

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — APRIL 27, 2021

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the boardroom, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. County Commissioners present were Chair DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson Brian Harguth, Blair Nelson, and Brad Krause.

City Council members present were Mayor Roy Srp, Jeremy Conrath, Allan Rose, Mark Christiansen, Daren Arndt, John Mansfeld; and Ted Conrath.

Others present were Michael Johnson, Administrator; Tammy Spooner, Auditor-Treasurer; Lee Mattson, Waseca City Manager; Ann Fitch, Waseca Chamber Executive Director; Mike Anderson, Assistant to the City Manager; and Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Manager.

Chair Malterer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Michael Johnson, Waseca County Administrator, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ann Fitch, Executive Director of Waseca Area Chamber, provided information regarding a competition to assist entrepreneurs in creating a new business. Ann requested that both the County Commissioners and City Council help in getting the word out and encouraging people to participate.

Lee Mattson, Waseca City Manager, gave an overview for 2021 with the following priorities for the City:

- Infrastructure – Road Projects
- ConAgra is continuing their construction at the new location.
- Long-term CIP Plan.
- The City continues to be committed to the 2030 Plan.

Michael Johnson, Waseca County Administrator, looked back on 2020 and forward to 2021, citing some of the many challenges and opportunities for local government:

- Technology Upgrades –Digitized Records
- Innovative solutions - Telework – Upgraded Phone System
- Upcoming New Property Tax and Appraisal System
- Grant Programs
- Upcoming American Rescue Plan
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Continue working with local internet providers for a broadband solution.
- Vaccination Program
- Purchased back portion of the East Annex building.
- Support agriculture and agricultural businesses, including ConAgra.

Michael Johnson shared that Waseca County continues to work with legislators that are working to help our communities. Mr. Johnson would like to move forward collaboratively between the county and the city for a stronger voice at the state level.

A brief discussion was held regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and how to best make use of county and city allocations.

Mayor Srp expressed appreciation for the open communication and collaboration. The City Council left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Michael Johnson, Administrator, informed the Board that the Interim Engineer Agreement ends on April 30, 2021. Alan Forsberg has consented to extend the contract to May 31, 2021. Nelson moved and Harguth seconded to extend the Interim County Engineer Agreement to May 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Johnson, Administrator, shared that the Public Works Director candidate rejected the offer of employment. Discussion was held regarding making an offer to Jim Kollar. Christopherson moved and Krause seconded to make an offer to Jim Kollar with the same terms as the prior candidate. Motion carried 3-2 by the following roll call: Christopherson - aye; Harguth – nay; Nelson - nay; Krause – aye; and Malterer – aye.

Having no further county board business, Harguth moved and Krause seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

DeAnne Malterer, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tamara J. Spooner, Clerk
Waseca County Auditor/Treasurer