

Councilpersons:
First Ward: Friedmeyer, Wharton
Second Ward: Schmidt, Kruger
Third Ward: Meurer, Schoen

Mayor: Rollin Hall
City Atty: Peter Ekstrand
City Adm: Chad Springer
City Clerk: Susan Schamaun
Date: July 7, 2015

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wabasha was held on Wednesday, July 7, 2015, and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Hall.

Present: Mayor Rollin Hall; Council Member John Friedmeyer; Council Member Al Wharton; Council Member Steve Schmidt; Council Member Dave Kruger; Council Member Dean Meurer; Council Member Lynn Schoen;

Attendees:

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Guest Speaker - None**
3. **Public Comments - None**
4. **Changes or Additions to Agenda - Councilperson Schmidt stated he wanted to discuss ballpark safety. Councilpersons Friedmeyer and Kruger moved to add ballpark safety as 10.4 under General Business. Adopted unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Presentation -**
6. **Committee Reports and Wabasha Good News**
 - Street Commission:** Councilperson Meurer reported the Reception Center Truck purchase was discussed and is on tonight's agenda. The Big Jo Alley pavers were discussed and a recommendation is also on tonight's agenda. It was reported the street chip sealing has started and should be done by Wednesday. Tony Johnson, Public Works Director came forward and reported where the chip sealing was being applied.
 - Utilities Commission:** Councilperson Schmidt reported the Utilities Commission met today and the Campbell Ave. Water Main Project will start on Monday. It may take a week or longer. The City will be receiving bids for the Well No. 3 Project in the next couple of months.
 - Port Authority:** Councilperson Friedmeyer reported the Port Authority had a presentation by Mr. David Fisk on inviting SMIF to Wabasha to conduct a workshop. They also had an update on K&C Fisheries. The Riverfront Taskforce study was discussed and is on tonight's agenda.
 - Park Board:** Mike Mroz stated they discussed city land that could be sold. He reported the pool slides are down due to deterioration and safety concerns. Park Board is looking at other options for replacements. Discussed Ike's Park and a group of people are interested in building a staging platform for tournaments etc. It could also be used as a handicap accessible dock. Monday, July 13th, the pool will have their second teen night of the season running from 7:00 -

8:30 pm and there is \$1.00 admission.

Planning Commission: None

7. **Administrator's Report** - Mr. Chad Springer stated the City will be hosting the Southeast Minnesota League of Municipalities (SEMLM) meeting on July 30th and he passed out a SEMLM agenda for and stated any councilperson interested in attending, they should fill out the registration form and return to him. There will be a panel of speakers on the DMC (Destination Medical Center) Project. He stated solar energy companies have been talking to the City in how they want to partner with the city, county and school. Budgeting has started and he will work at getting an August workshop planned. 2013 Street Project should be finalized soon. Personnel Policy is finally complete. Will be sent to Council after staff has reviewed. He reported the legal description is being finalized for the park building to be for sale. He reported 450 surveys have been returned on the City's Comprehensive Plan and the City would like to get more responses.

8. **Consent Agenda**

**Councilpersons Kruger and Schoen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Adopted unanimously.**

1. Approve Warrants

Mayors/Admin/City Hall/Council	General Fund	\$3,020.46
Police	"	\$2,875.55
Streets	"	\$3,458.51
Legal	"	\$22,606.90
Parks	"	\$5,149.81
Fire	"	\$3,285.23
Ambulance	"	\$4,287.62
Planning	"	\$3,011.82
Pool	"	\$2,215.31
Building Inspections	"	\$1,569.74
Audit – State Reporting	"	\$630.00
Misc.	"	\$816.85
Total	"	\$52,927.80

2. Approval of June 2, 2015 Minutes
3. Appoint Mary Patterson to the Ambulance Commission
4. National Eagle Center Application For Gambling Permit: Soar With Eagles Raffle
5. 7 Fires Grill & Bar Off-Sale Liquor Application

6. Resolution for Assessment of Unpaid Utility Charges

**CITY OF WABASHA
CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #
RESOLUTION FOR ASSESSMENT OF UNPAID UTILITY CHARGES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice duly given as required by law, the City Council has met, heard, and passed upon all objections to the proposed for unpaid charges for utilities; and **WHEREAS**, the amounts of bad debt have been minimized through diligent collection efforts by staff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Such proposed assessment for unpaid charges, a copy of which is hereby attached as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the assessments against the lands named herein.
2. Such assessment shall be payable over a period of one year on or before the first Monday in January.
3. The owner of the property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the County Auditor, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, to the City Clerk/Treasurer.
4. The clerk shall forthwith transmit a certified copy of this assessment role to the County Auditor to be extended on the proper tax lists of the county and such Assessments shall be collected and paid over in the same manner as property taxes.

