

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 12th, 2024

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

Absent: None Also present: City Administrator Olson, Billing Clerk Olson, Public Works: Dean Lampe, Sean Witte, Robert Hoernemann, Councilman elect Amy Churchill

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

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, and unanimously carried, the council 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 25th, 2024. Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to approve the minutes of special meeting of December 9th, 2024. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to approve the claims of December 12th, 2024 as presented.

Local Road Improvement Plan

Meeting was opened for public comment on the road improvement plan for 5th Ave n and 12th street. Jon Pauna from Moore Engineering gave a presentation on the plan and timeline to the public.

2023-2024 Property Tax Assessments Appeals

A written appeal from Craig Ehlers for weed removal by the City in the amount of \$250.00 was read and discussed by the council. Upon motion from Findlay, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to deny the appeal because Mr Ehlers did not rectify the abatement as per Ordinance 650 resulting in the City of Wheaton removing the weeds.

Tim Siegel told the council he was appealing his pending assessment for a curb stop repair in the amount of \$990.00. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to remove the charges in the amount of \$990.00 from the Siegel property for the curb stop repair as Siegel's service line and curb stop go through the adjacent property and was damaged by the property owner.

Marcy Leclair told the council she sold the property located at 204 7th Street N to Craig Pullis in August of 2024. The property was vacant prior to that and was in violation of Ordinance 650 which resulted in \$400.00 in mowing charges in June. These charges were not paid by the previous owner and Leclair is requesting the charges to Pullis be removed. Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to remove the pending property assessment in the amount of \$400.00 for mowing fees.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to close the regular council meeting and open the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6:12 pm.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to open the regular council meeting at 6:19pm.

ROW Permit for Frontier Communications

Upon motion from Findlay, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to approve the right of way permit.

Professional Service Agreements with the Fire Dept.

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

Purchase of Services Agreement with Attorney Matthew Franzese

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve the agreement as presented.

Land Use Permit

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to approve the permit for 304 Broadway for a shed.

Mileage Reimbursement

Upon motion from Findlay, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve the mileage reimbursement to Billing Clerk Jody Olson for personal vehicle use while getting meter reads twice a month.

Old Business/Committee Reports/New Business

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve Rick Davis to order shelves for the new fire truck for their supplies.

The council discussed finding replacement land for the requirements of the DNR Parkland grant. This will be taken to the park board for their input.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, aye by Findlay, nay by Larson, nay by Lundquist, motion carried to change City Hall hours back to Monday-Friday 8am to 4:30 pm starting Thursday January 2nd, 2025.

Public Works Rob Hoernemann explained to the council the poor condition of the flags on Broadway and provided them with some pricing of new ones. Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to purchase 20 flags from the American Legion Post #80 for \$21.99 each plus shipping.

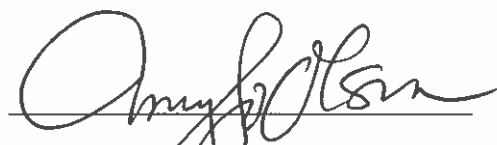
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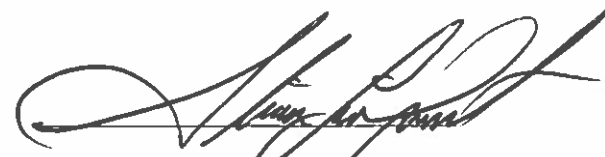
Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried unanimously to allow Olson to pay any outstanding normal or recurring invoices received through December 31st, 2024 and cancel the meeting set for December 19th, 2024.

Adjourned

Motion by Larson, Seconded by Rikimoto Meeting was Adjourned at 7:27 pm

ATTEST:


Amy Olson, City Administrator


Steven Lundquist, Mayor