

The January 14, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Dan Goplen, Ronda Bjornson-Main, and Tony Button. Employees present were Chris Weinreich & Karrie Roeschlein, as well as, City Engineer Greg Kimman. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REORGANIZATION: Oath of Office to Bjornson-Main, Button, Matte, & Reichel. Clerk administered oath. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to accept appointments as read by Mayor as follows: Bjornson-Main, Acting Mayor & Sewer Commissioner; Reichel, Weed Inspector; Weinreich, Assistant Weed Inspector; Button, Street & Sidewalk Commissioner; Goplen, Municipal Buildings Commissioner; and Matte, Park Commissioner. The following shall officially represent City of Wahkon for 2013: First National Bank of Milaca, Isle Branch, Depository; Mille Lacs Messenger, Newspaper; Althoff & Nordquist LLC, Accountant; Kennedy & Graven Chartered and Mille Lacs County (MLC) Attorney's Office, Attorneys; Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (S.E.H), Engineers and Zoning Consultants; and David Drown Associates Inc., Financial Advisors. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Reichel pulled item G. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to accept consent agenda with exception of item G. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 12/10/12 Council
- B) City Hall Closed Mon. 1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day & Mon. 2/18 Presidents' Day
- C) Isle Community Education Winter Spring 2013 Schedule
- D) Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation (MLAHF) Spring Fling Back to the 50's With Elvis, Sat. 4/20/13, Holy Cross Center, Onamia
- E) League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT): 2012-13 Coverage Changes, Rates & Dividends
- F) LMCIT 2012 Property/Casualty Dividend \$1,778
- H) Treasurer's Report: 2012 Year End Unaudited
- I) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Report
- J) 2013 Summary Budget Statement & Memo
- K) Mileage Rate Increase Effective 1/1/13 Same as IRS Standard Mileage Rate .565 Cents
- L) Municipal Clerks Finance Officer Assoc. 2013 Conference 3/19-3/22
- M) Checks #21726 Dated 12/17/12 through #21769 Dated 1/14/13 Total \$295,037.91 Less Transfers \$108,037.91

It would be nice if professionals and organizations provided outline in laymen terms summarizing lengthy correspondence or complicated subjects for easier review by council.

REPORTS: Sewer: Annual lift station (LS) checks were completed. LS #1 pump impeller needs replacing and three others around town. Pump in #5 is going bad. Delivery is 5-6 weeks, so it was ordered promptly. Wear ring assembly cost is \$3,000; don't need to replace both, only one at this time. Dakota Pump & Control has dropped ABS pump line. May want to find new company or would need to replace pumps as they become obsolete. Need approval of \$3,600 plus install for LS #1 repair. Weinreich can install other impellers. Impellers can't be rebuilt. New ones can be coated to last longer. Only replaced one in twelve years. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen authorizing up to \$4,500 for lift station #1 repair. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Frost break at LS #2 by Wahkon Presbyterian Church broke lines that were installed 2001. Floats were replaced; lines were laid across the ground for now and will be installed properly in spring.

New sonde televising camera is in. Price was a bit over as a new trolley was included. Old camera can be sold to local contractor for \$1,000 and they would purchase trolley \$170. Camera system original cost was approximately \$10,000. Council agreed to sale.

Chair and table carts arrived and everything is now stored in hall closet.

G) Resolution 01142013 “Approving the Issuance, Sale, Delivery and Terms of a \$835,000 General Obligation Refunding Note, Series 2013A: Financial Advisor Shannon Sweeney of David Drown & Associates arrived. Item was pulled from the consent agenda to discuss fully. Advanced refunding through MN Rural Water Association (MRWA) MIDI loan program with set rate of 2.35%. City will prepay debt of \$160,310. Reduced rate by 2%, net savings of \$99,621. City rating wasn’t necessary, savings of \$7,000. No competitive bond bids, but a low interest loan, which Sweeney feels is best scenario. 2/1/2020 call date of new bonds. Closing date will be early February. Refunding issuance costs were \$15,310. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button, to approve Resolution No. 01142013 “Approving the Issuance, Sale, Delivery and Terms of a \$835,000 General Obligation Refunding Note, Series 2013A. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning List: Send letter reminding Diver’s of their subdivision situation and that no zoning permits can be obtained until cleared up. Hansen/Partridge: Clerk has received calls regarding insurance and zoning permits, which has been noted on zoning report.

Complaint List: In April we will look at Tyson parking issue.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Clerk recommends reducing petty cash balance now that city has credit card. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to make petty cash balance \$100 instead of \$300. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE) 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off will be held 1/26 at Mugg's Main Street Saloon. Sysco Foods donated crackers, cheese and sour cream.

Button spoke with Kim Tyson about caboose donation to City, which she may consider. Dale Peterson “Pete” is a railroad historian and would be willing to help.

Button is involved in planning a motorcycle ride beginning in Wahkon and ending at Military Service Assoc. (MSA) north of Isle. New Wahkon citizens Monica Weets & Daniel Infante are the ride organizers. With Isle’s centennial this year, lodging is going fast so the ride is scheduled for Saturday 8/17 of Wahkon Days. Harley Davidson motorcycle will be raffled. WAVE volunteers will register riders at Veterans Park and would receive 50% of funds raised towards its renovation. Based on current donations, project would be completed in 2016. Hopefully riders will come back for street dance. Council agreed hall could be used for organizing meetings as the ride will benefit our community.

