

TUESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, AT 7:00 PM

2011

**MINUTES**

The Waverly City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Greg Kempton. Roll call was taken with the following Elected Officials and Council Members in attendance: Mayor, Dale Reed, City Auditor, Harvey Whaley, Councilwoman, Joyce Thompson, Councilmen, Forest Blakeman, Steve Fisher, Dick Demlow, Tom Patterson, Bret Bevens and Council President Greg Kempton.

In Attendance: Allison Wyant, WKKJ, and Brad Sherman, News Watchman.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with Councilman Bevens leading Council and guest in the pledge of allegiance to The American Flag.

The minutes of the Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Councilman Demlow seconded by Councilwoman Thompson.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Reed announced the retirement of Diane Plunk, Water Department with 30 years of service. Thanks for the great job, she will be greatly missed.

Tim Knight from the Street Department has retired also. Tim has been an asset to the Street Department for about 8 years. He also will be missed.

Reed stated he has attended the last two meetings with Waverly Business Group. They are planning several things for Waverly in conjunction with the Street Fest. They will also be doing the flowers downtown again this year.

Mayor Reed stated he has turned the list of the damages claimed by Dwayne Cutler over to the Insurance Company.

The Mayor reported last council meeting, him and Robin will be attending a meeting in Belpre May 12<sup>th</sup> with the Governors Office and the Census. He has talked with the Secretary of States Office on April 25<sup>th</sup> regarding the census. He was told that our Law Director would have to guide us thru the process of returning to Village status. "They really would not answer questions as to how this would affect us." I wanted to know if they could explain the process of contesting the census count. They e-mailed the proceeding to me.

Mayor Reed read the following letter.

The legislative authority of Waverly (typically the city council) may by resolution direct the city auditor to make an enumeration. Upon presentation of the resolution to the city auditor, the auditor must cause an enumeration of the population of Waverly to be taken. Within 5 days from the time the city auditor is directed to cause an enumeration to be taken, he/she must appoint 5 persons to make the enumeration. The enumerators may be paid an amount necessary to assure competent personnel, but the amount may not exceed \$10 per day. Each enumerator must take an oath to make such an enumeration accurately and truly to the best of his/her skill and ability. Each enumerator must be provided with a book to record the name of each Waverly resident with the name and number of the street of the house in which the resident lives. Within 10 days of being appointed, the enumerators must complete the enumeration and return their books to the city auditor. The city auditor must then report the results to the legislative authority of Waverly and to the secretary of state.

According to Census statistics they never recognized anything other than 1990 – 4,447, 2000 – 4,433, estimate 2009 – 4,480 and new 2010 – 4,408.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel Committee Report:** Councilman Bevens made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to approve hiring Steve Grooms for fulltime employment with the Street Department.

There was a discussion concerning hiring procedures. Councilman Blakeman thought the positions should be posted in house followed with advertisement in the newspaper.

Mr. Knight informed council he has never hired an employee in that manner.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Nay (Forest Blakeman)

**Public Service Committee Report:** Councilman Fisher read the proposed 3 year Water Rate Increase.

Water Rate to take effect January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011: First 0 to 4,000 gallons to be charged at 7:34 per 1000 gallons. A minimum bill for all user consuming 4,000 gallons per quarter, or less shall be issued for: \$29.36 per quarter per customer.

Over 4,000 gallons to be charged at: \$3.68 per 1000 gallons.

Water Rate to take effect January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012: First 0 to 4,000 gallons to be charged at: \$9.18 per 1000 gallons. A minimum bill for all users consuming 4,000 gallons, per quarter, or less shall be issued for: \$36.72 per quarter per customer.

Over 4,000 gallons to be charged at: \$4.02 per 1000 gallons.

Water Rate to take effect January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 and all subsequent years after 2013: An automatic 3% increase to the 2012 rate shall take effect on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. All subsequent years after 2013, the 3% increase to the year prior rate shall take effect annually.

Councilman Fisher stated this increase is just to give the Water Service adequate revenue to maintain the systems current requirements.

There was a discussion. The Ordinance for the increase will be presented to Council on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the next Council Meeting.

**Zoning Committee Report:** Councilman Patterson had no report.

**Public Safety Committee Report:** Councilman Demlow informed council he filled complaints regarding dilapidated structures. Demlow reported that Bristol Village is having problems attracting new residents. The economy is a big problem, but in reviewing questionnaires people are not happy with the surrounding neighborhoods and the downtown area. Demlow encouraged his fellow council members to get involved in promoting the cleanup of the downtown area.

Demlow was not happy with the attendance at the Wake-Up Waverly event. Out of 300 invites only 6 attended.

“I don’t know what it is going to take to wake this city up, to spruce itself up, and to do things so that it attracts people into moving here and doing business here.”

**Recreation Committee Report:** Councilman Blakeman had no report.

**Finance Committee Report:** Councilwoman reported the General Fund beginning balance was: \$610,493.11. Bills this council were: \$3,776.40. Leaving a cash balance of: \$606,716.71.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**AUDITORS REPORT:**

Mr. Whaley commented on the Water Increase stating it is a much needed increase.

Councilman Bevens made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson to pay the bills.

Councilman Blakeman questioned the \$9,022.00 from the Police Fund, which was a purchase of an explorer to replace two vehicles that are not repairable.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Council President Kempton read announcements:

\*Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm

\*Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Blakeman, seconded by Councilman Bevens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

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President Council, Greg Kempton

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Clerk of Council, Roxanne Boggs

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