

CITY OF WACONIA
JULY 1, 2024

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of the city of Waconia was called to order by Mayor Waldron at 6:00 p.m.

The following Council Members were present: Nicole Waldron, Nick Gleason, Jeff Grengs, and Randy Sorensen

The following staff were present: Shane Fineran, Nicole Meyer, Justin Sorensen, Lane Braaten, Jon Haukaas, and City Attorney Mike Melchert

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Sorensen second by Grengs to adopt the agenda as published.
MOTION CARRIED.

4) **VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

Bruce Allen, 854 Beach Road. Requested a postponed of agenda Item 5.7 to deny the request for Private Use of Public Property. Resident was told that this was a road and is zoned as a road. Spoke with legal counsel and they indicated that this is a road. Resident stated he is required to landscape up to the road.

Mayor Waldron stated that Agenda Item 5.7 will be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

5) **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 Approve the June 17, 2024 City Council Minutes

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5.2 Approve July 1, 2024 Expenditures

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5.3 Contractor Pay Request #2 - Waconia Downtown Reconstruction - Phase 2

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[Downtown Reconstruction Phase 2 Pay Request #2](#)

5.4 Execution of Quotes for the Replacement of Lift Station L52 VFD

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[Resolution No. 2024-139 Execute Lift Station 152 VFD Replacement Quotes](#)

[LS52 VFD Replacement Pricing 2024](#)

[L52 VFD Replacement PR 6948 Electrical](#)

5.5 2024 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments

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[Resolution No. 2024-140 Approving 2nd Quarter 2024 Budget Amendments](#)

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5.6 Donation Acceptance - Cash Donation for Parks Department Operations

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[Resolution No. 2024-141 Accepting Cash Donation Parks Department Operations](#)

5.7 Private Use of Public Property Request at 854 Beach Road

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[Resolution No. 2024-142 Denying After-The-Fact Private Use of Public Property at 854 Beach Road](#)

5.8 Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License, Application to Conduct Bingo, and Exempt Permit for Raffle for the Carver County Fair

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[Resolution No. 2024-143 Approving On-Sale Liquor License Carver County Fair](#)

[Resolution No. 2024-144 Approving Tax Exempt Permit BINGO Carver County Fair](#)

[Resolution No. 2024-145 Approving Tax Exempt Permit RAFFLE Carver County Fair](#)

Motion by Gleason second by Grengs to Adopt the Consent Agenda as published with pulling Item 5.7 Private Use of Public Property Request at 854 Beach Road.

MOTION CARRIED.

6) COUNCIL BUSINESS

6.1 Reasonable Accommodation Denial for Battlefield Ministries, 415 W 1st Street

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Resolution No. 2024-146. Denying Request For Zoning Accommodation by Battlefield Ministries

Shane Fineran, City Administrator, gave a brief background of this agenda item stating the Council conducted a public hearing regarding Battlefield Ministries application for reasonable accommodation to the City's zoning regulations that do not allow more than three unrelated persons to live together in a single-family home at 415 West 1st Street. After review of the written materials and correspondence submitted by Battlefield Ministries and taking public testimony, the Council directed staff to prepare a denial Resolution to this request based on the request to be found unreasonable and unnecessary to ameliorate the effects of a disability.

There were no questions from the Council

Motion by Grengs second by Sorensen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-146 Denying Request for Zoning Accommodation by Battlefield Ministries.

MOTION CARRIED.

7) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5.7 Private Use of Public Property Request at 854 Beach Road.

Lane Braaten, Community Development Director gave a brief description of the agenda item and stated at the June 17, 2024, Council meeting the Council considered a request to allow an after-the-fact approval for private landscape improvements made on City property. Staff was directed to draft a Resolution of denial for the after-the-fact Private Use of Public Property accommodation requested.

Mayor Waldron stated that staff has been to the applicant's property and identified that it needed to be surveyed and that information was to be presented before the landscaping was done.

The applicant stated the inspection was completed after the landscaping was started. Stating staff was only concerned with the amount of hardscape on the property. Also, the applicant was told by staff that the area was zoned as a path and that it was originally a road, and the city never rezoned the area as a path.

Motion by Sorensen second by Grengs to adopt Resolution No. 2024-142 Denying the request for Private Use of Public Property at 854 Beach Road.

MOTION CARRIED.

8) **STAFF REPORTS**

Carver County Sergeant Stahn provided the Council with a report for June 2024

In comparing the first six months of 2024 to the first six months of 2023, the total call volume has remained almost identical. This year the department has received 3,269 calls for service in the City. That is only 11 more than the same time frame of 2023. Despite a high call volume, the City has relatively low crime. Of the 3,269 calls only 182 have been criminal. The Department has noticed an increase in DWI's offences. In the first half of this year, there have been 21 DWI arrests with only 15 DWI's in the first half of 2023.

The Department conducted a crosswalk sting in the City in areas without indicators. Eleven citations were issued with five being for the use of a wireless device, two for speeding, two for non-seatbelt, one for failure to yield to pedestrian, and one for failure to stop at a stop sign.

9) **BOARD REPORTS**

Grengs: Nothing to report

Sorensen: Nothing to report

Gleason: Attended the Park Board Meeting and discussed the request for dedicated Pickleball Courts at Cedar Point Park. The Park Board recommended to not proceed with making any dedicated pickleball courts at this location with a 3-2 vote.

Waldron: Nothing to report

10) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Shane stated that City Hall will be closed on July 2, 2024, for emergency watermain repairs. Staff will be working remotely.

Council Member Sorensen reminded all residents to practice safety and please be very cautious in regards to fire works on the Fourth of July.

Mayor Waldron reminded residents that early voting is open to Waconia Residents with voting at City Hall.

11) **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Sorensen second by Gleason to adjourn the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Nicole Waldron, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Sue Schwalbe, Office Assistant