

Study Session Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2015  
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Study Session Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on August 24, 2015 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Infelt presided and the following Council Members were present: Reznicek, Waldstein, Lampe, McKenzie, Gade, Neuendorf and Kangas. Absent: None

**A. Call to Order.**

**B. Approval of Agenda.**

**Moved By: Neuendorf                      Seconded By: Waldstein**

Agenda as presented is hereby approved.

**Yes: 7                      No: 0                      Absent: 0**

**C. Public Comments.**

- Staff informed Duane Liddle the hydro-electric generators do not run at random times due to low water flows.

**D. Study Session Calendar.**

1. Emergency Water Supply Interconnect with Central Iowa Water Association
  - This would allow cost sharing of a new emergency interconnect near CUNA Mutual Group campus and a second interconnect east of the river near 30<sup>th</sup> Street SE at the cost of Central Iowa Water Association’s (C.I.W.A.). The construction places meters and valves in the ground at both locations so that either water provider can supply the other if an emergency were to arise. This program would add redundancy to both party’s water supply should there be an issue with wells, pumping systems or quality of water. The agreement would be in the form of a 28E and would need to be adopted by resolution. The length of the agreement would be 10 years unless one party or both parties cancel with the use of a written 30 day notice. The rate for the bulk water sales will be 60% of the City’s top tier commercial rate and this rate will be charged by either party. The consensus of Council was to move forward with the proposal.
2. Bridge decision process and timeline
  - Butch Kehe of Cedar Valley Engineering will prepare a report that will include his opinions of the current condition and his recommendations on how to proceed with the Harmon/3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE/Green Bridge replacement or repairs. A letter was submitted by Charles Birnstiel who has a civil engineer background and is a colleague of Wartburg College President Colson. The Historic Preservation Commission will meet Thursday to review options as they have been presented. The commission will inquire with their consultant to determine historic landmark eligibility and timing. Council would like the opportunity to review Mr. Kehe’s report before making decisions on how to move forward.
3. Strategic plan update including the broad goals, the action items, and the building permit update
  - City Administrator reviewed the current plan and highlighted areas of the document. The Local Option Sales and Services Tax (L.O.S.S.T.) is due to sunset in 2019 and currently generates an estimated \$1M per year and that income is used for law enforcement and public safety projects including acquisition of equipment and construction of capital improvements; for drainage and flood control improvements; and for street, alley and parking improvements and related infrastructure. Several of the items on the current list are either done or being finalized. This document is a tool, among others, used by Council in prioritizing projects and goals for the City. Much is being accomplished through the Dry Run Improvement Project. The building permit report shows increased valuations that are largely due to commercial growth and additionally includes increased home remodeling, improvements, and garages while new residential building is keeping stable with 29 in the 2014 – 15 fiscal year and a total of 136 new

homes built since the 2010-11 fiscal year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE bridge has been on the current and past plans.

**E. Reports from Boards and Commissions**

1. Monthly Financials; July, 2015; Received into record.

**F. Staff Comments**

- There were none.

**G. City Council Comments**

- Councilmember McKenzie stated the detour for 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW appears to be a well-thought out plan and seems to be working pretty smooth with few accidents.
- Councilmember Lampe stated there is now movement regarding bridge repair and awaits Mr. Kehe's report and proposed long term solutions.
- Councilmember Reznicek inquired regarding progress on a housing strategy. Staff reported that the Economic Development Commission feels they have been doing this for some time and housing is a priority. The City needs a source for incentives.
- Councilmember Kangas recognized Police Chief Pursell for his caring and community service at the Iowa State Fair.
- Staff informed Councilmember Gade that the traffic count numbers came from previous Iowa Department of Revenue (I.D.O.T.) reports from 2001, 2005, 2009, and 2013 showing an average of 2,000 to 3,000 vehicles per day. Councilmember Gade further requested the bridge repair fund be held in an interest bearing account.
- Guestcouncil person Barb Benson thanked Council for the opportunity to be Guestcouncil member.

**H. Mayor's Comments**

- Mayor Infelt recognized Middle School students (three main contributors would be Luke Tobin, Aubrey Hall, Seth Abkmeier) and Art Instructor Chelsie Meyer for making the new sculpture in Kohlmann Park possible. Mayor also thanked U.N.I. Professor Thomas Stancliffe for his work in putting it together. Mayor further remembered Jo-Ellen Raap and her contributions to the City of Waverly.

**N. Adjournment**

**Moved By: Kangas                      Seconded By: Neuendorf**  
To adjourn.

**Yes: 4                                      No: 0                                      Absent: 3**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

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Charles D. Infelt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carla Guyer, City Clerk