

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Waite Park City Council was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT**CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

City Representatives present or on the call were City Administrator Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director Noerenberg, Police Chief Reznicek, City Clerk Brenny, Finance Director Virnig, Attorney Storm, HR/Payroll Clerk Glanz and SEH Engineer Blommel

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Zimmerman – Park Meadows Apartment, Waite Park, MN
Logan Magnan – 930 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN
Jay Roos – 1004 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Zimmerman thanked the City for painting the fire hydrants. Mr. Zimmerman expressed concern over an uneven sidewalk in the area of 2nd Ave S, in front of Marketplace.

Mr. Zimmerman expressed a concern about a sign that was down by Northern Tool. Staff informed Mr. Zimmerman that is a private property sign.

Mr. Zimmerman asked if the City could patch around a water valve located in the road near Legacy Apartments, in front of a bus stop.

Mr. Zimmerman presented a receipt and asked why sales tax is higher in Waite Park than it is in St. Cloud. Administrator Johnson explained that during the 2022 General Election, the Waite Park voters voted in favor of enacting a %.005 sales tax that goes directly to the City of Waite Park to help construct a public safety facility.

Mr. Zimmerman asked why the Stearns County Board meetings are no longer on the Waite Park government access channel. Administrator Johnson said she would see why that is the case.

Mr. Zimmerman would like to see the seven-day forecast on the government access channel instead of just the current day. Administrator Johnson said to check with City staff to see if that could be done.

Logan Magnon (930 2nd Ave S, Waite Park, MN) expressed continued concerns regarding the speed of traffic on 2nd Ave S. Mr. Magnon said he has talked to Police Officers who have acknowledged the traffic, but have said due to the officer shortage, it has been difficult to patrol the area as much as they would like. Mr. Magnon suggested putting in stop signs. Administrator Johnson said that the City did put more police presence on the road to get an understanding of the traffic issue. The City also put in the electronic speed signs, along with different road striping. Johnson said that they could discuss the option of stop signs on the road with the City Engineer and see what that looks like. Public Works Director Schluenz said stop signs can slow people down, but then they tend to accelerate faster leaving the stop sign. Mr. Magnon said to put a stop sign in at every block then.

Jay Roos (1004 2nd Ave S) expressed serious concerns about the speed of traffic on 2nd Ave S. Mr. Roos understands that the officer shortage issue is not helping the situation.

4. COUNCIL AGENDA

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.A. Approve 8/21/23 Council Meeting Minutes
- 5.B. Approve Central Minnesota Violent Offenders Task Force Joint Powers Agreement
- 5.C. Approve Temporary Gambling Permit – Pheasants Forever at 500 Division St
- 5.D. Approve the Termination of the JPA with ISD 742 Regarding the School Resource Officer Program
- 5.E. Approve Trading in Plow Truck #441
- 5.F. Approve Flaherty & Hood Proposal

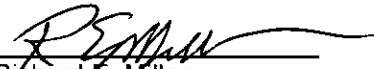
Member Linquist moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Member Theisen. Motion carried unanimously.

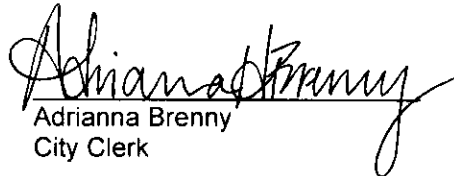
7. COUNCIL/MAYOR

8. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.


Richard E. Miller
Mayor


Adrianna Brenny
City Clerk