Awhile back, the soon to be dissolved Wahkon Civic Association (WCA) wanted to donate their large propane burning corn cooker to Tom Remer of Wahkon Inn, which Weinreich delivered last summer. Recently Remer requested to Button that it be returned to City; Weinreich brought it back.

Matte conveyed his appreciation in attending the Newly Elected Conference through League of MN Cities (LMC). Reichel thanked Button and Matte for taking time out of their schedule to attend and is looking forward to working with the new council and doing great things.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: MN Revenue Conveyance of Forfeited Lands: With MLC's support, the State conveyed to the City tax-forfeited property via "use deed" described as "Lots 10-24, Block 11 Pottstown and the east half of vacated Nicollet Ave adjacent; except the former Soo Line Rail Road Right-of-Way." "If after three (3) years, you have not put the property to its approved public use, or have abandoned that use, you are required by statutes to either 1) purchase the property; or 2) reconvey the property back to the State of Minnesota." In the conveyance, "public use" is specifically outlined; access to County Trail, support the sewer and establish safety zone around LS #1, and lowland intended as natural drainage for public right-of-way and trail. If public use changes we must submit amendment to State for approval. Will need to bring in fill and remove some trees for trail access.

DNR Right of Way Entry Authorization Form: Originally discussed last year. Clerk requested copy of previous agreement but DNR was unable to find it. Reichel was assured DNR will continue being good stewards of the lake by informing boaters of regulations, making aquatic invasive species inspections, decontaminations, and taking creel census at City Park launch. Motion by Bjornson-Main second by Goplen to sign DNR "Right of Entry Authorization for Watercraft Inspections." Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation (MLAHF) Donation Request: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to donate \$200 to MLAHF for greatest need. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Isle ISD 473 Skating Club Donation Request: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to donate \$200 to Isle Skating Club. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

MN Association of Small Cities 2012-2013 Membership Request: Not at this time. Ask what advantages being a member entails above LMC membership?

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Goplen, second by Matte to adjourn. Aye: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The February 11, 2013 Wahkon Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Tony Button, Ronda Bjornson-Main, and Dan Goplen. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Bjornson-Main questioned Isle Fire Department information. Yes, contract is based on tax capacity and not population. Reichel thanked Isle Lions for their donation to Wahkon Senior Dining. Council wants charitable gambling reports; Clerk to include on consent agenda. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to approve consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: (To be completed by March meeting)
- B) Isle Fire Department Contract Information
- C) Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge of Isle Raffle @ Sacred Heart Church 5/17
- D) City Hall Closed Monday 2/18 Presidents' Day
- E) Isle Lions Club Donation Thank You:
- F) Isle Lions Club LG555 Donation to Wahkon Senior Dining: \$1,200 for 2013
- G) Mille Lacs Health Foundation Donation Thank You
- H) Initiative Foundation Donation Thank You
- I) Lakes & Pines Oct – Dec 2012 Newsletter (partial)
- J) Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE) Chili Cook Off/Community Meeting Comments & Winners: City Park/Trail Improvements had most votes from citizens (17), City Water (13) and Economic Development (12). Commercial Chili Winners: 1st Spirit Lake Steakhouse, 2nd Mugg's Main St. Saloon, 3rd Wahkon Inn. Individual Winners: 1st Holly O'Neil, 2nd Carleen Button, 3rd Kay James.
- K) Mille Lacs Messenger Honor Roll Ad Only \$29
- L) Wahkon Clean Up Day 8 am – Noon Saturday 5/4
- M) Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance: \$532,505.01
- N) Mille Lacs County (MLC) Tax Settlement Report & Check: \$3,408.54
- O) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- P) Checks #21770 Dated 1/17/13 through #21800 Dated 2/11/13 Total \$425,148.16 less Transfers Total \$191,196.99

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich has been up plowing since early morning so Council moved him up on the agenda. Pump impeller quotes were higher than expected. They can be coated with epoxy to last longer. Price \$497 each plus approximately \$100 each to coat, total approximately \$2,000. Need to be in place before spring melt; one at lift station (LS) #4 and two at LS #2. LS #1 impeller can be rebuilt for approximately \$1,000 instead of \$3,000, which was approved at last meeting and is on order. Lightning strike destroyed controller at LS #5; quote installed \$1,100. Currently using our spare pump. Market is very competitive and he is still looking at options. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to approve \$3,200 for necessary lift station repairs. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Bring bids for spare pump to next meeting.

Warning light bar on Dodge truck needs bulbs replaced frequently and they aren't cheap. Weinreich ordered new Whelen light bar with LED lights, which should last longer. City safety bubble light was used during force main break by Mille Lacs Sewer Service as they trucked water all night long to the ponds, which hasn't been returned. They will purchase old televising camera along with this light. Weinreich ordered new bubble light.

