

**WAHPETON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION – MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021  
5:00 P.M. WAHPETON CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Wahpeton City Council was held Monday, December 13, 2021 in the Wahpeton City Hall and remotely by zoom. Present for the meeting include Mayor Phil Johnson, Councilmen Harold Prior, Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, and via Zoom Holly Mead, LeAnn Blau. City Attorney Don Hemphill, City Employees, Carrie Funk, and via Zoom Darin Peterson were also in attendance.

Mayor Johnson began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Rierson moved and Jones seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes – motion carried.

Prior moved and Blau seconded to approve the consent agenda containing the November 8, 2021 Regular Session minutes, the November 2021 Claims, Treasurer's Report, and Financial Report.

Under citizen's comments: There were no comments by citizens in the audience. Councilman Jones commented on behalf of residents Mike and Sara McFarlin with ongoing frustrations with safety during the construction project and access to their home.

Julie Sievers with ISG was in attendance and updated council on Reverse Osmosis system visits and calls to water treatment operator in efforts to make a decision on the RO pilot proposal. Water Superintendent Darin Peterson requested additional time to review other systems to make a better informed decision on which pilot to proceed forward with. Decision tabled to December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special meeting.

Julie Sievers with ISG reviewed soil boring proposal for future water plant site Prior moved seconded by Jones to accept the proposal. All ayes – motion carried.

Ben Groen with Beck Engineering provided council with construction update concerning Edgewood/Lakeside Prjct. Jones moved and Mead seconded to approve pay request #7 – for 2021 City of Wahpeton Infrastructure Improvement Project in the amount of \$386,780.47. All ayes – motion carried.

Ben Groen with Beck Engineering informed the council as part of Change Order #3 that Hulstein Excavating is requesting a change to the completion date for the project from 10/29/2021 to 5/21/2022. This request was not included in the Change Order #3 provided to City Clerk Funk when preparing packets. Prior moved and Blau seconded to approve Change Order #3 as presented in council packets. All ayes – motion carried.

Andrew Fisher of YMCA of the Okoboji's was onsite to share YMCA's Igniting a Health Legacy Campaign. No action taken.

Jessica Amendt the new Director of Discovery House and Bob Shaw were in attendance. Jessica introduced herself with Shaw providing an annual update. Jones moved and Blau seconded to fund \$6000 for FY 22/23. All ayes – motion carried.

Greg Drees with Okoboji Blue Water Festival was onsite to provide council with update and request for funding. Jones moved Rierson seconded to fund \$2500 for FY 22/23, Jones amended his motion and moved to fund \$3000 for FY 22/23 and Rierson seconded. All ayes – motion carried.

Mead moved and Prior seconded to approve Resolution 21-36 Establishing Accounts Payable Policies for the City of Wahpeton, Iowa. Roll call vote: Rierson – aye, Jones – aye, Mead – aye, Blau – aye, and Prior – aye. All ayes – motion carried..

Blau moved and Mead seconded to transition to payroll from semi-monthly to bi-weekly starting in 2022. All ayes – motion carried.

City Clerk Funk informed the council she reached out for guidance to understand how other cities/county entities manage employee reduced deductibles and max out of pockets and learned they participate in a Partial Self-Funding employee healthcare program. Wahpeton's insurance representative provided a proposal for the council to review. City Attorney Hemphill expressed some concerns and wished to better understand the program. Item tabled for December 27, 2021 Special Meeting.

There was council discussion concerning ending agreement with Vaughn and to understand what fees are left to be paid to Vaughn. Prior moved Jones seconded to make final payment to Richard Vaughn in the amount of \$14,685. All ayes – motion carried.

Mead moved and Jones seconded to provide Bonnie Tielbur with a net stipend of \$500. All ayes – motion carried.

Blau moved Jones seconded to reappoint Roger Mouw to the Board of Adjustment for a 5 year term. All ayes – motion carried.

Prior moved and Rierson seconded to sell Water Plant multifunction copier to the highest bidder. All ayes – motion carried.

Due to issues with residents not answering calls from Logan Davids work cell phone, the council advised City Clerk Funk to reach out to Verizon and identify if his phone number can be changed.

City Clerk Carrie Funk informed the council if they wish to participate for direct deposit for their council pay that they had forms in their binder and she also requested meeting attendance for upcoming payroll. With no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting 7:06 p.m.

REVENUE RECEIVED FOR NOVEMBER 2021: General-\$73,175.78, Road Use-\$3,003.67, Local Option-\$24,984.04, Debt Service-\$20,878.95, Equipment Reserve-\$25,000.00, Capital Tennis Courts- \$50,000.00 Lakeside/Edgewood Prjct-\$145,428.47, Water Plant Design-\$178,958.15, ARP Funds-\$86.13, Water Utility-\$85,110.02 for a total of \$606,625.21. ATTEST: Carrie L. Funk, City Clerk/Admin.