Assessment Listing Name	Parcel Description Address	Parcel #	Service	Amount
Wabasha Pharmacy/Timothy Wodele	207 Main Street West	R27.00184.00	Water/sewer	401.74
Solem Kreye Realty/Bruce Kreye	162 Main Street West	R27.00184.00	Water/Sewer	208.51

Adopted by the City Council on this 7th day of July, 2015.

9. **Public Hearing - None**

10. **General Business**

1. Big-Jo Alley Pavers - Mr. Chad Springer stated the City removed 12 pavers and have sent them in for testing. He stated there are several pavers failing in Big Jo Alley and there have been several accidents. Mr. Brian Malm, Bolton & Menk, came forward and stated the letter from Borgert Products, Inc., is stating maintenance is to blame for the deterioration of the pavers and he disagrees. He stated they believe the pavers were made with bad materials to start with. The testing should verify this. He stated he recommends the City wait until the test results come back on the pavers sent in to be tested before making any decision on how to move forward.

Moved by Council Member Al Wharton, seconded by Council Member Lynn Schoen to accept the recommendation from City Engineer, Mr. Brian Malm, to wait until the test results come back on the pavers before taking action.

Vote: 7 - 0 Adopted - Unanimously

2. Reception Center Information and Funding for Public Utilities Truck: Brenda Wodele came forward and gave a history overview on the Reception Center and how the Wabasha-Kellogg School location was chosen as a decontamination site. She also explained there was some miscommunication between all parties in regards to the Reception Center paying for a new City truck 100%. It was communication the grant would pay for half of a new truck and the City would be required to pay half as it is considered a dual-use truck.

Mr. Tony Johnson, Public Works Director, came forward and reported to Council that the City's 2005 Chevy pick-up truck that does some plowing has suffered some frame failure. The suspension and frame is coming apart and the frame is actually cracked all the way through. He requested Council to approve the purchase of the new truck utilizing the Reception Center Grant to reimburse for half the truck and to approve him to investigate repairing the 2005 Chevy pick up so the City can keep the truck and have for part-time workers to use and release one of the old 1993 Chevy trucks. He reported the Street Commission approved the investigation of repairing the 2005 Chevy pick up.

Moved by Council Member Dave Kruger, seconded by Council Member Steve Schmidt to approve the purchase of the 2015 Chevy 4WD truck for \$40,132 to be reimbursed 50% by the Reception Center Grant and to approve Tony Johnson, Public Works Director, to investigate repairing the 2005 Chevy pick up and bring back to Council.

Vote: 7 - 0 Adopted - Unanimously

3. Ballpark Safety: Councilperson Schmidt stated the City's Athletic Park ball fields are being utilized alot. There is concern that a vehicle coming down the hill from the Interstate Bridge could lose their brakes and crash through the Athletic Field fence and cause a disastrous situation especially if it is a big truck. There has been a proposal of a method of stopping such a situation by burying concrete forms (2 ft. diameter/10 ft. long/6 feet in ground/4 feet above ground) in the boulevard right at the foot of the bridge directly in line with the lane coming down off the bridge. Councilperson Wharton felt it should go as far as both lanes in case of a trailer becoming unhitched in the opposite lane. Councilperson Schmidt recommended City Administrator, Chad Springer, investigate what it would take to get this done and also to contact MN Dept. of Transportation about partnering with the City on this project. Council concurred.
4. Riverfront Taskforce and Port Authority Recommendation: Vicky Moore, Wabasha Port Authority President and Riverfront Taskforce Member, and Rolf Thompson, Wabasha Port Authority Vice-President and Riverfront Taskforce Member, came forward and updated Council on the Riverfront Site Report by Landform consultants. They also presented a letter from the Port Authority which stated *"The Riverfront Task Force has completed its work and is pleased to provide you with the enclosed report and recommendations. At a special meeting held on June 23rd, the Wabasha Port Authority and Development Agency endorsed the recommendations made by the Task Force. In addition, it adopted a motion supporting the National Eagle Center taking the role as lead partner in the development of the riverfront parcel owned by the City of Wabasha."*