No plowing complaints heard. Mayor trusts his judgment as to when to begin plowing.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: FEMA Floodplain Ordinance Memo: City Attorney Troy Gilchrist modified Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Floodplain ordinance slightly for Wahkon and submitted it promptly for DNR approval. Newly revised floodplain maps are effective 3/4/13. As we were never mapped we have one year to adopt, 3/4/14. However, upon map's effective date, banks, mortgage, title search and insurance companies will review them to see if customers require flood insurance. Only upon ordinance adoption will citizens within the floodplain be able to purchase flood insurance at a lower rate. If we don't adopt, they would pay a lot more. Adoption also allows City to receive federal disaster assistance. Button worries this is a sleepy dragon. Even though it has been discussed over the past year or two, citizens won't know about it until they need insurance. Will Weinreich need to shoot elevation as our zoning administrator? Does the Buckmore Dam control lake levels? The ordinance states "maintenance permits" but we don't require them as we haven't adopted the state building code. Wahkon has land use/zoning permits. Adoption requires public hearing first. Council agreed answers are needed prior to hearing. Special meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday 2/25 with city attorney if his schedule allows.

REPORTS: Wastewater (See above). Wastewater Funds, Investments & Bond Payments Memo & Backup Info: Several transfers were required to pay bond payments. Would have been a few less but Clerk forgot there would be two bond payments (original and refunding) and that Money Market account requires minimum balance of \$2,500. Motion by Button, second by Goplen approving transfers. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Memo also noted CD was left to mature in order not to receive penalties. Required reserve for refunding bond of \$83,500 will be set aside as soon as CD matures 5/17/13, for approximately \$247,500.

Zoning List: Same properties noted as previous month as reminder of pending issues.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Need to schedule annual meeting with Mille Lacs Island Resort (MLIR). Prefer to have Mayor and Wastewater Commissioner present. Any Monday afternoon would work. Have outline of issues that both parties want to discuss. Finalization of resort map would be one.

Button thanked everyone for the chili cook off and community meeting. Come spring work will commence again on the Stone Bridge. If every WAVE member sold ten pavers the Veterans Renovation Project could be completed with the installation of the monolith, approximate cost of \$22,000. Monolith base will be installed this summer. New Veteran/Community Paver brochure was made. Button plans to visit and thank veterans' organizations for donations. Still need financial assistance for this worthwhile project.

NEW BUSINESS: Isle, Onamia & Wahkon Letter Regarding Izatys: Reichel explained that Isle Zoning Administrator Gary Bell asked Isle Mayor Rod Schultz if the city would write letter to bank regarding Izatys being open for business. Schultz recommended all three communities, Isle, Wahkon and Onamia sign the letter together. Izatys being operational vitally impacts our economy. A functioning business has to be a good selling point. All the expense of getting the golf course up and running for last year shouldn't go to waste. Council agrees Mayor should sign the letter. Clerk will draft sample letter and forward to Onamia and Isle.

November Rescheduled Monthly Council Meeting: Regular meeting date 11/11 is Veterans Day and accordingly no business can be conducted. Council agreed rescheduled meeting should be a Monday; 11/4 at usual time of 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Matte, second by Bjornson-Main to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The February 25, 2013 special meeting of the Wahkon City Council was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Ronda Bjornson-Main, Dan Goplen, Tony Button, and Dale Matte. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. City Attorney Troy Gilchrist and City Engineer Greg Kimman were also present. This special meeting was called by the Mayor to review proposed Floodplain and Zoning ordinances. Public notice was properly posted. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROPOSED FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE: Gilchrist drafted separate stand-alone ordinance, as is our current Shoreland Management Ordinance, both of which will be referenced in our zoning ordinance. Mille Lacs Lake ordinary high water (OHW) level is the floodplain line (1254.1); below is floodway (most restrictive) and above is flood fringe (less restrictive).

After Mille Lacs County (MLC) Board motioned not to adopt the updated floodplain ordinance, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) supplied them with revised LiDAR map. LiDAR 2-foot contours are more accurate compared to when mapping began two years ago using a different method with 10-foot contours. Wahkon was given updated map as well and out of 35 structures flagged originally in the floodplain, only one appears to remain, eight are touching the line, and remaining 26 are out. MLC and DNR are working with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept LiDAR 2-foot contours for the process of removing properties from the floodplain. Regardless whether MLC or Wahkon adopts the ordinance the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with the less accurate 10-foot contours becomes effective 3/4/13 and will be reviewed promptly by banks, mortgage and title companies to see if loan properties should be required to have flood insurance. If adopted, citizens can obtain lower cost flood insurance, if not they pay much higher premiums, federal disaster relief may be withheld and people may not qualify for federally backed loans.

According to proposed ordinance, all maintenance of structures within the floodplain requires a permit. Wahkon hasn't adopted the state building code and cannot require general maintenance permits; land use/zoning permits only. Federal law trumps state law, in particular regarding grandfather status. Damage of 50% or more seems to be the threshold for allowable repairs for Shoreland and Floodplain. City could police this on a complaint basis. Existing Shoreland Ordinance regulates properties within 1,000 feet of the lake covering the floodplain, but this is more restrictive. Federally subsidized insurance becomes available if we help watch the floodplain and not allow structures within high flood risk areas.

