



Waconia Wavelength

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2019 City Council Meeting Schedule & Procedure

The Waconia City Council typically meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Sometimes, due to holidays, meetings are moved to another day. Occasionally, there may be additional special meetings added. Schedule changes are posted to the City's website.

Individuals who would like to have an item added to the agenda for Council consideration at a meeting can contact the City Administrator one week before the meeting. All council meetings and work sessions are open to the public and take place at City Hall, 201 South Vine Street. Council workshops typically take place immediately following the meeting.

Council meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on Cable Channel 8 in the week following the meeting. You can view the video of past meetings, as well as the agenda packets at www.waconia.org. Below is the 2019 schedule:

February 4, 19	August 5, 19
March 4, 18	September 3, 16
April 1, 15	October 7, 21
May 6, 20	November 4, 18
June 3, 17	December 2, 16
July 1, 15	

Agendas for City Council meetings are posted to the website, at the latest, the Friday prior to the meeting. If you are interested in speaking at a meeting in regards to an agenda item, there will be "Request to Speak" cards available at each meeting. These cards will be on blue printer paper and available immediately to your left when you walk into the Council Chambers. Please try to arrive early to fill out the card.

Once completed, you will turn your card in to a City staff member, who will give the cards to the Mayor prior to the meeting. The Mayor will call you to the podium to address the City Council at the appropriate time. You will be asked to state your name and address for the record, and to discuss your topic of interest. Please be sure to direct your comments to the Mayor and Council and note that your comments may be limited to three minutes. Additionally, please note that although the City Council does not take specific action on Visitor's Presentation topics, they will hear the topic and then may:

- Have the item placed on a future agenda for action
- Refer the item to a City Board, Commission, or Committee
- Refer the item to City Staff for study or conclusion

For more information, or to see a version of the "Request to Speak" card, please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Waconia is currently hiring for two full-time positions:

Utility Maintenance Worker: Perform skilled operation and maintenance of water treatment facilities, water distribution system, wastewater collection system, and stormwater reuse systems (closes February 12).

Park Maintenance Worker: Provide on-side supervision and maintenance of the City's park grounds, facilities, playground equipment, athletic fields, and trails (closes February 7).

For job descriptions, qualifications, and to download an application, visit the employment section of the City's website at www.waconia.org. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and City application to careers@waconia.org.



Floodplain Regulations

At their regular meeting on November 19, 2018, the Waconia City Council adopted the City's Floodplain Regulations. The update coincided with floodplain maps created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In order to remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the City was required to adopt the new FEMA floodplain maps by December 21, 2018. The City used this as an opportunity to also update their floodplain regulations. The updated maps and new regulations became effective in December of 2018.

A copy of the updated ordinance is on the [City's website](#). Also included is a LOMR document which modified a section of the FEMA floodplain mapping in the area of our community located south of 1st Street West, north of 3rd Street West and bordered by City Hall to the east and Walnut Street to the West.

If you have any questions regarding the updated floodplain regulations, the updated FEMA floodplain maps, or how this may affect your property please contact Lane Braaten, Community Development Director at (952)-442-3106 or lbraaten@waconia.org. Additionally, if you have recently been contacted by your lender regarding flood insurance, you may want to reach out to the Community Development Department (952-442-3106) to see how the updated floodplain regulations may have an impact to your property.

Family Skate at the Ice Arena

Head to the Waconia Ice Arena on Sundays through March from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Family Skate. Buy two admissions, get one free! The coupon can be found on the Waconia Ice Arena's website at www.waconiaicearena.com.



Holiday Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents' Day. We will be open for regular business hours on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.



Telemarketing Scams

Telemarketing scams are one of the most common scams going around. We hear frequently about how these scams target the elderly, but in reality, anyone can fall victim to these. There is no face-to-face interaction over the telephone, and therefore it is easier for scammers to convince others that they are an authority figure.

Scammers can get money by pretending to be IRS agents, investors, bank officials, or even family members in need.

Scammers can hook you by pretending to offer:

- Free trials
- Free travel
- Extended warranties
- Loans
- Investment Opportunities
- Prizes

The best way to prevent falling victim to any telemarketing scheme is to know that no financial institutions or agencies such as the IRS will ask for your personal information over the phone. If an institution or family member calls asking for personal information or money, be sure to hang up and call that institution/individual back at their direct phone number. Don't provide personal information over the phone unless you know the number you have dialed is valid.



Hot Topic- Winter Maintenance

Did you know... a 12 oz. coffee mug filled with de-icing salt can cover 250 square feet? Less is more, as road salt is corrosive and can harm plants, grass, and even hard surfaces like concrete.



Follow the code for more information on this month's Hot Topic and previous Hot Topics or visit the Utility Billing section of www.waconia.org.