

**CITY OF WACONIA**

**March 30, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Waconia was called to order by Mayor Bloudek via Zoom as well as in person at 7:30 a.m. The following members were present: Kent Bloudek, Randall Sorensen. Pete Leo, Carl Pierson, Nicole Waldron was present via Zoom.

Staff Present: Jackie Schulze, Craig Eldred, Nicole Meyer, Ann Meyerhoff.

Visitors: Due to the Covid-19 local emergency, the City has suspended the practice of having members of the public sign in for meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bloudek,

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Motion by Waldron, seconded by Sorensen to adopt the agenda as presented. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VISITOR'S PRESENTATION:** None

**COUCIL BUSINESS:**

**Authorize Staff to Apply for Grant Funds**

Craig Eldred stated that City Council previously authorized approval of staff to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. Upon review of the nearly completed application staff found that the previous resolution approved did not meet the requirements of the grant submittal and application. Staff is asking for approval of this second request for action allowing staff to provide an application for Outdoor Recreation Grant Funds by the deadline established by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Eldred also indicated that they are working on a state review of the property.

Eldred shared the image of the property that is required to be submitted with the application for the grant. The image shows areas that will and will not be improved as well as an image showing equipment layout.

The play equipment quote has been updated to \$348,000.00. The project budget without elements that include site work, removal of play equipment, excavation, demo work, contractor work and site restoration is at \$642,000.00. The overall park budget is \$1,131,000.00 without the restroom and permanent structure.

Mayor Bloudek asked how much the grant is.

Eldred responded that they are applying for \$250,000.00. There are other grant opportunities that are being looked at.

Council Member Sorensen asked if the work is going to be contracted out or done by City staff.

Eldred stated that it will be contracted out. Some Cities have been fortunate enough that work has been donated. Some of the site work will be done with GMH during the development of Waterford.

Mayor Bloudek asked what the restroom structure will cost since it is not in the initial budget numbers.

Eldred gave a number that they had which is 2.3 million that includes the parking lot improvements and trail elements so that budget is going to change. The Park Board has had discussions about phasing it.

Council Member Sorensen asked if the project is in the CIP.

Eldred answered that both projects are.

Nicole Meyer joined and added that Waterford park has 600,000.00 budgeted in the CIP and Craig is correct on the building of 2.3 million is what is currently budgeted. Meyer informed the Council that when we decided to

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Nicole Meyer joined and indicated that for Waterford park there is \$600,000 budgeted in the CIP. Craig is correct that 2.3 million will be budgeted in the CIP for the building. Meyer informed Council that when we decided to take donations, we committed to doing the project. If the project does move forward all donations received would have to be returned.

Council Member Waldron asked what the timeline on the grant is.  
Eldred stated that we will not know until January or April 2022.

Motion by Waldron, seconded by Pierson to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-83, Authorize Approval of Revised Resolution Allowing Staff to Apply for Outdoor Recreation Grant Funds from Department of Natural Resources. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**STAFF REPORTS:** None

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Councilmember Sorensen – Nothing to Report.

Councilmember Leo – Nothing to Report.

Councilmember Pierson – Nothing to Report.

Councilmember Waldron –Nothing to Report.

Mayor Bloudek – Nothing to Report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Leo, seconded by Waldron to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 a.m. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Kent Bloudek, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Meyerhoff, Office Assistant