Button researched Buckmore Dam and per DNR it is a fixed crest dam with exception of a 5 foot wide bay with stop logs to allow fish passage located at the beginning of the Rum River on Lake Ogechie within Kathio State Park. These types of structures are not intended to manipulate lake levels. Also found information on Lake Ogechie Wild Rice Project submitted for DNR approval by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Project background: "Lake Ogechie is a 405-acre lake located immediately downstream of Mille Lacs. The construction of Buckmore Dam by the DNR in the early 1950's resulted in high water levels that inadvertently "flooded out" the naturally reproducing native wild rice population within Lake Ogechie." Project scope: "To return historic stands of native wild rice and a balance aquatic ecosystem within Lake Ogechie, modifications of Buckmore Dam and construction of a new dam upstream at the outlet of Mille Lacs Lake were necessary. Modifications will allow lower water levels within Lake Ogechie and allow the return of vigorous native, naturally reproducing, wild rice stand within Lake Ogechie. The new dam was designed to be aesthetically pleasing, allow for fish passage, and control the water levels within Mille Lacs Lake." Construction has yet to begin.

Some floodplain permits range from \$341 to \$891 depending on the county. Could this new dam be used as a flood control structure? If yes, wouldn't flooding be diminished for the entire lake, many cities, townships and counties? Should city mayors request proposed dam be reengineered?

Per Kimman Mille Lacs Lake has 242,000 acres of water. Engineering wise it has validity but high water and run off would still be a factor. Numbers would have to be reviewed to ascertain capabilities. Clerk will contact MLC about this.

Council agreed if we must pass such an ordinance it should be as bare bones as possible with definite language on what is allowed for maintenance of structures within the floodplain including grandfather rights. Gilchrist will check into this as well as definition of "simple method" as it pertains to verifying property elevations. Thereafter a public hearing can be held with 10 day notice. Sooner than later would be best in order to alleviate possible problems for citizens once the FIRM is official. Projection is we have approximately 45 days from 3/4/13, even though official FEMA letter said those communities that were never mapped had one year after the FIRM becomes effective or 3/4/14.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE: MLC could take over our zoning permits without Wahkon having to adopt the building code. They suggest our enforcement section be the same as theirs. Gilchrist stated that cities usually don't hand over planning commissioner powers such as planned unit development (PUD), conditional use permit (CUP), etc. Maybe they could handle the more complicated permits and be our professional consultants on issues requiring extensive review? Enforcement is where we are currently lacking. It takes time and is expensive to enforce through civil court. Should we enter into an agreement with MLC to prosecute for zoning? Gilchrist provided zoning ordinance with basic sections with current statute language but it doesn't yet include what is and isn't allowed. Clerk compiled list of possible zoning changes and issues that have come up over the years. Do we want districts? Yes, commercial and residential in order to separate them. Currently everything is residential unless CUP is approved. Without districts someone could request a gas station on Lake Shore Blvd and we would be hard pressed to deny it without a list of what is appropriate for the neighborhood. Planning Commission is the council. Gilchrist agrees with council that less is more as far as regulations, reminds us zoning is a never ending process, and will bring back a more in depth ordinance based on our list. New zoning ordinance would also require a public hearing at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The March 11, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte and Dan Goplen. Councilmembers absent were Tony Button and Ronda Bjornson-Main. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Goplen, second by Matte to accept the consent agenda. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 1/14/13 & 2/11/13 Council & 2/25/13 Special Council
- B) Izatys Resort Letter from Isle, Onamia & Wahkon
- C) East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) Business Loan Programs
- D) Isle Fire Department 3/1/13 - 3/1/14 Contract \$9,375.04
- E) City Hall Closed 3/19 – 3/22 Municipal Clerks Finance Officers Assoc. (MCFOA) Conference in St Cloud
- F) Wahkon Clean Up Day 8 am – Noon Saturday 5/4
- G) Charitable Gambling Reports: Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$92.25 & Onamia Lions Club \$3.80
- H) Savage Communications Franchise 2012 Report: Received \$1,975.80
- I) Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance \$527,312.54 Includes Investments of \$247,144.02
- J) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- K) Checks #21801 Dated 2/12/13 through #21841 Dated 3/11/13 Total \$19,400.18

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich received \$1,075 from Mille Lacs Sewer Service for city used televising camera and bubble light. Dump truck is down with leak in side of tire. Accomplished other repairs and when tire is replaced truck should be ready for MN Department of Transportation (MnDOT) inspection. Matte mentioned post office mailbox is too close to snow pile. Spirit Lake Steakhouse has issue with snow pile and lack of parking. Weinreich can't pile snow too high as MnDOT doesn't want pile to spread into lane of travel. They remove piles as soon as possible at no charge to city. Frontier building must remain open in case generator power is needed. Northern Inn's driveway must have clear visibility.

