

CITY OF WACONIA
May 3, 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 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Kent Bloudek, Randall Sorensen, Pete Leo, Carl Pierson, Nicole Waldron.

Staff Present: Jackie Schulze, Lane Braaten, Craig Eldred, Nicole Meyer, Mike Melchert, 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: Request for use of parking lot and park was added to the Consent Agenda. Motion by Leo, seconded by Waldron to adopt the agenda as amended. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VISITOR'S PRESENTATION:

- Janet Fahey, Arts Consortium of Carver County: Purple Reigns, Painting the County Purple
- Cody Braum, Alley Improvement
- Sonja Mumford, Animal Trapping Ordinance

Public Hearing: Annexation Petition – 9550 Airport Road

Lane Braaten stated that Mike Knodt has submitted an Annexation Petition to annex 9550 Airport Road. The land proposed for annexation owned by Paradise Partners is described as PID number 07.09191350. The parcel is currently located in Laketown Township, Minnesota and the annexation has been submitted in association with a contemplated future residential development.

Upon application to annex, staff has completed the necessary public hearing requirements. Public notice was published in the Waconia Patriot on April 22, 2021. Public hearing notices were sent to Laketown Township and all affected property owners. No public hearing comments have been received regarding this annexation request.

Laketown Township approved the Orderly Annexation Joint Resolution at their regular meeting on April 12, 2021 via a 3-0 vote.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed annexation request. Upon approval by the City Council this item will be forwarded to the State for final approval upon the following condition the payment of outstanding assessment fees totaling \$34,353.70 be paid.

Mayor Bloudek called the Public Hearing to order. No comments were received.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Leo to close the Public Hearing. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion by Leo, seconded by Waldron to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-125 between the City of Waconia and Laketown Township approving the Annexation Petition submitted by Michael Knodt (on behalf of Paradise Partners) for the property located at 9550 Airport Road as described in Exhibit A and B. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) April 19, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Payment of May 3, 2021 Expenditures.
- 3) Contractor Pay Request #2 – 2020 Water Treatment Facility Improvements.
- 4) LMCIT – Tort Liability Waiver – 2021-2022 Policy Renewal.

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- 5) Use of Streets – UHCCF Century Ride.
- 6) Resolution No. 2021-118, Temporary Liquor License – Lions Club.
- 7) Resolution No. 2012-119, Trunk Fee Payment Plan – 44 W First Street, LLC.
- 8) Resolution No. 2021-120, Replacement of Recreation & Lap Pool Chlorinators.
- 9) Resolution No. 2021-121, Representation by Melchert Hubert Sjodin regarding 8th Street East Frontage Road Project.
- 10) Resolution No. 2021-122, PTO Policy Update.
- 11) Resolution No. 2021-123, Bereavement/Funeral Leave.
- 12) Resolution No. 2021-124, Interim City Administrator Leave Time Adjustment.
- 13) Waconia Library: Use of Parking Lot & Park.

Motion by Waldron, seconded by Pierson to Adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. All present voted aye.

MOTION CARRIED.

COUCIL BUSINESS:

City Administrator Contract

Jackie Schulze indicated that in September 2020, Susan Arntz notified the City Council and City Staff of her resignation, taking a City Manager position with the City of Mankato, Minnesota. In November, the City entered into a contract with GovHR to conduct a search for the next City Administrator. In January of 2021, the City Administrator position profile was posted, and in March a subcommittee of the City Council reviewed applicants and interviewed semi-finalists. Five Finalists were named at the end of March. The City Council interviewed the three City Administrator Finalists on April 21, 2021.

Following the interviews, the City Council discussed all the candidate, and decided to offer the position to Shane Fineran. Currently the City Administrator at the City of Watertown, Mr. Fineran has approximately 17 years' experience in local government management, including in-depth knowledge of Carver County and the City of Waconia. He was employed as the Assistant City Administrator in Waconia from 2009-2014. Mr. Fineran is anticipated to start June 14, 2021.

Motion by Waldron, seconded by Leo to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-126, Approving the City Administrator Contract. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Shane Fineran addressed the Council stating that he is very excited to be back in Waconia and looks forward to working with everyone.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

STAFF REPORTS: The City has received 2 applications for outdoor dining to date. Pangea and Mocha Monkey.

BOARD REPORTS:

Councilmember Sorensen – Attended School Board meeting where there was much discussion on the Budget. There will be a graduation ceremony this year with limited attendance.

South West Corridor Coalition meeting discussed grants that are being proposed with the federal infrastructure project. Phase 1 of the 212 project is completely funded; Phase 2 is still short about 25 million so they are looking at ways to narrow the gap. Groundbreaking for the project is May 4.

Hwy 5 has been upgraded to a tier 1 for funding. If the project goes through there will be a cost to the City of Waconia. Asking for a letter of support for the project.

Councilmember Leo – Nothing to Report.

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Councilmember Pierson – Nothing to Report.

Councilmember Waldron – John Schmidt was the guest speaker at the Chamber Lunch sharing how he has marketed his business online. Sister Saturday is March 15, 2021.

Mayor Bloudek – Attended the Kentucky Derby event at Schram Winery as a judge in the attire contest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Minn Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) to consider an offer to purchase a parcel of real property owned by the City of Waconia located at 10451 10th Street West: PID No. 754630010 and 87 8th Street; PID No. 753700020.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Waldron to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kent Bloudek, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Ann Meyerhoff, Office Assistant