

## **MINUTES OF THE WAHPETON SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 27, 2021**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. on December 27, 2021. Councilmembers LeAnn Blau, Holly Mead, Harold Prior were present, and Councilmember Tom Rieron present via ZOOM. Absent was Councilmember Brad Jones. Others present were City Clerk/Administrator Carrie Funk, Public Works/Zoning Logan Davids, Water Superintendent/Public Works Darin Peterson, City Attorney Don Hemphill, Tom Grafft and Julie Sievers with ISG Engineering.

Motion made by Mead and a second by Blau to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Prior and a second by Blau to approve the Consent Agenda which includes December 13, 2021 City Council meeting minutes.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Julie Sievers and Tom Grafft with ISG Engineering were present to discuss and answer any questions for the councilmembers concerning the Reverse Osmosis pilot proposals. The only system Water Superintendent Darin and Logan were able to visit was a Wigen. Darin and Logan reported Wigen has been very accommodating and responsive. After some further discussion a motion made by Prior and a second by Mead to proceed forward and pilot a Wigen Traditional 2-stage RO unit with pretreatment. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

After some further discussion concerning the Partial Self-Funding employee healthcare program, the council advised to explore other opportunities for health insurance. City Attorney Hemphill will provide City Clerk Funk with some information and the council also suggested reaching out to Allison at MHR.

There was discussion on snow removal and the falling of trees on private drives. With the new staff of Wahpeton there were questions and concerns if the staff should be removing snow/falling trees because of liability concerns to the City. After some further discussion the council advised City Clerk Funk to draft a letter informing residents on private drives that any snow or tree removal will be at the responsibility of the property owners due to liability concerns.

Carrie Funk administered the Oath of Office to re-elected officials Mayor Phillip Johnson, Councilmember LeAnn Blau, and Councilmember Harold D. Prior.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Phillip Johnson

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City Clerk/Administrator Carrie Funk