

WAHPETON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION – THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2021
5:00 P.M. WAHPETON CITY HALL

The special meeting of the Wahpeton City Council was held Thursday, January 21, 2021 partially in council chambers and remotely by Zoom due to COVID-19 and the limitation to gather in no more than groups of 10. The agenda and the City's website had information posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting. Present for the meeting include Mayor Johnson, Councilmen Harold Prior, Holly Mead and Tom Rierson. By zoom were Council members Brad Jones and LeAnn Blau. City Employees, Bonnie Tielbur and Jess Radcliffe were also in attendance.

Mayor Johnson began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Prior moved and Mead seconded to approve the agenda as written. All ayes – motion carried.

Jones moved and Rierson seconded to approve Resolution 21-9 - A Resolution to amend Resolution #21-5, adopted January 11, 2021, to amend the date for the taking of bids for the 2021 City of Wahpeton Edgewood Drive and Lakeside Avenue Infrastructure Improvements project, Divisions I and II. Roll call vote: Blau – aye, Jones – aye, Rierson – aye, Prior – aye, Mead – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Council discussed the agreement for Wahpeton Municipal Water Plant Operation Assistance. The agreement is for Milford Municipal Utilities water superintendent to help a few hours a week at the city water plant until a new operator is hired. Direction from DNR states no specific number of hours that Milford staff needs to help as long as Radcliffe has the support and oversight that he needs to safely run the water system until someone is hired who is properly certified to run the system. There were a few changes in the agreement that MMU would like to make. Both parties plan to take action at their February 8, 2021 meetings. Mead questioned compensation to employees. Blau stated Radcliffe is salary and will be compensated in overtime pay.

Radcliffe discussed some issues that are happening at the water plant. The SCADA system that alarms the operator of potential problems with the plant is aged and still running on a Windows 7 computer. It does not work well with newer parts within the system. Richard Vaughn, with Hillfab LLC. has analyzed the water plant system and has proposed some updates to repair and update some of the issues. Prior moved and Jones seconded to approve the Hillfab LLC quotes in accordance with recommendations from Julie Sievers from ISG Inc. for a total of \$39,199. All ayes – motion carried.

Radcliffe reported Hitchdock has a front mount snow blower for the JD pay loader. They would like to use the city equipment to test it. ISG Inc. will come next week to start their study on the water plant.

With no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bonnie R. Tielbur, City Clerk/Admin.

Phillip Johnson, Mayor