

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 10th, 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, Rikimoto, Larson and Findlay.

Absent: None Also present: Administrator 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.

Ramesh Patel from Wheaton Inn- Tax Abatement Request

Wheaton Inn owner Ramesh Patel is asking the City of Wheaton for another tax abatement. The Wheaton Inn was granted a tax abatement in 2009 for 12 years in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year. A request for a Public Hearing to consider abatement will be held in September.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, and motion carried, the council approved the minutes of regular meeting on July 27th, 2023, and the claims of August 10th, 2023 as presented.

Replay and Sealing Quotes

Jerry Beckmann provided the council with a quote and presentation for gap mastic repairs in the amount of \$23,841.00. Jerry also provided the council with a quote and presentation for RePlay in the amount of \$76,834.00. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson and carried unanimously, the quote for the Mastic work was approved to be completed in 2023.

West Central Initiative

Upon motion from Rikimoto with a second by Findlay, the Council unanimously agreed to have West Central Initiative accept donations for the Wheaton Area Baseball Park Improvement Project. Upon receiving an invoice from the Baseball Association for the project, the City would ask West Central Initiative to release a portion of the donated funds to cover the cost of the invoice.

Wheaton Area Baseball Association Updates

Eric Rikimoto and James Paul updated the council with the baseball park improvement project. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson and carried unanimously, the council approved the Baseball Association to move the green shed closer to the field and repair any ruts they may cause.

Upon motion from Findlay, seconded by Rikimoto, aye from Veldhouse, aye from Larson, nay from Wohlenhaus, it was approved to demolish the green bleachers at the baseball field upon the request from the Baseball Association. Olson was directed by the council to take the funds from the Capital Improvement Ballfield Cement Fund in the Money Market to cover the costs of demolition.

The Assoc. also requested to have 10 City of Wheaton garbage cans placed at the ballfields and the players/coaches will dump them in the dumpster after each game. They would like them placed out there next spring.

Legal Update

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Larson and carried unanimously, the council authorized City Attorney Matt Franzese to move forward with litigation to demolish the house at 205 Broadway due to uninhabitable conditions.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus and carried unanimously, the council authorized Franzese to move forward with an abatement for 307 9th St S to remove structures on the property following the building inspectors report.

Resolution 2023-12 Accepting Donations

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus and carried unanimously, Resolution 2023-12 was approved to accept the \$5,000.00 from West Central Initiative for the parks.

Administrator Update

The council reviewed the Building Inspection Report for the green bleachers at the Baseball Field. The bleachers are in compliance and the Certificate of Compliance gets sent to the MN. Dept of Labor & Industry for registry. The inspection and compliance report is required every five years under the MN Bleacher Safety Act.

The council reviewed the cash balances for July.

The council reviewed the Certified LGA Amounts for 2024.

Adjourned

7:37 pm CDT

ATTEST:

Amy Olson, City Administrator



Jacob Veldhouse, Mayor