

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 24th, 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.

Extension of Abatement-

Dustin Paananen was at the council meeting to represent Kimberly Bearden and Joe Evans regarding the Substandard Building Abatement following the Administrative Search Warrant results. Bearden is requesting an extension on the abatement to allow them to fix up the house. Currently the house is deemed uninhabitable as per the Building Inspector's findings. The house needs foundation repairs, electrical and plumbing along with roof repairs to stop the leaking. The basement floor is covered in water, there is garbage everywhere and there is evidence of varmints throughout the building. The whole house is deteriorating and rotting. The council directed Olson to contact the building inspector and reach out to Bearden to set up a time for him to inspect and instruct the contractors on everything that needs to be done.

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Larson, AYE from Findlay, AYE from Veldhouse, NAY from Rikimoto, motion carried to permit City Attorney Matt Franzese to seek a method to prohibit and remove Bearden and Evans from living at the property until the house has all repairs done, is cleaned up and habitable.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, and motion carried, the council approved the minutes of regular meeting on August 10th, 2023, and the claims of August 24th, 2023 as presented.

Fire Chief Rick Davis- FEMA Grant Update

Fire Chief Rick Davis told the council the department received a FEMA grant for \$219,523.80 for a new compressor and fill station and also to upgrade the SCBA units. Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto and carried, council gave Davis permission to order the grant items.

Davis also requested to purchase stabilizers. Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Findlay and carried, request approved.

Dennis Hanson- Tree Complaint

Dennis Hanson owns the property at 1501 3rd Ave N which had three diseased trees which were marked by Tree Inspector Ed Rikimoto. As per Ordinance 650, the trees must be removed. Olson sent out the abatement letter on June 12th, 2023 to the address that would be assessed as per Ordinance. Hanson did not provide the County with a current mailing address and Olson received the letter back on August 15th, 2023. The trees were already removed by the contractor hired by the City. Upon motion from Rikimoto,

waive the fees for the tree removal of \$2,500.00.

Waiver of Sewer Charges

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to waive the sewer charges for the Broadway Office Building.

Wheaton Community Ed- Request of Payment

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to approve payment of \$20,000.00 to the Wheaton Community Ed Program.

CGMC Dues

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to approve the dues for the Coalition of Greater MN Cities in the amount of \$3,588.00.

Bleacher Boards

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to donate the boards off the green bleachers that are getting demolished because they are in poor condition to the Traverse Co. Ag Assn.

Liquor License for Rusty Anchor

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, motion carries to approve the Sunday Liquor License for the Rusty Anchor.

Land Use Permits

Upon motion from Larson, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carries to approve the Land Use Permit for 1307 Broadway to demo garage.

Resolution 23-13 Resolution Selling Real Property

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Findlay, motion carried to approve Resolution 23-13.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Larson, motion carried to approve the contract for tax forfeiture property at 1305 Broadway.

Administrator Update

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to set the 2023 Truth in Taxation meeting for December 14th at 6:00 pm.


Adjourned

7:36 pm CDT

ATTEST:



Amy Olson, City Administrator



Jacob Veldhouse, Mayor