

Washburn City Commission
Official Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2022
6:30 p.m., City Hall

Members Present: Larry Thomas, Don Simon, Mike Herdt, Timothy Dockter
Absent: Kollin Syverson

President Thomas called the regular commission meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Dockter motioned to approve April 11, 2022 commission meeting minutes. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dockter motioned to approve April 25, 2022 commission meeting minutes. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Simon motioned to accept April financials. Dockter seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Thomas motioned to approve a special event permit for the Riverboat Saloon during Riverboat Days. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Simon motioned to approve Saturday's special event permit for the Captain's Cabin during Riverboat Days. Herdt seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dockter motioned to approve Friday's special event permit for the Captain's Cabin during Riverboat Days. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Thomas motioned to approve a firework permit, following all burn ban orders, for the Riverboat Days committee to have a firework show Saturday night. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Suzy Jacobson also informed the commission that she will be selling fireworks for Memory Fireworks again this summer.

Thomas motion to approve a 50/50 raffle permit for Riverboat Days committee to be held during the demolition derby. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Thomas motioned to designate the Leader News as the official newspaper. Dockter seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dockter motioned to move DMVW off the table. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Dockter expressed concern that there are already multiple areas in town that need street repair done. Hauling fly ash into Washburn isn't going to be a huge revenue source for the city. Dockter motioned to decline this request. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dockter motioned to bring the discussion of the Memorial Hall electrical panel off the table. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Thomas stated that the bids are very similar in comparison to each other. Thomas motioned to go with Lakeside

Electric (\$6,491.20) for the electrical panel at the Memorial Hall. Herdt commented that her bid was only good through May 1st so have to double check on that. Dockter seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Washburn Park Board was present. Beaudry expressed her concerns about the community garden and not being able to supply the community with vegetables this summer. Thomas had informed them that Midwest AgEnergy terminated their contract and would no longer be needing water supply from the city. He gave them permission to use the area for the garden, sports, etc. The intake may possibly happen in the future, but the water plant expansion will not be needed with the pipeline going out of town. Dockter clarified his statement about sports not ever being cancelled but possibly interrupted with trucks coming into town but its no longer an issue.

The Game and Fish has contacted the city and the boat ramp needs repair. Concrete will be poured on Friday. There is potential for funding to fix the rip-rap but will have to look into that. The main dock will be put in a week or so after the concrete is poured. The courtesy dock is in.

Police contract is out. A meeting will be held at the end of the month for Sheriff Kerzmann to go over the increase of everyone's contract and answer any questions the towns may have. The commission will readdress this at the next meeting.

Clean up letters were sent out last fall. There was not much response from residents. They will be sent out earlier this year.

Brandt informed the commission that their renewal rate for BCBS has decreased. Dockter motioned to continue with our current plan. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Simon informed the commission that the applicant who was offered the public works position turned it down. He recommended that the city just hire summer help instead of a full-time employee since the water supply project has ceased. Simon motioned to re-evaluate in a year if another employee is needed. Dockter seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

AE2S Update:

Blue Flint Ethanol-long term contract reached with Rainbow Energy, so they pulled their contract with the City and McLean-Sheridan District. That means the city lost their local share funding for the intake project. Will not advertise intake project at this time.

Intake Project-would like to do a bathymetric survey again before proceeding with intake project. River depths appear to have changed but the west side still appears to have a constant flow. The full 65% grant increase will be heard on May 12th and should be granted but that will be decided for sure on June 7th. FEMA grant extension has not been granted but expected to be. Thomas motioned to get on the list for SRF funding. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Red River Valley Water Supply Project-Garrison Diversion would like the city to connect to their intake south of town. 7-8 miles of pipe would need to ran to bring water into the city. This might be a more cost effective option but a more in-depth conversation needs to be had.

Portfolios:

Dockter – couple planters that could be removed. Look at the maintenance for them with Adam.

Herd – issues with doors at the memorial hall yet

Simon – nothing

L. Thomas – nothing

Brandt – Open walk will close Friday, May 27th. Options for additional life insurance through Omaha Mutual Insurance. Dockter motioned to add additional life insurance for employees at a cost of \$216.00/year. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Been having internet issues.

A. Thomas – Corp increasing cfs levels this month so temporary pump is not going in. still waiting to hear on tar and for the sprayer to show up.

Rhonda Johnson – candisk bike tour is coming through town and wondering if Washburn would like to be a host city. will talk to Washburn Life as well. Herdt motioned to allow them to stay at riverside park and use the hall if bad weather. Simon seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dockter motioned to pay the bills.

Herd seconded. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next Meeting June 13, 2022.

Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Chelsey Brandt, Auditor

City of Washburn

Larry Thomas, President

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