

**WAHPETON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
5:00 P.M. WAHPETON CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Wahpeton City Council was held Monday, February 8, 2021, in the Wahpeton City Hall. There were issues with the internet so we were unable to hold the meeting remotely by Zoom. Present for the meeting include Mayor Johnson, Councilmen Harold Prior, Tom Rierson, Holly Mead and LeAnn Blau. Councilman Brad Jones was on speaker phone. City Attorney Don Hemphill, City Employees, Bonnie Tielbur and Jess Radcliffe were also in attendance.

Mayor Johnson began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Blau moved and Mead seconded to approve the consent agenda containing the January 11, 2021 Regular Session minutes, the January 21, 2021 Special Session minutes, the January 2021 Claims, Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports. All ayes – motion carried.

There were no citizen comments and no one present to give a report for Voluntary Action.

Council moved to the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 182. There were comments from a few residents. There were several people that planned to zoom but due to internet issues they could not attend. Therefore, council decided to just do the 2nd reading and not the final adoption. Jones moved and Rierson seconded to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 182 – Amending Chapter 139 of the Wahpeton City Code governing Public Lake Access Areas. Council is trying to uniform the Ordinance so all public access docks/hoists are treated the same. Roll call vote: Mead – aye, Rierson – aye, Prior – nay, Blau – aye, Jones – aye. 4 ayes - 1 nay – motion carried. Council moved to suspend the final reading until March 8th.

Mead moved and Jones seconded to approve Resolution 20-21 - A Resolution Setting Dock and Hoist Fees for City-Controlled Access Areas Pursuant to Section 139.03(1) of the Wahpeton City Code. Roll call vote: Jones – aye, Prior – aye, Mead – aye, Blau - aye, Rierson – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Council tabled Resolution 21-01 – A Resolution providing for the implementation of the provisions of Ordinance No.182, Amending Chapter 139 of the Wahpeton City Code until the ordinance is adopted.

Prior moved and Blau seconded to approve the Agreement for Wahpeton Municipal Water Plant Operator Assistance. All ayes – motion carried.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 5:42 pm. for the Proposed Plans, Specification, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Lakeside/Edgewood Project. Hemphill informed the council that he is working on agreements with the sanitary district and DC Trails for their share of the project. Mayor closed the hearing at 5:50 pm. Mead moved and Blau seconded to approve Resolution 21-9 – A Resolution Approving and Confirming the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Wahpeton 2021 Edgewood Drive and Lakeside Avenue Infrastructure Improvements Project, Divisions I and II. Roll call vote: Blau – aye, Mead – aye, Rierson – aye, Prior – aye, Jones – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 5:51 pm. to amend the FY 2020-21 Budget. Tielbur reviewed the updates. The mayor closed the hearing at 5:53 pm. Prior moved and Rierson seconded to approve Resolution 21-8 - A Resolution adopting the Budget Amendment for the Current Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Rierson – aye, Jones – aye, Prior – aye, Blau – aye, Mead – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 5:54 pm. to consider the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 Budget. Tielbur explained the slight increase in the Budget to 3.21%. The mayor closed the hearing at 5:57 pm. Blau moved and Prior seconded to approve Resolution 21-6 – A Resolution approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget year 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022. Roll call vote: Blau – aye, Jones – aye, Prior – aye, Mead – aye, Rierson – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Prior moved and Mead seconded to approve Resolution 21-7 Setting Time & Place for a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Soliciting Written and Oral Comments on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Rierson – aye, Prior – aye, Jones – aye, Blau - aye, Mead – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Council discussed the fence at the south end of Breezy Heights and a note from Robert Anderson. Liability was discussed. Prior moved and Jones seconded to wait until Spring to revisit the issue. 3 ayes and 2 nays – motion carried.

Council discussed signage “Dead End-No Public Access” for the north end of Breezy Heights Drive. There are already signs there, people just don’t read them. Blau moved and Prior seconded to do nothing. All ayes – motion carried.

Hemphill reported on the Booge dog bite court case and the expenditure of City funds to private, non-profit entities to help with community needs.

Radcliffe asked people to watch for leaks with the cold weather and some alarms at the water plant. Tuesday ISG is going to start the study on the water plant. Tielbur updated the council on the National Flood Insurance Program. Council decided to wait until the preliminary maps are finalized and adopted before adopting the program. The mayor reported on damage to a car by the Spencer Beach bridge. Jones asked for a dock committee meeting.

With no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

REVENUE RECEIVED FOR JANUARY 2021: General-\$17,458.93, Road Use-\$3,13.03, Local Option-\$8,450.60, Water-\$75,102.33, for a total of \$104,924.89.

ATTEST:

Bonnie R. Tielbur, City Clerk/Admin.

Phillip Johnson, Mayor

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