

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 14th, 2023

A regular council meeting of the City of Wheaton, MN was held in the Wheaton Community Library with the following members present: Veldhouse, Wohlenhaus, Larson, Rikimoto, and Findlay.

Absent: None Also present: Utility Billing Clerk Olson

Mayor Veldhouse called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, and motion carried, the council approved the minutes of regular meeting on November 21st, 2023, the claims of December 14th, 2023 as presented.

Resolution 2023-27- Transfer of Funds

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson and unanimously carried, the council approved Resolution 2023-27, Transfer of funds from the Money Market.

2023 Weed Report

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to approve the 2023 Weed Report.

2024 Wage Scale

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to approve the 2024 Wage Scale as presented.

2024 Professional Service Agreements for the WFD

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to approve the Prof. Agreements for the Fire Chief Rick Davis, Secretary Joe Gahlon and Treasurer Casey O'Leary.

Old Business/Committee Reports

On August 24th, Councilman Ed Rikimoto told the council the Park Board is requesting to have the duck slide at the pool taken to Bartz Collision and they will repaint it for material costs only. After completion, the invoice was for \$2,053.13 which included some labor costs. Councilman Doug Wohlenhaus talked to Bartz Collision about the confusion of the invoice. It was never stated the labor would not be charged they said. Upon this info, Wohlenhaus made the motion for the Park Board to get written quotes and preapproval from the council prior to any action taken on projects to prevent any overspending and/or non-budgeted items. Motion seconded by Findlay, aye by Larson, nay by Rikimoto, nay by Veldhouse, motion carries.

Regular council meeting was recessed at 6:00 pm for the TNT Meeting and Reopened at 6:10 pm.

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Findlay, and carried unanimously, the council approved the Pard Board to seek a \$17,000 grant for intersection improvement at 16th street.

Legal Update- Attorney Matt Franzese

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to authorize Attorney Franzese to pursue court action to have the garage removed at 307 9th St S, the property belonging to Jason Newman, since he is not in compliance with the abatement resolution.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to authorize Attorney Franzese to pursue action in District Court for non-compliance on the house at 307 9th St S, the property belonging to Jason Newman.

Administrator Update

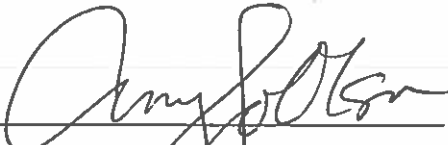
Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, unanimously carried, the council approved Public Works to order a new testing meter for the Sewer Plant.

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Findlay, and carried, the council regrettably accepts the resignation of Mayor Jacob Veldhouse effective January 11th, 2024, at 12:01 am, and declares a vacancy for the mayor position.


Adjourned

6:46 pm CDT

ATTEST:



Amy Olson, City Administrator



Jacob Veldhouse, Mayor