After the presentation, they reported the Port Authority endorsed the Riverfront Taskforce (RFT) Recommendation Letter which stated: 1) The RFT believes that the riverfront land can provide significant strategic advantages to Wabasha that go beyond the value of the land itself. After considering many options, we narrowed the choices to two very different options: built space,

likely through a public/private partnership or programmed open space. Both would require further monetary investment to meet their full potential. Both meet the four goals set by the RFT. Both would have economic advantages to the community however, only the built space option would provide direct property tax revenue. This is the same crossroad which faced City leaders ten years ago. We urge the Council to make a firm decision about which strategic direction it wishes to take based on current realities including the success of the National Eagle Center in bringing visitors to Wabasha. We believe this decision is best made by elected official in a public forum. Only when this overarching decision is made can meaningful progress be made toward appropriate development.

2) If the City Council wishes to pursue the built option through private development, the RFT recommends an active approach to make the land as attractive as possible to potential developers. This will require additional investment as well as support from City staff.

3) If the City Council wishes to pursue the programmed open space model, we recommend the development of a detailed strategic plan for the space that maximizes its value and better defines the monetary investment required to achieve its goals. This should be coordinate with the Port Authority which provided the funding and by the City Council. The RFT chose Landform to provide this expertise.

4) There is strong support from the RFT that additional land be provided for expansion of the National Eagle Center adjacent to its current location. The RFT encourages the NEC to begin its planning process so that decisions about the remaining land, either built or open, can be coordinated with and maximize the value to the National Eagle Center.

5) Although both Landform and the invited developers identified advantages to placing the currently planned Regional Event and conference Center on the riverfront, subsequent conversations with the RECC Board indicated that they do not believe this is in the best interest of the RECC and are therefore unwilling to pursue such an option. Because the RECC has a current agreement with the City of Wabasha for the Second Street site, because the project at that location has some momentum with local donors and with the State legislators, and because adding the RECC as an additional partner to any riverfront development would add significant complexity to the project, the RFT recommends that the RECC not be a part of the riverfront development at this time. Should the RECC Board be unable to secure funding for the Second Street site, we recommend that the location be evaluated again in light of circumstances at that time.

Mayor Hall asked Council for a motion to accept the Riverfront Taskforce Recommendation Letter.

Councilmembers Friedmeyer and Meurer moved to acknowledge receipt of the Riverfront Taskforce Recommendation Letter. Adopted unanimously.

Moved by Council Member John Friedmeyer, seconded by Council Member Lynn Schoen to accept the "built" option and forward to the Port Authority for further study.

Vote: 5 - 2 Adopted

NAY: Mayor Rollin Hall

Council Member Dean Meurer

11. Donations: City Administrator, Chad Springer, announced that at the June Council meeting, it was announced that SMIF (Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation) had donated \$2,000 to the Library and the \$2,000 donation was actually made by Fred and Dianne Schjolberg through SMIF. Police Chief Warren announced that the Police Department received a \$500 grant from AAA. Mayor Hall read the donations for the 4th of July fireworks.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, The City of Wabasha is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts and bequests for the benefit of recreational services pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.17; and

WHEREAS, The following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the city for the following:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Burkhardt-Roemer Post 4086	Girls Softball	\$ 500.00
American Legion Post 50	Library Summer Reading Program	\$ 250.00
American Legion Post 50	Fireworks	\$ 400.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50	Fireworks	\$ 200.00
Wabasha Rotary	Fireworks	\$ 500.00
Wabasha Firemen's Relief Assoc.	Fireworks	\$ 500.00

WHEREAS, All such donations have been contributed to assist the city in the establishment and operation of recreational facilities and programs either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WABASHA, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to establish and operate recreational facilities and programs either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.
2. The city clerk is hereby directed to issue receipts to each donor acknowledging the city's receipt of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Wabasha on July 7, 2015.

Moved by Council Member Lynn Schoen, seconded by Council Member Steve Schmidt Approve Resolution accepting donations as of 7-7-15.

Vote: 7 - 0 Adopted - Unanimously

12. **Information**

13. **Announcements**

14. **Adjournment**

Moved by Council Member Al Wharton, seconded by Council Member Steve Schmidt to adjourn at 8:29 PM.

Vote: 7 - 0 Adopted - Unanimously

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk