

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, Councilman elect Amy Churchill

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve the claims of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented.

**Resolution 24-17 Resolution Adopting Assessment for Unpaid City Provided Services & Certification to Property Taxes**

Mayor Lundquist opened the meeting for public comment regarding Resolution 2024-17, a resolution approving special assessments for all unpaid city services for 2023-2024. No members of the public were present. Two written appeals were received and will be discussed at the regular council meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto and unanimously carried, the council approved Resolution 2024-17.

**Wheaton Area Baseball Updates**

Mitch Frisch updated the council on the projects completed at the baseball fields so far. Frisch said their next major improvement hopes to be a new backstop. The group is hoping to purchase with donations and grant money. Upon permission from the council, Chere Rikimoto will apply for some grants in 2025.

**Hiring of Fireman**

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve the hiring of fireman Swain Babcock.

**Hangar Stall Lease for West Central Ag Air**

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to approve the hangar lease.

**Resolution 2024-16 Designating Precinct and Polling Place**

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-16.

**Land Use Permit**

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to approve the permit for 1404 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S for a fence contingent that setbacks follow the ordinance at 10 feet from road.

**Old Business/Committee Reports/New Business**

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve the demolition quote from Whaley Excavating to demolish and remove all debris at 307 9<sup>th</sup> St S in the amount of \$8,500.00

Topics discussed: 1978 DNR Pool grant, business hours at City Hall, Ordinance 550, Liquor Licenses, Council Minutes and the Mallard.

**Health Benefits Renewal**

Paul Frisch from Frisch Insurance presented the council the different healthcare plans available. United Health Care (current provider) is increasing 21.5% for 2025. Switching to a comparable plan at a 15% increase would be Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, carried unanimously to switch the health care provider to Blue Cross Blue Shield plan 642 in the amount of \$8,902.77 monthly.

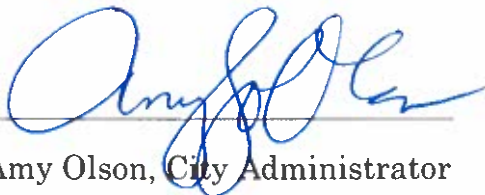
**Administrator Update**

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Findlay, motion carried unanimously to sell the 1993 Fire Rescue Rig on auction as requested by the Fire Dept. with a reserve of \$5,000.00.

**Adjourned**

Motion by Larson, Seconded by Rikimoto Meeting was Adjourned at 6:40pm

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Olson, City Administrator

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Steven Lundquist, Mayor