Waterloo Town Council Meeting October 12, 2021

A meeting of the Waterloo Town council was held October 12 at 6:00p.m. at the Waterloo Town Hall present were:

Jess Jessup Ken Surber Katherine Hobbs Josh Caudill

Greg Iddings Pam Howard/Town Manager

Andrew Kruse/ Town Attorney Renee Duszynski/ Clerk Treasurer

The following business was discussed, and action taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

Public Hearing:

1. 2022 Budget Presentation:

Duszynski explained the information that is provided to the public. She stated there are three copies of the budget forms. They will be available at the Town Hall as well for the public. It contains the overall budget that is being proposed, the line-item budget items, and the estimated revenues. Jessup explained the council has been having public budget work sessions going over the forms in order to get to these numbers. Duszynski explained the budget process. Money is received from property tax, local income tax, and other state level taxes such as gas tax. The budget process is really an 18-month process. Revenues and expenditures are estimated for the last half of the current year and the entire next year. Jessup stated it was budgeted for raises for town employees and to add part time firefighters. He stated the town is on the way to building financial reserves. The final adoption is October 26th at 6pm. Jessup asked for questions. There were no questions from the public. Closed at 6:16pm.

Communication from the President: None

Communication from The Committee:

Caudill discussed progress with park board on Veterans Park. They have decided on a design and are working toward the Veterans Memorial. Howard stated that park board member Cheryl Davis was concerned about it being too family focused. Howard explained why a splash pad would be acceptable in a park. It is quite separated from the Memorial.

Communication from The Town Manager:

Howard explain the SRF forgivable loan. The town will receive almost \$5 million from USDA, but that is not enough. Our agreed order will result in a \$9million project. SRF has encouraged the town to apply for this forgivable loan; and then round 3 of SRF. Howard has started the application process. Howard also explained that this will affect rates.

Main Street is having a chicken/pork chop dinner with a choice of beans or potatoes, choice of side salad, a roll and cookie for \$11/meal. It is Friday 5-7pm at Francis Thomson Park.

United Methodist Church will hold an event Saturday October 23 in the parking lot 3-6pm. The town will participate. Howard will cook chili and taste test.

Treats before dark sponsored by Nucor will be October 30 3-5pm. Agape will do cocoa in the depot. Teachers will do trunk or treat. Main Street will hand out candy and have games. Town wide Trick or treat will be 5-7pm.

Main Street is having a Holiday block party November 20. The Holiday Train is not going but Main Street will still have the event with music, vendors, and food.

December 4 will be the tree lighting in the park. Howard will ask a pastor to speak. Santa will be there. Main Street wants to keep it separate from the holiday train.

Communication from the Clerk:

Clerk's office closed November 5, 12, 19 until 12:30 pm for training.

New Business:

1. Minutes/ Claims: September 10 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Hobbs (2nd Iddings) passed.

September 14 reviewed. Duszynski explains corrections. Hobbs would like to add corrections. Motion to approve with corrections Caudill (2nd Surber) passed.

September 24 minutes reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve with corrections Caudill (2nd Surber) passed.

Claims reviewed. Jessup asked about ART. Howard explained the cleaning & camera that is part of the yearly budget for the wastewater department. Motion to approve Caudill (2nd Hobbs) passed.

- 2. Fund Report: Duszynski reviewed the new funds and general promotion of business fund. Jessup asked about DNR trail. Howard stated they are waiting on some final things to close out the project. Howard discussed TIF and the 200 block of Wayne Street demolition. The fund is very healthy and wants to promote economic development. TIF will continue to grow.
- 3. Ordinance 2nd Reading: Amending ordinance of meetings. Jessup reads. Jessup asked if it needed publication. Kruse stated not if there isn't a fine/penalty. Motion to approve 2nd reading Surber (2nd Iddings) passed. Motion to waive 3rd reading approved Caudill (Surber).
- 4. 2nd Reading: Amending Ordinance of Order of Business: Jessup reads. Motion to approve 2nd reading Hobbs (Caudill). Motion to waive 3rd approved Hobbs (Iddings).
- 5. Ordinance 21-05: Expenditure Authorization for Liaisons: Jessup read. Caudill asked for clarification that if money that is already appropriated needed approval. Discussion was held. It was decided that money appropriated approval is not necessary. Motion Caudill (Surber). Motion to waive 3rd approve Hobbs (Iddings).
- 6. Striping Proposal: Howard discussed the proposal and the areas that need striped. The DNR trail needs it, RR Crossing and N Wayne. Three Rivers Barricade was also quoted but is not

- complete. Should be able to be done in October. Jessup asked about the RR Crossing qty. Duszynski pointed out it shows that it is for CCMG Striping. Howard called Wolfe for clarification. Walnut passed Cedar. RR Crossing - then buy a \$500 stencil so the town can do them from now on. Duszynski explains the funding - Motion to approve quote Caudill (Hobbs).
- 7. Website Update by What's Up 24/7: Howard reviewed the information. The website is good, but she is not sold on the calendar. A new website would be beneficial and easier for the community to use. The calendar is community, but she is not sure the other entities would use it. Hobbs researched and there are other options and is not sure this option is the best fit. The company has made a demo website. Hobbs would like to see it. She also inquired how much access we would have on the back end. Jessup would like to table and gather more information.

Other Business:

Floor: Cheryl Davis has been speaking with the lot across from Head Start. The drainage is bad, and kids have to walk through it. Howard explains there is bad storm water issues. There is no money budgeted to fix this. Discussion was held. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

President, David Balton

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Clerk- Treasurer, Renee Duszynski