

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Waite Park City Council was held on Monday, June 5, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members present were Mayor Miller, Members Blackburn, Linquist, and Theisen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Schmitt

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

City Representatives present or on the call were City Administrator Johnson, Public Works Director Schluenz, Police Chief Reznicek, Finance Director Virnig, Attorney Storm and SEH Engineer Blommel

OTHERS PRESENT

Logan Magnon – 930 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN
Steve & Peg Reznicek – 7339 Old Long Lake, Bemidji, MN
Shannon Reznicek – 5539 Prairie Grass Dr. Sartell, MN
Jay Roos – 1004 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SWEARING-IN CHIEF REZNICEK

Administrator Johnson swore in Chief Reznicek.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Logan Magnon (930 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN) expressed extreme concern regarding the speed of traffic on 2nd Ave and would like to see stop signs installed.

Mayor Miller asked if there was a specific time of day that the issue seemed to be the worst. Mr. Magnon said that it seems to be any time of day.

Jay Roos (1004 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN) also expressed concern about speeding on 2nd Ave and said that it has gotten worse since the road was improved last year. Mr. Roos asked for increased police patrol. Mr. Roos said that he has expressed his concern to the City and Police Department.

5. COUNCIL AGENDA

Member Theisen moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.A. Approve 5/15/23 Council Meeting Minutes
- 5.B. Approve Sergeant Promotional Process
- 5.C. Approve the Removal of the "No Parking" Sign at 346 2nd Ave NE
- 5.D. Approve AllState Communication Proposals
- 5.E. Approve Hiring Process for 4 Full-Time Officers (Vacancies)

Member Theisen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.A. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2023 STREET PROJECT

In March of 2023 Council authorized design for the 2023 street project. This project consists of improvements to the following roadways:

- 11th Ave (Division Street to 1st Street North) -Full Depth Pavement replacement, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) pedestrian ramps, and spot concrete repair

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- 12th Ave (Division Street to 1st Street North) Full Depth Pavement replacement, ADA pedestrian ramps, and spot repairs on curb and sidewalk
- 1st Street North (10th Avenue to 13th Avenue) Full Depth Pavement replacement. ADA pedestrian ramps, and
- Alleys (all full reconstruction with storm sewer as needed)
 - o Alley between 10th Avenue and 9th Avenue (from 1st Street to 2nd Street)
 - o Alley between 9th Avenue and 8th Avenue (from 1st Street to 2nd Street)
 - o Alley between 4th Avenue and 3rd Avenue (from Railroad Tracks to 2nd Street)
- 7th Street South (28th Avenue to Rock on Trucking) – Full depth pavement replacement for commercial vehicles
- 3rd Street South (10th Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South) – Full depth pavement reclamation, 50% curb replacement, spot sidewalk replacement, ADA improvement, commercial vehicle rated pavement replacement
- Park Meadows Drive (2nd Avenue to end of loop) – Full depth pavement replacement in loop, edge mill and overlay between loop and 2nd Avenue. Also includes ADA improvements and replacement of all entrances to apartments.
- 10th Avenue South (7th Street to Sunwood Park Drive) - Full Depth Pavement replacement, ADA pedestrian ramps, and spot repairs on curb
- 8th Street South (10th Avenue to end of roadway) - Full Depth Pavement replacement and spot repairs on curb
- 11th Ave South (cul-de-sac) – Edge Mill and overlay

The project will be advertised for 21 days in the Saint Cloud Times and on Quest CDN. Bids will be opened electronically at City Hall in the last week of June. A subsequent State Aid funded bid package will be issued for 10th Avenue between 7th Avenue and Parkway Drive for construction this fall. Separating the projects allowed us to eliminate some additional restrictions carried by the state aid funds.

Member Theisen moved to approve the plan approval and authorization to advertise for bids as presented, seconded by Member Linquist. Motion carried unanimously.

7.B. CONSIDER JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

A bill to establish Juneteenth as a state-recognized holiday was passed by the Senate and the House and signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz. The holiday is to recognize the date on which slavery was abolished in the United States. Public business cannot be conducted on June 19 in observance of the holiday, including any local government offices. The new law was set to go into effect on Aug. 1, 2023, however, a provision changed the effective date to make the new holiday effective before June 19th of this year, requiring that the day be observed.

Administrator Johnson explained Juneteenth is not recognized in the City's personnel policy or any of our collective bargaining units as a paid holiday. To do so requires council action. In reviewing the potential actions the City Council could consider, please see the options listed below:

1. Add Juneteenth as a paid City holiday;
2. Add Juneteenth as a paid City holiday and eliminate another City holiday that is not a state legal holiday;
3. Make Juneteenth an unpaid holiday and allow employees to use unused paid leave time if they desired to be paid for the holiday; or
4. Make Juneteenth an unpaid holiday and allow employees to work on the holiday if they desired to be paid without transacting public business except in cases of necessity and potentially allow them to use unused paid leave time if they desired to be paid for the holiday and did not wish to work (e.g., close City Hall, organize files, clean, etc.).

In reviewing these options, staff did contact the other area cities and have determined that the other cities like most cities in Minnesota will be observing this holiday as a paid holiday. To do this, it will require that the City Council consider the proposed attached MOA's for each of our respective bargaining units and one for our non-union employees as well. The MOA's will be effective for this year only and will give the opportunity to be considered as part of the collective bargaining units that will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Member Theisen moved to approve the non-union MOA and Resolution as presented, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

7.B. CONSIDER JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY (Cont.)

Member Theisen moved to approve the Maintenance Employee MOA and Resolution as presented, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Theisen moved to approve the Police Admin, LELS Union MOA and Resolution as presented, seconded by Member Linnquist. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Theisen moved to approve the Police Officer Teamsters Local No. 320 MOA and Resolution as presented, seconded by Member Linnquist. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Theisen moved to approve the Police Sergeant LELS Union MOA and Resolution as presented, seconded by Member Linnquist. Motion carried unanimously.

7.C. CONSIDERATION OF GRANITE TABLE GAMBLING DONATION REQUEST

Granite Table, a part of the Central MN Community Foundation 501(c)(3), is currently seeking funding in the amount of \$3,000 to assist them with their goals. They did provide a presentation during a work session a few months ago discussing their initiatives.

Granite Table's work began about 2 years ago and has included doing the following things: built a website and rebranded through grant funds; raised \$50K from local businesses for our community scorecard; enter into a contract with SCSU and work on the scorecard has begun; held a strategic planning session; recruited new members; are implementing a new organizational structure; are planning for more community activities in the next year.

Granite Table has been recruiting new members and supporters with great success.

The council will need to determine if they would like to fund this request. The request could be funded out of charitable gambling funds.

Administrator Johnson said that there are currently funds in the charitable gambling fund to pay for this request, but did acknowledge that, with the changes made at the legislature this year, that gambling funds might change moving forward.

No motion or action was taken by Council on this item.

8. COUNCIL/MAYOR**8.A. APPROVE BILLS**

Member Theisen moved to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Member Linnquist. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

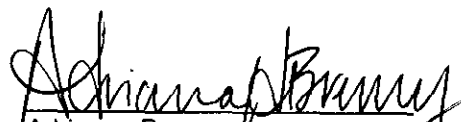
Administrator Johnson explained that since Juneteenth is now an official holiday, and that is when the next Council meeting would be, the meeting will have to be moved. Normally it would be moved to the following day, but that is the beginning of the LMC Conference. Administrator Johnson said that meeting could be on June 26th.

Engineer Blommel said with the timing of bid opening and awards that waiting until the middle of July to award that would be difficult. Administrator Johnson said that Council could hold a short meeting to award bids on the 29th of June at 7AM and still keep the regular meeting on the 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.


Richard E. Miller
Mayor


Adrianna Brenny
City Clerk