricher and Friedmeyer moved to revoke all resident parking permits via a letter to all resident parking permit holders and install signage in the downtown area with posted 2 hour parking from 7 am – 7 pm. Adopted unanimously.

10.7 Street Project Options: Councilperson Bricher stated when the street bids come in, he felt the following options could be considered:

- 1) Continue on the path we have set to get bids on ONLY three street segments. He stated in speaking with Mr. Mike Bubany, it was pointed out without long term planning for replenishing of the funds, the City is shooting itself in the foot if it undertakes this project using remaining available cash. In speaking with Andy Berg, City Accountant, he also had concerns over cash flow and asked the question “how would the City intend on replacing the funds”. And finally City Administrator indicated based on Mr. Bubany and Mr. Berg’s opinions, he would need a strong recommendation to NOT take this action as he felt it would likely put the City of Wabasha in fiscal jeopardy.
- 2) Do nothing. This could enable the City to see what happens with LGA and other economic conditions. Maybe do some additional patching where it would be effective and look to 2012 for a road project. This, of course, would not address the pressing need to fix the streets and would still require a careful review of how to pay for them in the future. We should also consider the recommendation of our Public Works Director and possibly allocate up to \$50,000 from the Permanent Improvement Fund for street patching for Twelfth Street and other areas to protect the remaining pavement structure.
- 3) In an effort to listen to those that testified and in an open and transparent way, put the question to the tax payers of Wabasha for the entire project. Attorney Ekstrand has done the initial research on this subject and provided the following email: “the procedure is contained in MN Statute Sec. 475.57-59. The 1st step is for the Council to pass a resolution stating the amount proposed to be borrowed and the purpose for which the debt is to be incurred. It should also provide for the submission of the question to a vote or election. If the City goes ahead under this law, the City will need to hire bond counsel and a bonding agent for the sale of the bonds.”

If Council elected to proceed this way the following steps would need to take place:

- Council would need to pass a resolution stating the amount to be borrowed and the purpose of the debt (road construction)
- Resolution would provide for the question to be put to the tax payers.
- According to Charter Page 3 section 3.02 Special Elections, the Council may by resolution order a special election and provide all means for holding it. The City Clerk shall give at least 2 weeks published notice of a special election. The procedure of such election shall conform as nearly as possible as prescribed for other municipal elections.
- One question asked was could the City have all voting at City Hall to avoid confusion and limit the number of election judges. In speaking with the League of MN Cities, they suggested that seemed reasonable but the final decision should be made by the City Attorney.
- Another question that was asked was how much this might cost. According to the City Administrator and City Clerk, there would be costs for the bond attorney (Mr. Deike), election judges would cost at all 3 wards approximately \$2,333.50 and at one location approximately \$800 (City Hall) and printing of ballots would cost approximately \$300.

Discussion was held on having an election. It was explained that it would be put on people’s taxes if passed.

11. Donations:

Councilperson Hiers read the following donations:

- Wabasha Public Library Donations – Thomas & Patricia Haskett - \$100.00
 Firemen’s Relief Assoc. - \$250.00
 Wabasha Rotary - \$500.00 – Summer Reading Program
 Kellogg Fire Dept. Relief Assoc. - \$200.00 – Summer Reading Program
 Friends of the Library - \$261.70 – Babytime Program (April 16th)
- Memorial Donations to the Library for: Helen Haberbush \$20.00 from Ginny Switzer & Dave Kennebeck
 Joe Hubbard \$65.00 by Don Yarolimek, Michele McCaughtry,
 Dave Kennebeck & two anonymous
 Dorothy Kennebeck \$100.00 from Ginny Switzer
 Mark Walter by Jim & Mary O’Brien
 David Schurhammer - \$50.00 by Dennis & Gail Schneider, David & Kara Paul & Tammy, Mark & Mary Jo

- Malone Park Donation - \$3,000.00 – Anonymous Donor
 Summer Rec Donation - \$1,500.00 – Millville Hunting & Shooting Club of Southern MN Inc.

Having no other business, Councilpersons Bricher and Meurer moved to adjourn at 10:07 pm. Adopted unanimously.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk