

The January 13, 2020 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Ronda Bjornson at 6:00 pm. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Acting Mayor Ronda Bjornson and Councilmember Kim Tyson were present. Councilmember Tony Button was present via interactive television from Sunshine RV Resort located at 303 S.R. 70 East, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 in the publicly accessible resort community room. Button is on a preplanned trip, he was needed for quorum, and notice was posted as required. Mayor Sandy Reichel and Councilmember Rick Roberts were absent. City staff present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to approve the agenda. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting mayor read statement and confirmed everyone could see and hear Button, Button could see and hear, and he was located in publicly accessible area as noted above. Asked for patience as they navigate new laptops and interactive TV, keep Mayor Sandy Reichel in thoughts and prayers for speedy recovery, meetings may be cancelled due to lack of quorum which will be duly posted, and lastly “As the Wahkon Council it is our duty to be stewards of taxpayer funds and to decide what is best for all citizens of our city. We take this responsibility seriously to ensure we abide by all required rules and regulations of the many outside governmental entities involved.”

CITY GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REORGANIZATION: Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to make the following 2020 commissioner appointments and designate city representatives same as 2019 and as recommended by the Acting Mayor. Acting Mayor & Wastewater Bjornson; Reichel, Weed Inspector; Weinreich, Assistant Weed Inspector; Button, Street & Sidewalk Commissioner; Tyson, Municipal Buildings Commissioner; Roberts, Park Commissioner. First National Bank of Milaca, Isle Branch and League of MN Cities 4M Fund Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund, Depositories; Mille Lacs Messenger, Newspaper; Althoff & Nordquist LLC, Accountant; Kennedy & Graven Chartered and Mille Lacs County (MLC) Attorney’s Office, Attorneys; Rinke Noonan, Special Legal Counsel; Short Elliot Hendrickson (S.E.H) Inc., Engineers; Sourcewell, Zoning Administrator; David Drown Associates Inc., Financial Advisors; and Oberfeld Insurance, Insurance Agency. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Temporary Councilmember After 90 Days Discussion: Mayor Reichel hasn’t been in attendance due to illness and technically after 90 days absence a temporary councilmember could be appointed until she is able to return. She may also consider resignation. Council agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

February 10, 2020 Council Meeting Lack of Quorum: Tyson can’t attend due to preplanned trip and Button and Roberts are out of town. Bjornson has preplanned trip in February which limits dates to reschedule meeting; February 18, 19 or 20. Per city attorney council could decide not to have a February meeting. Best practice is to make a motion at tonight’s meeting and to immediately post cancellation to inform the public. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to cancel 2/10/2020 council meeting. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to approve consent agenda. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Meeting Minutes: None

B) City Hall Closed Mon. 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day & Mon. 2/17 Presidents’ Day

C) WAVE 9th Annual Beef Chili Cook Off & Community Input Meeting, Sat. 1/25 @ Wahkon Inn

D) Presidential Nomination Primary Tues. 3/3 @ Wahkon Comm. Hall 7 am – 8 pm

E) WAVE Prom Dance Sat. 4/25 @ Wahkon Inn 8 pm – Midnight \$10 Donation

- F) League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) Property/Casualty Dividend \$306
- G) 2020 IRS Standard Mileage Rate 57.5 Cents from 58 Cents: New Wahkon Rate
- H) Kennedy & Graven Chartered 2/1/2020 Legal Services Rate Increase
- I) Charitable Gambling Report: 11/2019 Mille Lacs Drift Skippers (MLDS) \$805.35
- J) Treasurer's Report 2019 Year End Unaudited Ending Balance \$706,603.25
- K) Treasurer's Report 1/3/2020 Ending Balance \$709,226.26
- L) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Report
- M) Disbursement Register 1/13/20 Date Range 12/10/19 – 1/13/20 Total \$164,216.35

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Resolution 2020-0113 Approving 2020 Election Judges for Presidential Nomination Primary, State Primary and General Elections: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0113. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Judges are Mary Jevne, Deanna Nordstrom, Karrie Roeschlein, Shirley Shearen, Barb Stone, and Sandy Weber. All judges, excluding Clerk Roeschlein, will be paid \$10 per hour.

NEW BUSINESS: Meshigun Point Properties (MPP) Email with 11 Items: Chip Frederickson spoke with council at length about his project's history and frustrations. Main focus is over time DNR has changed the rules for MPP, not to mention the strict fishing regulations. The "point" was a city dump and swamp, when his grandfather Wendell made it into the marina and generated much revenue and tax base. In 2000 Chip went to DNR to rebuild the boathouses. Worked with Tim Crocker of DNR in 2000 but their first response was it was inland from Mille Lacs thus no permit required from DNR, while Wahkon said it wasn't their jurisdiction as it was in the water, thus DNR. In 2007 his father and him had vision to replace RV's with year-round townhomes. Hired S.E.H to help with planned unit development (PUD). Back when Nate Bassett was on council, it was discussed how Chris Weinreich, Zoning Administrator at that time, could utilize impervious up to 30% to negotiate with owners to improve their property. DNR limit is 25% but consensus was to use as a negotiation tool, not as a means to allow everyone to build 30%. Chip wants ability for his PUD to be up to 30%. In 2017 project was redesigned from approved 12 units down to 10 and during the PUD amendment process, DNR sent a lengthy letter of issues. According to Chip, installation of impervious pavers was approved by DNR in the original PUD, but today they are no longer allowed. Marina was calculated as part of their property based upon "inland" DNR response but now that was questioned in their letter as well. He doesn't have a lot of faith in the process as DNR is flipping the rules on them. 2008 rules were one way and 2017 they changed. Chip requested an immediate vote from council relative to his impervious allowability. That is a question for a planning commission meeting through a PUD analysis; what was approved, what has changed, what is being requested, etc. PUD is a legally recorded document.

Underground fuel tank was discussed. Wendell and Suzanne were notified that tank inspection must be done by Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe as it was on the reservation. Prior to that MPCA did inspections. Suzanne was on council at that time and was instrumental in researching this issue in relation to the disestablished 61,000-acre reservation. This officially began the tenure of Wahkon expressing opposition that the city was part of the reservation. It is Chip's opinion the Band is paying the DNR and progress/development is hindered intentionally.

Rick Roberts impervious was brought up as an example of allowances up to 30%. However, the minutes aren't accurate as later it was found Roberts has a 10-foot strip of additional land on Dupre side, thus making their impervious 21%. Other properties were mentioned with large impervious calculations. Chip feels city hired current Zoning Administrator Darrin Welle do our dirty work and only wants the city to work with them for the betterment of all. Remember, council as the planning commission has total authority in Wahkon. Use common sense and take some initiative. City should question everything about the DNR, as higher powers want to shut down this lake and its' businesses.

Drainage pond was part of the PUD but Frederickson doesn't believe it is required, as it was the second wettest year and the development has no water standing. Pond isn't there to hold water continuously but to help with heavy rains. Pond was necessary due to impervious calculations. There are drainage concerns between the project and nearest private land owner Schlitz where a drainage swell should be. Want to protect street integrity and neighboring properties. Chip has attempted several times to contact DNR Tim Crocker but he won't return calls; he has another position. In 2011 they had to spend \$600 to get the project out of the floodplain. Lake units were set at 1257 and 1258 elevations which creates natural swell.

Sewer billing was discussed. Usual practice has been Chip would inform clerk when water was on which triggered sewer bill. Council back in June 2009 agreed with city engineer that fees should begin upon occupancy. City doesn't issue certificate of occupancy. Chip believes our billing system is broken and that meters should be installed to accurately charge residents.

Most recently relative to the installation of the drainage pond, Button instructed Weinreich to call in a locate prior to a special meeting. However, closing on a unit was going to be hindered, so Chip decided to install it and used the locates called in by the city. There is debate if locates are all the same; construction versus investigative. Chip can't believe Gopher State wouldn't do extensive construction markings for all locates. Texts between Weinreich and Chip were viewed, where Chip is asking if the locate was completed yet as the pond dig was scheduled. Contractor or property owner are required to call in their own locates. Electric line was cut by contractor and Chip received bill for \$993.72. Per city attorney we have no liability. Inside red electric line wasn't located and was hit. Per Gopher brochure private underground lines aren't marked. Transformer blew as well; ECE billed MPP \$1744.19. ECE needs to talk to Hubbard Electric. He is requesting city assistance in dealing with this. One of his private lines was marked by locator but not the other. Chip is requesting support via letter that due to extenuating circumstance involved, the full expense of \$2738 be divided by three, \$912.67 each, ECE, Hubbard Electric and MPP. It appears line from pole wasn't buried deep enough in connecting the meter. Council agreed with Street Commissioner Button to send ECE letter questioning the depth of electric lines on Lake Shore Blvd relative to general public safety and in support of Frederickson's unfortunate situation. It is our hope all parties involved can work toward resolution. Bjornson thanked Chip for his time and conveyed appreciation for his development. We want you to succeed, everyone to succeed.

Parking Issue: Pineapple's Place Email: Christine Jameson "Pineapple" wasn't in attendance but is requesting ability to designate a spot or two for her customers when there are events at Mugg's. Patrons park in front of her store limiting access and those driving by can't see their "stop in for coffee" sign. Businesses are encouraged to communicate with each other on events. Mugg's has placed "deer hunter" parking signs on Main Street and others can do the same. Main Street is public parking without designated spots for each business and should someone park there other than her customers, enforcement couldn't occur. Council agreed and reminded everyone snow piles used to sit on Main Street until removed a few days later, which doesn't occur now, allowing more parking spaces. She also wanted to remind anyone blocking the alley to leave room for her to access the garage, which somehow wasn't done upon last closure.

Initiative Foundation \$250 Donation Request: Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to donate \$250 to Initiative Foundation from Charitable Gambling Fund. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Citizens' Response to Proposed Development of OHV Trails & Reframing Use of School Trust Section 16 (Bog) as Nature Preserve Update: Kathy Jackson was present and provided council with memo. Christina Thurston has sent proposal to DNR Tim Edgeton

outlining need to protect and preserve the Wahkon Bog as ecotourism destination along Lake Mille Lacs Scenic Byway. Would be great site for education through designation as scientific natural area. Possibility of raising funds to construct boardwalk utilizing Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation District (MLSWCD). Thurston facilitated 12/19 meeting with approximately 20 people. They would appreciate letter from council that DNR protect the Wahkon Bog and make it into a year-round destination.

Letters of support were mailed to individual councilmembers from Wahkon Inn, Mugg's of Mille Lacs, and Beachside Resort requesting council support the study of ATV, snowmobile, and recreational trails in this same area. City 6/11/19 letter to DNR stated "...letter of support relative to the Department of Natural Resources review of the development potential of multi-purpose recreational trails within the 440 acres of State Trust property along the Soo Line Trail in Wahkon." Council agreed another letter isn't warranted at this time. Definition of multi-purpose was debated. This is all preliminary and both sides will be heard during the DNR review process.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Three new Omnis were installed at lift stations and two are forthcoming. Rented larger pumps for two months to unplug lines we can't jet. Lift station panel work estimates are needed to prevent slow starts on pumps, which would lessen stress to mains. Wait for USDA Wastewater Improvement Project.

Zoning, Ordinance Amendment & Fee Schedule Review: Council agreed to review these on their own and when full council can meet upon snowbirds return, they will discuss.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: New used plow truck works well and saves time. New shop service door will be finished tomorrow. Estimates for steel sheeting in the shop are being requested. Meeting with city engineer and MLSWCD on Thursday relative to citywide stormwater plan. Citizen involvement is key for success and there will be public hearings this spring. New cutting edge for small plow was ordered for approximately \$500. Salesman came onsite and is fully aware of city needs in order to expediate future plow maintenance orders.

Roeschlein: Staricha property sale to City is complete. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to authorize \$100,000 transfer from Wastewater Operating to Wastewater Debt Service/Emergency Improvement Fund. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Quote from MSCI for HP SFF computer and conference camera with microphone was discussed. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to order computer and conference camera from MCSI for \$379 contingent it is guaranteed to work. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Used for council meetings when members are in winter residence, but also to interact with zoning and other professionals without requirement of being here, thus saving mileage charged to the city. IT person set up free Cisco Webex for interactive meetings, but clerk found it is only up to 40 minutes; upgrade was purchased for \$162. According to state, city must pay tax on new plow truck, plus tabs equals \$3279.75 owed to Crysteel Truck Equipment, which was paid along with today's disbursements.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to adjourn. Ayes: Button, Tyson and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson, Acting Mayor

The March 9, 2020 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Ronda Bjornson at 6:02 pm. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Acting Mayor Ronda Bjornson and Councilmember Kim Tyson were present. Councilmember Tony Button was present via interactive television from Sunshine RV Resort located at 303 S.R. 70 East, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 in the publicly accessible resort community room. Button is on a preplanned trip and council could only achieve quorum by having him appear interactively. Mayor Sandy Reichel and Councilmember Rick Roberts were absent. City staff present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to approve agenda.
Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to approve consent agenda. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Minutes: 12/9/2019 Council Meeting

B) CenterPoint Energy 1/10/2020 Notice of Application for Rate Increase

C) Initiative Foundation Donation Thank You

D) MN Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) Donation Thank You

E) MN Association of Small Cities (MAOSC) 2020 Legislative Session Bulletin

F) WAVE Beef Chili Cook Off & Community Meeting 1/25 Results

G) Mille Lacs County (MLC) Assessor's Informational Meeting 4/8 @ 10:30 am

H) Charitable Gambling Report: Mille Lacs Drift Skippers (MLDS) 12/2019 Zero; WAVE Meat Raffle Donation \$1670; 1/2020 \$853.02

I) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance: \$625,828.43 as of 2/5 & \$617,753.48 as of 3/5

J) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

K) Disbursement 3/9 Register Date Range 1/14 – 3/9 Total \$339,505.57; Less Transfers Total \$157,925.57

L) Pay Equity Report Council Approval Required

M) League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) Liability Coverage Waiver Form: City does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 466.04

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Mayor Sandy Reichel's Resignation Letter Effective 1/31/2020: Due to health reasons, she regrettably resigned. FYI February council meeting was cancelled. "I have been fortunate to have been the Mayor of Wahkon since 2003 and have wholeheartedly taken the responsibility seriously over the last 17 years. In working with past and present councilmembers, I would like to say thank you for your assistance in keeping our city running smoothly. To city staff, you have made my job easier by being the conscientious workers that you are. To all Wahkon citizens, thank you for entrusting me with the mayor's position for nine consecutive terms. It is my desire that council move forward to keep the wheels of governance running smoothly even after my resignation and I'm totally confident the City of Wahkon will continue to be the best little city there is on Lake Mille Lacs." Council agreed she will be dearly missed and expressed thankfulness for her tenure.

White House Letter from President Trump to Mayor Reichel: "Melanie and I were saddened to learn that you are battling an illness. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers. It was wonderful to host you at the White House last year for the State Leadership Day. We are grateful for your dedicated service and leadership while you were Mayor of Wahkon. Our country relies on public servants like you to help secure the blessings of liberty and promote the general welfare. We hope that you find comfort and strength in the love of family and friends. May God bless you."

Resolution No. 2020-0309 “Resolution Declaring Mayoral Vacancy” Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0309 declaring mayoral vacancy effective 1/31/2020. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020-0309A “Resolution Appointing Mayor” Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0309A appointing Acting Mayor Ronda Bjornson as Mayor of Wahkon. Ayes: Button and Tyson. Abstain: Bjornson. Motion carried. Clerk gave oath of office to Mayor Bjornson.

Resolution No. 2020-0309B “Resolution Declaring Council Vacancy” Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0309B declaring council vacancy effective immediately. Ayes: Tyson, Button, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Request letters of intent from anyone interested in filling Bjornson council seat vacancy. Post notice at the post office as well. Letters of intent will be reviewed at the April meeting and hopefully the person selected can be sworn in that night to immediately take their council seat.

NEW BUSINESS: MN Rural Water Association Membership Renewal: Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to renew MRWA annual membership for \$250 from General Fund and from Charitable Gambling Fund \$100 donation to be split between their equipment and scholarship funds. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Isle Fire Department Annual Contract Renewal & 2019 Fire Calls Report: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to renew annual contract with Isle Fire Department for \$9,375.04. Ayes: Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Rate has remained the same for many years. There were six calls in Wahkon.

East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) Informal Chat Invitation: 4/1 @ 10:30 am to meet w/ECRDC. Bjornson will try to meet with them along with the Clerk.

Midwest Investment LLC dba Mini Mart #7 Off Sale Intoxicating Liquor License Request for 104 North Main Effective 3/15 – 12/31/2020: Morning Star Market is being sold to Midwest Investment. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button, to approve off sale intoxicating liquor license to Midwest Investment LLC dba Mini Mart #7 contingent all requirements are met. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Meshigun Point Properties (MPP): Chip Frederickson: Chip was present to discuss sewer usage fees on new townhome units. Going forward units won't be lived in before being sold which may take a while. Council agreed on 6/8/2009 with city engineer opinion that sewer usage fees shouldn't be charged until unit is occupied. No motion was made, minutes state council agreed. Prior to then clerk always contacted Frederickson to see when the water was turned on to begin billing which has been the practice since. He isn't asking for credit of past billings, but beginning with unit #12 and all future units, request is to activate sewer accounts when sold. Clerk is notified by MLC of new owners once sale is recorded. Bjornson stated this is fine for now, but ordinance may change in the future. Button thanked Frederickson for his presentation in January, especially applicable now that Keith Ellison, State Attorney General has given the legal opinion the 61,000 reservation exists, even though prior attorney generals and governors agreed with MLC and Wahkon it was disestablished. In January Frederickson articulated his frustration with many entities relative to his townhome project.

They are improving the tax base and want city support, especially when times are difficult in the area due to DNR fishing regulations and reservation issue. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to begin charging sewer usage fees for MPP townhomes upon sale of the unit or when occupied. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Frederickson also inquired about allowing his project to have up to 30% impervious? His planned unit development would need to be reviewed at a planning commission meeting along with city zoning administrator Darrin Welle from Sourcewell.

Letter in Support of Preserving the Wahkon Bog: Sue Lyback: Sent via email to clerk's office. "May the City of Wahkon have the foresight and wisdom to recognize the inherent value of an increasingly rare gift of quiet, a place of natural beauty and mystery, a place for people to ponder while hiking, "birding", skiing, studying, researching, photographing, painting, writing, etc. May that wisdom also recognize the value inherent to other forms of life in preserving the Wahkon Bog by helping to protect resources and habitat for wildlife of many kinds, both flora and fauna."

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: Full grown mink was found in lift station pump. Sewer backup complaint on Saturday wherein rocks were found in private line, as well as an issue in our own line. City issue had no effect on private line, nor was the reason for sewer backup. Everything is up and running now. Ready for ice to melt in order to do pond discharge.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Update: Weinreich: Major road issues this year for blacktopping. Second contractor came onsite to bid covering the shop ceiling with tin, as the sheet rock is letting go in places. Will review bids at 2021 budget meeting. New plow truck works very well; wished he had it ten years ago!

State Water Conference: If interested Wahkon stormwater project will be part of this presentation "Innovative Stormwater Management Practices – Doing a Really Big Thing in a Small Town" held at Grand Casino Mille Lacs April 30 – May 1. Yes, council is interested in sending staff to this event.

Late Mayor Sandy Reichel Celebration of Life will be held 3/21 from 2 – 4 pm at Wahkon Inn. Council and staff wish to personally donate \$15 each to send flowers.

Zoning: No permits issued in January or February. No response received from Bjorn Bjornson regarding his shed. Zoning Administrator Darrin Welle has drafted amendment to zoning and fee ordinances that was preliminarily discussed at the January meeting and is now ready for planning commission review. Will wait for entire council to be back from winter residences.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to adjourn. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson, Mayor

Prior to bringing the April 13, 2020 Wahkon City Council meeting to order, the following statement was read aloud by Mayor Ronda Bjornson. COVID-19: Mayor Ronda Bjornson's Statement & Determination Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021: Signed 4/2. "On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota." "Until further notice, all meetings of City bodies governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D including but not limited to City Council meetings, and meetings of all boards, committees, and commissions of the City, shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means because it is not practical or prudent to hold those meetings in person or by interactive television. All such meetings must comply with the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.

Mayoral Declaration No. 2020-1 Regarding COVID-19 was signed by Mayor Bjornson just before the meeting officially began. "Now, therefore, as the Mayor of the City of Wahkon, Minnesota, I declare that a Local Emergency exists effective at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020 in the City of Wahkon, Minnesota."

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bjornson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Councilmembers Kim Tyson, Rick Roberts, and Tony Button were present via Cisco Webex meeting software from their homes; Mayor Bjornson, employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present in the community hall, along with three persons in the audience, all practicing social distancing. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Roberts to approve agenda. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to approve consent agenda. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Minutes: None

B) City Hall & Community Hall CLOSED to public 3/18 – 5/3 Due to COVID-19 Virus Stay at Home Order: Tonight's meeting is open to the public with social distancing precautions.

C) MN DNR Burning Restrictions Began 8 am Tues. 3/24 Due to Impacts Related to COVID-19

D) S.E.H President David Ott's Email Message Re: COVID-19

E) Rep. Sondra Erickson District 15A News 4/9 Email

F) Onamia Depot Library Donation Thank You

G) Sally Doran Memorial Wahkon Clean Up Day: Rescheduled Date of Sat. 6/6 from 8 – 11 am

H) Mille Lacs County (MLC) Property Tax Payments Due 5/15 on City Main Street Parcels \$964: Tax Exempt in 2021

I) MLC Sheriff's 1st Quarter 2020 Report

J) Savage Communications Franchise 2019 Report: Received \$2673.70

K) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance: \$605,842.23 as of 4/8

L) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

M) Disbursement 4/139 Register Date Range 3/10 – 4/12 Total \$32,055.90

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Resolution #2020-0413 Enacted Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29 Extending the Period of a Mayor-Declared Local Emergency: Motion by Tyson, seconded by Button to adopt Resolution #2020-0413. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts and Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Emergency is continued in effect until further action of the City Council.

Resolution #2020-0413A Appointing Council Member: Clerk mailed applications to four prior members and two applications were received from Chip Frederickson and Christine Bjornson. Frederickson emailed clerk today he is withdrawing himself and fully supports Christine, who was in the audience. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Roberts to appoint Christine Bjornson as interim council member. Ayes: Button, Tyson, and Roberts. Abstain: Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried.

Oath of Office: Clerk gave oath to Christine Bjornson and she immediately took her seat at the council table. *We now have a full five-member council.*

Resolution #2020-0413B Accepting Donations to Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE) Committee: Total donations of \$2214 for community and park improvements. Motion by Tyson, seconded by Roberts to adopt Resolution #2020-0413B. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Appoint Acting Mayor: Ronda Bjornson was the acting mayor until she was appointed as Mayor, following the resignation of Mayor Sandy Reichel. Mayor Bjornson suggested Button. Motion by Tyson to amend re-organizational motion made January 13, 2020 by designating Tony Button as Acting Mayor effective April 13, 2020. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Ronda Bjornson. Abstain: Button. Motion carried. New signature cards need to be signed at the bank.

Surgical Masks Donation from Tom Cardwell: Donation of 250 chamber style surgical masks to the city to be used as council sees fit. One box was opened in order to have masks in city vehicles. The remaining unopened boxes, quantity of 200, were donated to Mille Lacs Health System (MLHS) on 4/6. Thank you, Tom Cardwell, for this wonderful donation to the city that was passed along to the heroes in the health profession at MLHS!

Spring Netting Public Health Concerns Due to COVID-19 Regarding Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe & Wisconsin Band Members: Roberts wanted this on the agenda as his main concern is the spread of the coronavirus from WI to MN. Clerk sent email but hasn't received a reply. Mille Lacs Band member Shena Matrious was present and explained the Band has had meetings on this issue. Chief Melanie Benjamin respectively asked members not to do spring netting. There are no landings in the city limits used by members, so that will not affect Wahkon. Not much they can do beyond that, as netting is a treaty right.

Hiring of Seasonal Maintenance Person: \$10 is the minimum we must pay as a large employer. Council agreed to begin wage at \$12 for this seasonal job of 10-15 hours per week. Weinreich will conduct interviews and bring his recommendation back to council at their 5/11 meeting.

After Prom Party Donation Request: Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to donate \$100 from Charitable Gambling Fund. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Non-Certified Accounting Firm & Completed 2019 City Audit Report Invalid: Althoff & Nordquist, LLC has done city audit for several years and completed 2019. Firm cannot do audit work this year, making our completed audit invalid; something regarding their peer review. City doesn't owe for services performed this year relative to 2019 city audit. Clerk explained extenuating circumstances to the State and we have an extended deadline of 6/30. Clerk will try to obtain three bids and bring back to council next month. Not many firms do city audits anymore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Veterans Park 100th Anniversary Re-Dedication Ceremony Sat. 5/23? As WAVE Chair, Button has concerns as does Jake Shetka of the Isle Area Honor Guard. People over 65 years old are the critical population for this pandemic. Walk to Honor pavers will be engraved and installed by 5/23. Firework “booms” were to be part of the ceremony during the 21-gun salute, but they will be cancelled. Council will wait to see what transpires and make their decision next month.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: We are in trouble at the ponds. Primary cell is as full as it has ever been. Ice went out last Wednesday and samples were immediately conducted in order to discharge as soon as possible. Due to pandemic, alum may be difficult to obtain; don't believe we will need any this discharge, but await test results to confirm. Purchased high velocity pumps from D.C. Braun Pump and there is some warranty work required. While they are here, he will have them pull check valves to ensure they are good. The rest of the new Omni's have arrived, along with one for Mille Lacs Island Resort (MLIR). Jasper Engineering will do install for city and likely MLIR as well. Good information is safe information.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Update: Weinreich: Street blacktop bids will be solicited from contractors. Will request Anderson Brothers bid by repairs, as others do, and not in bulk.

Veterans Park beach is eroding and Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District (MLSWCD) gave plan to retain it a while ago, however, it would impact Walk to Honor. Had hoped for grant assistance from them, but nothing yet. City could do smaller scale by anchoring coir logs made with coconut fibers. Culvert on North Main near Fran Weiers residence needs attention. Request made to Frontier Communications to relocate their terminal box. Work will begin soon on city wide stormwater plan.

Still working on obtaining three bids to erect steel siding on the ceiling and likely walls as well. Should the sheet rock be removed? As long as the screws hold it will work. Weinreich will give one contractor a chance to rebid it without sheet rock removal.

Clerk: Large census map was received indicating Wahkon is part of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe reservation. Hand written across the map, clerk noted City doesn't recognize the reservation, as it was disestablished.

Wahkon Days expenses amount to \$800 thus far as deposit for Jonah and the Whales. Council will wait to make formal decision whether it will occur as planned. No organizational meetings have occurred due to city hall and community center being closed to the public.

Clerk asked if late fees on past due wastewater bills should be waived due to the pandemic and people being home from work. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Button to waive first quarter late fees. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts: Received text to register for the Census but it stated you needed code. MLC was contacted as Ronda Bjornson never received Census notice in her post office box while Roeschlein did. Don't necessarily need a code, as directly below where you would enter the code, it allows you to proceed without one. Please do your part, as it is important that everyone be counted!

Zoning: Sourcewell report. No permits in March. With COVID-19 limiting citizens from in-person public hearings and such, council agreed to limit meetings to essential issues. Adoption of MN Basic Code will be postponed.

Sourcewell Planning & Zoning Shared Services Agreement Renewal: Last agreement was for three years. Current agreement states “This agreement will commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for an Initial Term of one (1) year. This Agreement will automatically renew for additional Renewal Terms of one (1) year unless the Agreement is otherwise terminated as outlined below. Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to renew Sourcewell Planning & Zoning Shared Services Agreement. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson, seconded by Button to adjourn. Ayes: Button, Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson, Mayor

The May 11, 2020 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Ronda Bjornson at 6:04 pm. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Ronda Bjornson, Councilmembers Tony Button, Christine Bjornson, Rick Roberts and Kim Tyson. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to approve the agenda. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Minutes: 4/13/200 Council

B) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Insights 5/2020: COVID-19 Disinformation Activity

C) City Hall & Community Hall CLOSED to public 3/18 – 5/17 Due to COVID-19 Virus Stay at Home Order: Tonight’s meeting is open to the public with social distancing precautions.

D) Mille Lacs County (MLC) Household Hazardous Waste Electronics & Appliance Collection, Thurs. 6/4 @ North Maintenance Facility in Wahkon, 3 – 7 pm

E) Sally Doran Memorial Wahkon Clean Up Day: Rescheduled Date of Sat. 6/6 from 8 – 11 am

F) Initiative Foundation (IF) Covid-19 Relief Letter

G) Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) Email: COVID-19 Impact on Truck Size & Weight

H) Charitable Gambling Report: Mille Lacs Drift Skippers (MLDS) Feb. \$231.87; Mar. \$77.81 & Apr. Zero

I) Treasurer’s Report Ending Balance: \$604,942.03 as of 5/7

J) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

K) Disbursement 5/11 Register Date Range 4/13 – 5/7 Total \$26,700.22

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: League of MN Cities (LMC) Pandemic Planning Guidance for Cities & COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: First Draft: Clerk utilized template and added specifics to Wahkon’s plan to disinfect frequently touched surfaces and to meet weekly with employees to ensure everyone is comfortable. Should the attorney review the plan? City only has two employees and one seasonal person; we are doing the best we can under extenuating circumstances that everyone is dealing with. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to approve Wahkon’s COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Vegetative Yard Waste Disposal: Jason Ilstrup: Ilstrup sent email asking if there was a community disposal site. He lists the benefits of having one as (A) encourages and promotes the community to maintain their properties in an environmental friendly manner (B) may reduce the amount of yard waste that ends up residing in our antiquated drainage ditches (Lake Shore Blvd) which may help the soil absorb excess drainage water sitting in the ditches, and (C) reduce likelihood of someone trying to burn leaves and smoke out the neighborhood or worse yet, start an uncontrolled fire in our community. Isle had community site at their wastewater ponds, but people dumped unauthorized items and MPCA gave the city a fine. Onamia has two sites, furthest one is for bigger limbs or trees, both of which are still up and running. Jim’s Mille Lacs Disposal is located in Milaca and residents can drop off yard waste in one of their dumpsters, which is brought to the city landfill. East Central Solid Waste in Mora takes yard waste by the truck full for a fee of \$8 - \$12. Wahkon doesn’t have extra real estate or staff to man such a site. City ponds aren’t feasible due to possible MPCA fines. Compost can cause odors and must be stirred. Could a site be located at MLC maintenance building just outside of Wahkon city limits? Could we partner with Onamia? Clerk to investigate further.

Deferred Sewer Connection Assessment: Richard & Terry Linder: Harry Toppings owned the parcel in question when the home was destroyed by fire. Council deferred original sewer connection fee in 11/1988, leaving a remaining balance of \$920.26 and it has been sitting on the records ever since. Beverly Jost purchased this parcel from Toppings and is now in the process of selling Lot 10 to Linder to alleviate their house encroachment over the property line. Ronda Bjornson is a real estate agent and stated it is seller's responsibility to provide clear title to the buyer. Furthermore, she will abstain from voting as the real estate businesses she works for is selling the property through another agent. Is it fair that Jost pay for Toppings connection? All city parcels with a house paid this assessment in full. House was never rebuilt, nor would there be one in the future. Motion by Button, seconded by Christine Bjornson to remove the deferred sewer connection assessment of \$920.26 from PID #25-040-0245. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, and Tony Button. Abstain: Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried. Clerk to research all remaining deferred assessments to be reviewed by council at their June meeting. In the future, assessments should not be deferred as it creates issues for all involved. Assessment should be paid or entirely removed; don't leave it on the books for another council to review the history and make a decision.

Street Blacktopping Quotes: Weinreich received four quotes, two of which arrived late today; Rocon Paving \$115,475, Minnesota Paving & Materials \$124,606.50, Anderson Brothers \$173,891.50, and North Central Paving \$131,196. Budget is \$60,000. Past reclamation projects have held up well. Some street areas are deteriorating which could cause damage to vehicles and city plow. Weinreich was unable to fully review bids for apples to apples comparison. Council agreed walking tarred path to City Park doesn't need to be entirely redone. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to amend 2020 blacktop budget from \$60,000 up to \$100,000. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Council agreed Weinreich and Button will review all bids for lowest price and direct that contractor to do blacktopping within the amended budget of \$100,000.

Lake Mille Lacs State Water Trail Letter of Support Request: Steve Dubbs, President of Lake Mille Lacs Scenic Byway sent sample letter. Current byway map indicates kayak trail from Malmo to Wahkon but he is looking for support of an 80-mile trail around the lake. This would promote the area, be an additional recreational activity that provides for a low environment impact and low-cost way of attracting tourists. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to send letter of support for the designation by the DNR of a state water trail around Lake Mille Lacs. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 2019 City Audit Quotes 5/11 Deadline: Clerk reached out to several firms but only received one quote, with two firms calling to decline. Althoff & Nordquist has been our auditor for several years but the 2019 audit completed is unusable due to the firm not being allowed to conduct audits in 2019. We aren't required to pay \$5300 price for this unusable audit and have heard from other firms their format isn't current. Quote was from Clasen, Stegner & Schiessl CPAs for \$6900 and if applicable, \$500 to present audit to council at a meeting. State has given Wahkon an extension date of 6/30/2020 and if required we could request additional time. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Christine Bjornson to hire Clasen, Stegner & Schiessl to conduct 2019 city audit for \$6900. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring of Seasonal Maintenance Person: One Applicant Gary Kleen: Weinreich conducted interview and believes he will be a good hire. Motion by Button, seconded by Tyson to hire Gary Kleen at \$12 per hour as seasonal mower. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Park 100th Anniversary Re-Dedication Ceremony Sat. 5/23? Button discussed how VFW & American Legion commanders have concerns for their honor guards and aren't too enthusiastic to do programs this year due to COVID-19. Pavers will be in place by 5/23, but council agreed to reschedule the 100th anniversary to Saturday 5/29/2021. The 100th anniversary was based upon an estimate of when WW I ended and when the plaque was erected at the top of the park steps naming local soldiers. Place ad in Mille Lacs Messenger to inform the public.

Fireworks 7/4? By now donation letters would have been sent, but not this year due to COVID-19. Should taxpayers pay for them? Community Event Fund pays for them, along with donations. Due to the pandemic it would be difficult to ensure safety, as everyone congregates in the parks. Council agreed to cancel 7/4/2020 fireworks.

Wahkon Days 8/12 – 16? Jonah & the Whales band signed contract and deposit can be revised for 8/21/2021. City employees are instrumental that whole week and exposing them both to the public isn't in the best interest of the city. Donations for prizes and entertainment will be non-existent due to the pandemic, we don't know what the future holds for social distancing, nor whether crowds will be allowed. Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to cancel 2020 Wahkon Days due to COVID-19. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Messenger ad will be purchased to inform the public of all 2019 event cancellations.

Mail Ballot 2020 Elections? Due to the pandemic should Wahkon do mail in ballot election? Resolution must be adopted 90 days before the election and would be applicable to all future elections until another resolution was adopted stopping the practice. Council agreed they prefer to continue having elections in house as citizens already have capability to vote absentee and the hall has plenty of room for social distancing. County is working on procedures for election judge safety and clerk will ensure election judges are comfortable working.

Clean Up Day Charges to Citizens? In error clerk didn't change last year's flyer to reflect council direction to begin charging for 2020. Council agreed to leave as is. In 2021, citizens will be allowed one free television or monitor, but must pay for additional.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: Discharge is complete. Showed council sample of fiberglass repair for lateral connections to stop inflow & infiltration. Cost is \$2500 - \$4500 per repair versus excavating the pipe. This repair wouldn't work on deflection. R.C. Habeck will grade pond road.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Update: Weinreich: Should we look at hydroseeding the new city lot previously owned by Staricha? Prices will be researched.

Adding tin to inside walls of shop and ceiling was discussed. Approximate cost is \$14,000 and he has received a few contractor bids, which will be fully reviewed at 2021 budget meeting.

City Park Well: Hand pump needs to be installed and well casing needs some work. Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to authorize up to \$650 to repair the city park well. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Basketball Hoop: New one is \$1100 or more. Currently it is flush on the rear of the detached garage. Lots of families are using it. Tin on bottom has been dented from kids pushing off to dunk. Need to ensure tin patch is safe so no one is hurt. WAVE will be asked if they want to take on this project and expense.

Junk on Radisson: Christine Bjornson asked if she could bring laminate flooring that someone left on Radisson to clean up day? Weinreich will pick it up prior to clean up day.

Parking: People other than park patrons are parking at the Veterans Park. Owner of the island parked there for weeks this winter. Convenience store employees sometimes park at Ellen Ruth park. Only city restrictions are no overnight parking during winter.

Zoning: No permits issued in April and beginning this month Nate Keller will be our direct point of contact for zoning, while Darrin Welle moves into back-up support role.

Goat Island: As noted above, owner Shawn O'Toole parked during the winter at the Vets Park while staying on the island. Ronda Bjornson informed him at closing that previous island owners would work out an agreement with a resort. Per Facebook post, his plan includes rustic campsites. Clerk to verify whose zoning jurisdiction the island falls in, as a building has been erected. Septic system and water plans would need to be approved also.

Open Forum: David Morneau was present to ask if the city property on Main Street could be a garden? He was here a few years ago to discuss planting a heritage garden as he has numerous plants, but no location was found. If interested he would landscape and design it to scale. He has family connection to Wahkon since early 1900's. Council agreed best scenario for the city property would be a business. City purchased said property to clean up blighted buildings, which Staricha removed prior to purchase. Current gardens in the parks and at the entrance signs are falling in disrepair as volunteers are hard to find. Weinreich has enough to maintain currently. Morneau said as long as he is alive, the garden would be maintained. Potential locations were discussed. Council thanked Morneau for his enthusiasm, but more review is necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Christine Bjornson, seconded by Tyson to adjourn. Ayes: Tyson, Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson, Mayor

The June 8, 2020 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Ronda Bjornson at 6:00 pm. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Ronda Bjornson, Councilmembers Tony Button, Christine Bjornson, and Rick Roberts; absent was Kim Tyson. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to approve agenda. Ayes: Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Button to approve consent agenda. Ayes: Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Minutes: None

B) Charitable Gambling Report: None

C) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance: \$598,290.62 as of 6/1

D) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

E) Disbursement 5/11 Register Date Range 5/8 – 6/8 Total \$21,012.78

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Resolution No. 2020-0608 Authorizing the Granting of Regulatory Flexibility to Local Businesses & Clerk Memo: Governor Walz directed cities to get creative in helping businesses during this unprecedented time of COVID-19. Emergency declaration authorizes city staff to expediate issues when they arise. Street Commissioner Button authorized Mugg's of Mille Lacs to use 2nd Street E for outdoor seating effective 6/1 by closing down the street until council could fully discuss it at tonight's meeting. Mugg's provided certificate of insurance covering the street and city property abutting. Per city attorney, resolution is required. Button provided pictures of three cities, Spicer, Atwater & New London where Main Streets were closed to provide outdoor seating for businesses. Traffic follows parade detour route.

Roberts has heard from six citizens that they don't like the street closed. Clerk has heard positive comments even from a delivery driver. Christine Bjornson heard negative comments from those seeing more traffic. Resolution authorizes temporary flexibility and city can revoke it anytime. Is this setting precedent? These are extenuating circumstances, declaring an emergency gives council permission to do this and State wants communities to be creative.

Robb Dubb's owner of Mugg's was present. This is the most stressful time in restaurant history and making up for lost revenue is crucial to survival. Restaurants were closed due to COVID-19 and now are being allowed up to 50 outside patrons with social distancing protocols. If COVID-19 comes back or we have a bad winter, we don't know if we will open next spring. Not asking city to spend money. Have only heard positive comments. At height of season we have 20 employees, some of which reside here. We need this to help us remain viable, as this isn't over yet. WAVE Committee meat raffle proceeds are through Mugg's, as well as, beer wagon during Wahkon Days. All profit goes into the city event fund, cost & sales tax are paid by Mugg's. Please let us keep the street closed. If there is a problem, we will fix it. Keeping shorter hours and we close by dark.

His parking lot has several potholes/tripping hazards, and it overlooks the dumpster. Tables & umbrellas are seen from Main Street and makes it look like something is going on in Wahkon. Success breeds success. This coming Wednesday, restaurants can begin using up to 50% of their indoor seating, but he still wants the outside as well. Should COVID-19 require shut downs again, having this resolution on the books would be helpful, as we don't know what the future brings.

Ronda Bjornson lives nearby and is inconvenienced due to the street closure but believes it is proactive step at this time. Great to see all the people on Main Street. Ben Lapinski of Beachside Resort is supportive of it, as we need to do what we can to help them survive. When the city

emergency declaration is lifted, that would be the end date. Resolution gives timeframe of 6/1 – 10/31/2020. Motion by Button, seconded by Christine Bjornson to adopt resolution 2020-0608 Authorizing the Granting of Regulatory Flexibility to Local Businesses. Ayes: Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Regulatory Flexibility Authorization & License Agreement were provided by city attorney and with resolution adoption are the forms we will use.

NEW BUSINESS: Berge Farm @ End of Lake Shore Blvd: Safety Danger: Rick Schwinn: He was going to be present to discuss but wasn't. House and barn are falling down and a safety hazard per Schwinn. They aren't in city limits. Driveway access at the end of Lake Shore Blvd. is posted with two no trespassing signs. Field Street is the corporate limits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Veterans Park Parking Issue: Weinreich saw a truck parked at Veterans Park for several days and was concerned so he contacted Lapinski, who didn't know who it was. Clerk contacted Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Dept.; owner was deceased from Owatonna. Clerk attached notice on the vehicle and was approached by the owners who were staying at Beachside Resort. They would be leaving at the end of the week so they were allowed to park there. Miscommunication occurred, as Lapinski requested Weinreich call him back if he was unsuccessful in locating the owner, as he would then check with his patrons. Are these 21 spots solely for park patrons? During winter months there is no overnight parking on city streets, which this parking area is part of.

Ben Lapinski, owner of Beachside was present and explained he has parking for patrons, but family members come to visit or more than one vehicle with a boat rents a cabin. Lapinski was informed by his patron the truck was brought from Owatonna on Tuesday morning and Weinreich contacted him that afternoon. Clerk apologized to Lapinski for this issue and from now on she will do her own research on issues prior to contacting authorities. Roberts witnessed truck with boat trailer parked longwise across the parking spaces, which shouldn't occur as the spaces are marked for pull in. Previous resort owner used to put extra boat trailers and such in the highway right of way area, which now has electric hookups. Look around the lake, many resorts and launches are very busy. Resort has cameras on the park and he plows the area in the winter. We use that space & appreciate that space. It is public parking. Prior to full ice, they must utilize it during winter fishing. Council agreed to leave as is. No signage at the Veterans Park will be installed at this time.

Goat Island: Shawn O'Toole: O'Toole was present and explained why he was parked at the Vets Park during the winter, as that was his only residence. He had asked a police officer who wasn't aware of any restrictions. He lost his job and home, and with COVID-19 he stayed on the island. Now he is using Frederickson's Marina to access the island. He built a shed to store items, as he did research and thought a permit wasn't required. Current ordinance requires primary structure first before accessory building, along foundation requirement. Per O'Toole it is temporary and it will be removed. Zoning letter was mailed regarding his Facebook post of rustic campsites. Plan must be approved by city along with state requirements of septic and water. He has begun discussions with an engineer regarding septic with a goal of 6 – 10 sites. He won't be on the island this winter.

Beachside Resort Issues: Ben Lapinski was present. He had picture indicating a few rows of patio blocks were removed relative to bar gazebo near street right of way and now they line up with the trees. Highway right of way has utility boxes for RV's; you are using property that isn't yours. Per Fran Weirs there used to resort cabins in 5th Street. This same discussion has occurred between councils and resort owners many times over the years. Lease allows use of public property, but it seems to overflow to other areas, such as highway right of way and Veterans park. Fish house office

parked on street just before his launch is needed, as people won't stop to pay if it is on the other side or down on the lake. Lapinski places snow under the skids to prevent damaging parking paint. General consensus has been council doesn't want it there but rather on the lake. No one has their pay box on the lake, as once patrons are on the ice you can't stop them. Izatys tried it once and it didn't work. Winter ice business gives business to the bars and convenience store. Discussion continued and it was agreed the winter ice fishing office will be 8 x16, pushed back to abut his boat house and level to the ground.

REPORTS: Wastewater & 2019 Certificate of Commendation: Council congratulated Weinreich on the award. Force main break was repaired, which was about 50 feet from the last one. Council questioned when USDA funding will be forthcoming? Unsure when, especially with COVID-19. Thankfully Weinreich has supplies on hand for such repairs. Ponds are discharging. Received two bids to repair lift station #3 for \$2500 and \$3000. In 2004 we raised all lift stations to prevent outside water from draining into them but #3 isn't square, thus pumps can't be pulled easily. Also guide rails need replacement. Motion by Button, seconded by Roberts to authorize repair of lift station #3 up to \$3000.
Ayes: Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Update: Weinreich: City Park hand pump will be installed soon by A&M Well Drilling. Weiers asked for Veterans Park trees to be cut down as they are blocking their view. Ironically, they were planted years ago by them. Council agreed with Park Commissioner Roberts decision not to remove any trees.

Street blacktopping bid was awarded to lowest bidder, Rocon Paving. North Central's bid was a bit higher, but now they have been bought out by Rocon. Nothing was budgeted for ditches this year, as we are waiting on city wide stormwater plan. Three different citizens want to redo their driveways and drainage must be addressed. Usually when land is developed, owner installs culvert and when city improves drainage and/or the street itself, city pays for replacement. Weinreich and Street Commissioner Button will decide how to address driveway improvements. Plan will be forthcoming this fall to be used to budget stormwater best practices improvements over the next several years.

Roeschlein has a volunteer ready to do 2021 Wahkon Day buttons using Lake Mille Lacs Scenic Byway (LMLSB) logo. Council agreed we can begin planning for 2021. Clerk is unaware of advertising dollars relative to the byway and Wahkon. National scenic byway designation application was recently submitted.

Other Meetings: Council agreed to begin having planning commission meetings in order to adopt amendment allowing accessory structures without a primary structure, with contingencies. Also zoning fee schedule will be updated. Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances (MBC) was fully reviewed last year, but not formally adopted. Begin working on that as well.

Zoning: Five permits issued in May. Violation letter sent to Goat Island owner; see discussion with owner above. Nate Keller will be off for a few weeks with a new baby, so Darrin Welle will take over.

Open Forum: Jeff Bertelson thanked council for allowing Mugg's to use the street; great thing you did. He questioned city jurisdiction relative to trap shooting off his dock. No discharge of firearms within the city. Water is DNR and not city. Roberts thought DNR would consider that littering and you can't pollute the lake. Good question for DNR.

What can be done about jake brakes? Cemstone & Larson Excavating are chronic offenders. Clerk to review upcoming MBC to see if this is addressed. How do we enforce? Contact MLC Sheriff to discuss options.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Christine Bjornson, seconded by Roberts to adjourn. Ayes: Roberts, Christine Bjornson, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson, Mayor