

January 9, 2023

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM

Washburn City Hall & Remote Call-In

City Council Members:

Present, in-person:

Karen Spears-Novachek, Tom Neimes, Mary McGrath, Carl Broberg, Dave Anderson, Laura Tulowitzky, Jennifer Maziasz

Present, remote:

none

Municipal Personnel:

Present in-person:

City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Tony Janisch, Director of Public Works Gerry Schuette, Operator in Charge Joel Weber

Present, remote:

Mayor Mary D. Motiff, City Attorney Max Lindsey

Absent:

none

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Motiff. Roll call attendance depicted seven (7) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

Approval of Minutes – City Council of December 12, 2022 - A motion was made by Neimes to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes of the City Council, second by Novachek. Motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures – A motion was made by Novachek to approve the monthly expenditures as reviewed, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously via a roll-call vote.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments - The Mayor nominated Susan Hall to the Parks Committee. A motion was made by Maziasz to appoint Susan Hall to the Parks Committee for a term expiring April 2023, seconded by Tulowitzky. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Approval of Phase 1 Bayfield Street Utility Plans and Ancillary Projects – Kluver presented an overview of utility plans and ancillary projects to be included along with the Bayfield St project. Discussion included receiving bids for both iron & pvc piping, increasing the size of sewer laterals to 6”, adding service laterals for business along Bayfield St that currently have services through alleys or side streets, replacing service lines at locations where several breaks have occurred, including 8th Ave. W (Cty. C), as well as other proposed projects. Weber noted that five breaks have occurred on Cty. C in the past 5 years. Discussion then occurred about requiring property owners to replace service laterals, especially if they have clay sewer lines which have been known to fail. Kluver stated that there is an ordinance that would allow for this mandate. Anderson suggested that property owners should inspect their lines with cameras and replace if needed. Kluver concluded with the estimated costs for the City are now at \$3.8 million; if no grant dollars are received to supplement costs there will likely not be enough borrowing capacity for Phase 2 of the project. Broberg moved to approve Phase 1 Bayfield Street Utility Plans & Ancillary Projects, seconded by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution 23-002 for Authorization to Apply for Vibrant Spaces Grant for Wikdal Park Improvements and Dedication of Funds for the Proposed Project – Broberg moved to approve Resolution 23-002 authorizing a Vibrant Spaces Grant application and dedicating fund for the proposed Wikdal Park project, seconded by Novachek. Janisch provided criteria of the Vibrant Spaces grant to suitability of Wikdal Park and its recommended improvements for this funding. Discussion commenced. Anderson suggested business development at Wikdal Park and using the Omaha property as park space. McGrath stated that campground expansion has been discussed for many years and focus should be here first. Novachek moved to open the floor, seconded by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously. John Hopkins, 631 W Bayfield St., stated that as a business owner near Wikdal Park, he does have people coming in to ask to use the bathroom, and that it would be nice to have a public bathroom in the downtown. Novachek moved to close the floor, seconded by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion approved five (5) to two (2), McGrath & Anderson voting against.

Discussion & Action on Ordinance 23-001 Related to Winter Parking Regulations on 1st Ave. East - Broberg moved to approve Ordinance 23-001 for Winter Parking Regulations on 1st Ave. E, seconded by Novachek. Discussion occurred. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution 23-001 Combining Wards into a Single Polling Place for 2023 Elections – McGrath moved to approve Resolution 23-001 Combining Wards for the 2023 Election, seconded by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Street Closures Request (Harbor View Dr., Holman Lakeview Dr., S. 6th Ave W., and Lake Dr.) for Bike Across the Bay on February 19, 2023 – McGrath moved to approve the Street Closure Request for Bike Across the Bay, seconded by Tulowitzky. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn – Mayor Motiff adjourned the meeting at 7:21PM.

Tony Janisch
Assistant City Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30pm

Committee Members Karen Spears-Novachek, Mary McGrath & Laura Tulowitzky reviewed monthly expenditure vouchers.