Zoning List: Unresolved and/or pending issues are same as last month: J&J's, Hansen/Partridge, Ellis, Country Caboose Quilts/Tyson & Diver.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Roeschlein noted upcoming trainings and meetings: Weinreich will attend Floodplain training in Little Falls 3/20 and Noxious Weed Training in Milaca 3/26. Clerk will attend future Floodplain training as she will be unavailable for this date. Clerk will be in Minneapolis for her mother's surgery on 4/12. Hopefully will be in the office the following week at least a day or two. Weinreich will check phone messages and do what he can. Derik Karels is willing to be our backup snow plow operator if needed. Previously Kevin Schultz was but he is now working for City of Onamia and would be plowing for them. Weinreich will check again with Jason Nieken, Izatys Wastewater Operator, about operator backup plan. Even if Izatys doesn't open resort and golf course the system serves the townhomes. Work on updating the old emergency/contingency plan with current names and phone numbers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Buckmore Dam, Mille Lacs Lake & FEMA Issue: Clerk notified Mille Lacs County (MLC) Administrator of Council's question whether the new dam planned through the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's Lake Ogechie Wild Rice Project could be used as a flood control structure. Per Department of Natural Resources (DNR) representative Ceil Strauss' email response "I do know our staff reviewed the submission to ensure the design did not cause any (0.00 feet) increase in the 100-year flood elevation." "The possibility of incorporating a water control structure was raised by several, including our own fisheries staff, but will not be incorporated for a variety of complicated issues." Per City Engineer Greg Kimman's email, it would take a long time to lower that much volume to mitigate heavy rains. 1972 flash flood 1' rise of Mille Lacs Lake occurred mostly within about 24 hours.

Council agreed to schedule Floodplain Management Ordinance public hearing prior to council meeting on 4/8 at 5:30 pm. New ordinance language omits "including normal maintenance and repair" and specifies when permit is required "prior to the erection, or construction of an addition to the exterior or any building, structure, or portion thereof..." City Attorney Troy Gilchrist conveyed City's request that DNR change map to more accurate LiDAR elevations without financial obligation. MLC is also requesting this change.

NEW BUSINESS: Onamia Area Friends of the Library Donation Request: Last year we donated \$100. City of Onamia has offered to collect donations due to temporary suspension of their 501c3 status. Their receipts were less than threshold to file taxes; however, they were unaware of requirement to send email stating this. Status will be reinstated retroactively, but there is a six-month backlog. Motion by Matte, second by Goplen to donate \$100 to Onamia Area Friends of the Library through City of Onamia. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Isle Fire Department 2014 Contract Option Selection: Soliciting votes on contract calculating options, which may change how contracts are done: A) based solely on net tax capacity (most recent method) or B) tax capacity, population, and average man hours over three-year period. Reichel stated FD transparency is phenomenal as compared to the past. Council agreed option A due to fees being less variable.

MN Rural Water Assoc. (MRWA) 4/2013 – 4/2014 Membership: Usually go with Option B City Associate Membership \$225, increase of \$25 over last year. MRWA is a great organization and very helpful. Motion by Goplen, second by Matte to renew membership under option B and include \$10 donation to Rural Water Partnership Fund. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Blandin Broadband Communities Meeting 3/13 Milaca: Asking for one-time commitment. Clerk authorized to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Matte, second by Goplen to adjourn this meeting of the city council. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The April 8, 2013 Wahkon Planning Commission public hearing was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 5:30 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Dan Goplen, Ronda Bjornson-Main, and Tony Button. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present, as well as City Engineer Greg Kimman. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Public hearing to discuss proposed Wahkon Floodplain Management ordinance was called by the Mayor pursuant to call and notice thereof as required by law.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING: Mille Lacs County (MLC) Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator: Michele McPherson was present and noted her new title is Director of Land Services. Floodplain management has been around for as long as she has been doing zoning, about 25 years. Every city she has worked at was mapped. Beginning in 2010 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began to update county's floodplain map. MLC Floodplain Management Ordinance has been in place since 1991. This is first official mapping of Wahkon, which became effective 3/4/2013. Initially MLC Board voted not to adopt revised maps as approximately 400 parcels are in the floodplain that shouldn't be. FEMA used 10' contour elevation data at the onset. In the meantime LiDAR elevations with 2' contours were made of MLC but weren't used due to deadlines. MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided City with LiDAR maps detailing floodplain zone AE and structures within are marked with red dot. Floodplain elevation is 1254.1 and includes the floodway and flood fringe.

Mortgage companies and banks reviewed floodplain maps promptly and have begun to send letters requiring flood insurance for federally backed loans. To be a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participate ordinance must be adopted, then property owners would get lower premiums. MLC has received many calls and is willing to help all residents through the process of getting out of the floodplain. FEMA is allowing structures above 1256 to submit county LiDAR map along with MT-EZ form to obtain Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) without fees. If structure is above 1254.1 but below 1256 there are costs, including surveyed elevations of lowest floor along with FEMA fee. Dick Wettersten spent approximately \$750 to remove house and garage. MLC with DNR assistance will be submitting letter of map amendment revision (LOMAR) to exclude several parcels at one time that are above 1256 and city could do the same; huge application, no fee, takes 4-6 months. Kimman will see if this is applicable to Wahkon's situation and if so will give cost estimate.

What if council doesn't adopt? Financing would be difficult for home owners and federal disaster funds wouldn't be available. No requirement for flood insurance if there isn't a mortgage. FEMA is concerned about structures and not your yard. Floodplain elevation doesn't apply to basements that are beyond Zone AE. People can voluntarily purchase flood insurance whether in or out if they feel the need for protection. County will have DNR do aerial photos of the county this spring, including Wahkon.

Council questioned Meshigun Point Townhomes planned unit development (PUD) that was approved a few years ago in which townhomes will be built in phases over many years? Approval was based on zoning laws at that time and can't be held to these new standards. Adopting said ordinance will put restrictions on new construction. Per council direction and DNR approval, permit isn't required for repair and maintenance of existing structures in the floodplain unless such work, separately or collectively, constitutes a substantial improvement as defined in ordinance.

Jodi Kanera of Mille Lacs Island Resort (MLIR) was present. Their property was just mapped and affects large portion due to lake and channel abutting all sides. Standards are more restrictive for RV parks and falls under county jurisdiction. Unless elevation surveys are done, there will be sites that can no longer be used. She is investigating how best to proceed.

Close Public Hearing: Mayor closed hearing at 6:15 pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to make recommendation to council to adopt Wahkon Floodplain Management ordinance. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The April 8, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:17 pm. Councilmembers present were Ronda Bjornson-Main, Dale Matte, Dan Goplen, and Tony Button. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein, as well as, City Engineer Greg Kimman. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to accept consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 3/11/13 Council
- B) Mille Lacs Messenger Fun Guide Ad: City & Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE)
- C) Blandin Broadband Community Vision 3/13 Mille Lacs County Meeting Summary
- D) Anderson Brothers Road Construction Presentations & Discussions Thursday 4/11 Nisswa Legion: Street Commissioner Button & Weinreich to attend
- E) Veterans Business Resource Program Tuesday 4/16
- F) Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group Spring Conference & Bus Tour Saturday 4/20 @ McQuoid's Conference Center
- G) Wahkon Clean Up Day 8 am – Noon Saturday 5/4
- H) Charitable Gambling Report: \$326.50 Military Service Assoc. (MSA)
- I) Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance \$523,376.75 Includes Investments of \$247,144.02
- J) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- K) Checks #21842 Dated 3/25/13 through #21877 Dated 4/8/13 Total \$20,911.03
- L) City Hall Closed Tentatively Friday 4/12 – Wednesday 4/17

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Resolution No. 04082013 Appointing City Insurance Agent: David Oberfeld. Other cities adopt resolutions appointing agency. Oberfeld was present and recalled one was adopted many years ago. Council agreed Oberfeld Insurance has always done a great job. Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to adopt Resolution No. 04082013. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. He estimates that flood insurance would be at least twice as high if Wahkon doesn't participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Floodplain Management Ordinance: MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) supplied Wahkon with LiDAR maps with more accurate elevation detail than official map provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). There are 36 structures noted in floodplain zone AE marked with red dot. Per LiDAR one is below 1254 elevation, 6 are on the line and 28 are above, but all 36 are within zone AE until proven out. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to adopt Floodplain Management Ordinance 2013-1 based upon planning commission recommendations. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel.

Resolution No. 04082013A Authorizing Publication of the City of Wahkon Floodplain Management Ordinance by Title and Summary. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to adopt Resolution No. 04082013A approving Floodplain Management Ordinance publication summary. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich suggests replacing pump impellers with epoxy coated ones in downtown area as they would last longer. Previously council approved two at \$500 each, but these are more costly at \$1000 each and he would like three. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to

authorize purchase of three epoxy coated impellers up to \$3500. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Seal is out in one pump and he will get repair quote.

Many potholes and divots on Lake Shore Blvd. Button and Weinreich plan to attend Anderson Brothers blacktop workshop. Clean-up day is 5/4 and is being advertised on city website. Jim Maciazka volunteered his trailer and time to pick up items for those that can't bring them in. Weinreich is no longer considering adding wing to plow. Will investigate other upgrades to save plow time. Ice ruts and buildup were due to little snowfalls less than 2" that weren't plowed per policy.

Zoning List: Same properties with zoning issues were noted as last month along with new permit for Allan Feltmann's 32'x48' pole building with 22' height at PID #25-561-0220. Pole building replaces garage that didn't meet side lot setback. In order to meet current setback original cement slab couldn't be used. Garage was moved to Mattes.

Weinreich suggests moratorium on permits in floodplain unless elevation is proven. Kimman estimated \$500 per parcel for city wide survey. Government entities can do Letter of Map Amendment Revision (LOMAR), a mass map revision to remove structures at or above 1256 elevation. Kimman will check with county but won't be attending May meeting as they are expecting a baby.

Complaint List: Tyson/Country Caboose Quilts' parking issue was to be discussed in April but due to late snowfalls will be tabled until May. Send reminder to Tysons.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Roeschlein plans to attend DNR floodplain training and mentioned there were summer youth camp grants available.

Button apologized to Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE) volunteers who arrived for meat raffle at Mugg's that didn't occur. Will try again Friday of fishing opener weekend. Walk to Honor paver deadline is 4/20. Need to be in place and ready for dedication ceremony Sunday 5/26 at sunset. He suggests earmarking launch fees towards permanent dock for boaters to use when coming to town. Possibly locate at existing fishing pier site, which could be moved to paper undeveloped street/lake access. Request businesses help financially and erect sign informing public of what launch fees will be used for. Clerk to compile costs relative to fishing pier and bring to next meeting to discuss further. Matte is in favor of a permanent dock but has issue moving fishing pier. Weinreich will be meeting with new DNR contact and will see what would be allowed at the City Park relative to permanent dock, pier boardwalk and natural vegetation of creek bed.

Bjornson-Main summarized recently held annual meeting with MLIR. They reiterated infrastructure is being taken care of and I&I is in check. Resort was recently mapped for floodplain; few manholes near the lake. Mis-nis Terrace will be their point of concern. Weinreich was invited to be onsite to pop manholes. Water will be turned on fishing opener weekend. MLIR pays usage fees and cost of infrastructure maintenance. Manager Jodi Kanera will send letter to be included in upcoming agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: Little Free Libraries: April Weinreich was present. These are small wood built boxes that house books. Requesting one be erected in Ellen Ruth Park of which she would oversee. Self-supporting, take one bring one, and free. When registered becomes part of little free library map finder. Could build our own and they suggest recycled materials. Grants are available. Kits can be purchased for approximately \$400. April suggested we find the funds in order to save organization's funds. Should also consider having a bench and winter accessibility. Reichel will ask Berczyk and Button offered if no one else is found. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to install little free library in Ellen Ruth park. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Charitable Gambling fund will be used.

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Executive Branch of Tribal Government Request for United States Assumption of Concurrent Federal Criminal Jurisdiction: Reichel suggests city state their objection on grounds request depicts 61,000 acre reservation, which the city, State of Minnesota and MLC agree has been disestablished. For years now city has adamantly stated Wahkon isn't within a reservation. County will be sending objection. Bjornson-Main agrees and recommends citizens call in their objections. If approved there could be far outreaching consequences. Field solicitor's assistant's opinion the reservation was not disestablished doesn't outweigh U. S. Supreme Court's confirmation that it was. Census maps indicate Wahkon within reservation. Review of this map is now via email. Clerk made sure to note Wahkon's opinion. State, county and tribal police already have enforcement partnership. Request is based on gang activity and deaths. Matte's concern is crime overflow. In Reichel's opinion it isn't failure of enforcement, but failure of Federal Indian Policy, which is a broken system. Button believes if Band gets this approved more treaty claims will be made. Reichel: If it said Vineland, it would be different, but this depicts the entire 61,000 acres. Clerk mentioned request wasn't officially sent to Wahkon because we lack a police department. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to send objection letter. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Del Freichels was present and requested city spray for forest tent caterpillars. Pest control ordinance must be adopted and Department of Agriculture must approve plan. Ordinance also grants authority to recoup expenses. Some residents don't want to be sprayed due to concerns about pesticides, allergies, etc. This will be seventh year of the worm's cycle which is usually peak. Isle is spraying city wide. Many years ago city collected funds from interested property owners and supplied map to contractor. Controversial topic and more opinions are needed. Messenger will mention it and survey will be put on city website.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen, to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The May 2, 2013 special meeting of the Wahkon City Council was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 3:30 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte and Tony Button. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. This special meeting was called by the Mayor pursuant to call and notice thereof as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 05022013 “RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP): Clerk was informed at Department of Natural Resource (DNR) Floodplain training workshop an additional resolution was required, which was inadvertently missed. Property owners Al & Joni Greenwaldt contacted clerk suggesting city expedite their NFIP application as they were quoted annual flood insurance exceeding \$10,000. Mayor agreed and called this meeting to finalize our application. Once enrolled flood insurance will be more reasonable. Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Resolution 05022013. Ayes: Matte, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Button, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The May 13, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Dan Goplen, and Ronda Bjornson-Main. Councilmember Tony Button was absent. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Reichel discussed Item B, see below. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to approve consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 5/2/13 Special Council, 4/8/13 Council & Planning Commission
- B) Wahkon & Governor Mark Dayton's Letters of Objection to Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's Request for United States Assumption of Concurrent Federal Criminal Jurisdiction Over 61,000 Acre Disestablished Reservation: Reichel summarized meeting with Governor Dayton's staff persons requesting such letter along with Isle Mayor, Mille Lacs County (MLC) sheriff, attorney & commissioner, and others. Very pleased letter came through.
- C) Mille Lacs Island Resort (MLIR) Letter Regarding 2013 Annual Meeting
- D) MN Emergency Medical Service Regulatory Board Notice of Completed Application for Allina Health EMS Primary Service Area Expansion
- E) Lakes & Pines January – March 2013 Newsletter
- F) Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Buddy Poppies Proclamation
- G) League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) 2012 Worker's Compensation \$584 Dividend & Memos
- H) LMCIT Liability Coverage Waiver Form: City accepts coverage limits of \$500,000/\$1,500,000 as the City does not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statutes 466.04 as recommended by agent.
- I) League of MN Cities (LMC) 2013 Annual Conference & Marketplace 6/19-21 St Paul
- J) FEMA Floodplain Risk Mapping, Assessment & Planning (Risk MAP) Resilience Meeting 5/30 @ Mille Lacs County (MLC) 2 – 4 pm: Weinreich & Roeschlein to attend
- K) Burning Restrictions Began 5/6/13 until Further Notice
- L) City Hall Closed Friday 5/17 – Memorial Day 5/27
- M) Charitable Gambling Report: 3/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$313.12 & 2/2013 & 3/2013 Onamia Lions Club (OLC) \$51.51 & Zero Respectively
- N) LG510 City Annual 2012 Report, 10% Lawful Gambling Contribution Fund
- O) 2012 Year End MLC Sheriff's Report
- P) 2012 Financial Statements & Independent Auditor's Report: No journal entries required and full report available at city hall.
- Q) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$523,197.89 Includes Investments of \$247,144.02
- R) Matured CD #211908 investment will be cashed out 5/17 in the amount of \$247,565.86
- S) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- T) Checks #21878 Dated 4/9/13 through #21920 Dated 5/13/13 Total \$37,635.60

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Ordinance Regulating the Use and Maintenance of Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Spirit Lake Steakhouse: Sidewalk Dining Request: Current ordinance prohibits anything on sidewalk. Only found one sample ordinance for St Paul through LMC, which includes sale and display of merchandise. Require 48" clear zone for pedestrian use. Last year Wahkon Plaza had merchandise out during business hours with permission. New ordinance requires insurance for anything on the sidewalk, including sandwich board signs. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by

Goplen to adopt Ordinance 2013-2 Regulating the Use and Maintenance of Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Send letter to Main street businesses along with new ordinance.

Resolution Authorizing Publication of Ordinance By Title and Summary: Motion by Matte, second by Bjornson-Main to adopt Resolution No. 05132013 Authorizing Publication of Ordinance 2013-2 By Title and Summary. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: Dead end manholes were flushed, epoxy coated impellers will arrive soon, and system is running at old design flow. MLIR recalibrated pumps and found their floats were off, which increased gallon figures.

Tom Johnson wasn't present but is requesting removal of all usage fees as of 5/24 when he will have title to Hansen/Partridge property, plans include demolishing original house. Council agreed to promptly remove one usage fee relative to residence/garage being gutted by Hansen and thus unlivable. When original stucco house is demolished and sewer permanent disconnect inspection is made, the last usage fee will be removed. In the metro, sewer connection fees are charged for most everything, additional laterals or when a commercial property has changed to another use.

Zoning List: Same properties with zoning issues were noted as last month, J&J's Detached Townhomes, Hansen/Partridge, Ellis, Country Caboose Quilts, and Diver.

Complaint List: Same issue remains relative to Country Caboose Quilts patron parking. Caboose was sold and will be removed soon thus giving them more parking area. Keep on report until resolved.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: Seasonal mower Ron Doty plans to come back and is making \$8.50 per hour. Works about 20 hours per week and does great job. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to increase seasonal worker wage to \$8.75 per hour. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Roeschlein: Grand Casino Mille Lacs adopt a shoreline program 5/19. Wahkon cleanup day trash removal was \$2,222.32 and donations amounted to \$540. MLC hazardous waste collection will be 6/6 from 3-7 pm. Weinreich will purchase recycle bin for community hall. He'll recycle ours along with his personal recycling. We should be good stewards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Floodplain Management Info: Wahkon was notified today we are a participant of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Citizens will be able to get reduced insurance premiums.

Little Free Library: Pete Olson will construct it. Bench and flower pot were purchased at Sam's Club. Park Commissioner Matte will approve placement at Ellen Ruth Park. Use Charitable Gambling funds as it will benefit youth too. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to approve \$350 out of Charitable Gambling for Little Free Library. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Should be as maintenance free as possible.

Matte authorizes three more sections of split rail fence to be added in the Ellen Ruth Park on highway side to stop ATVs & snowmobiles from cutting across. Tyson's fence is getting old, maybe they would share replacement cost. Will discuss at budget time. Bjornson-Main lives nearby and has issue with snowmobilers driving through her property but not ATVs. We do want them in town soliciting the businesses but in a safe manner.

NEW BUSINESS: Forest Ten Caterpillar Spraying Memo: Memo suggested an ordinance be adopted for future use but it wouldn't be in effect for this year. DNR doesn't recommend spraying. Contractor states spray is organic but can't claim it is safe for humans and animals. City could collect from those interested and have map available for contractor. Doesn't seem right to be the middle man for five people that are interested. Inform those that are in favor to call Triple H Aviation themselves. There would be some against it if we did the entire town. Council agreed to table this matter as there aren't enough people requesting it.

Request to Replace 1st Street W Sidewalk: Dale Bjornson: Christine Bjornson was present. Sidewalk dips and pools water; used by handicap person, church patrons and grandchildren. Should it be blacktopped similar to sidewalk leading to the parks? Park sidewalk wasn't assessed to residents. Usually split 50/50 with businesses. City will widen alley abutting this sidewalk. Discussion will continue with street blacktopping bids below.

Feral Cats Issue: Round Bank (Previously Santa's Station): Bjornson-Main has seen kittens playing in the sun and living under the deck/ramp. Usually owners living on the property would address this, however, property is owned by Round Bank in New Prague, south of the Twin Cities. They have given written permission that city can remove them. KARE in Isle will kennel dogs only. Garrison vet may take them at no charge from private parties but likely not from the city. Have contracted with Morrison County Animal Humane Society (MCAHS) in Little Falls, but have only brought dogs. Believe cost is \$125 plus mileage for volunteer to transport. Weinreich will try to live trap them using borrowed traps from Gordy Stalker. Matte stated someone came upon a pile of dead cats in the woods on Lake Shore Blvd. Round Bank likely won't reimburse costs. Send letter to Sheila Berg and Paul Sand to discuss their animal issues at next month's meeting.

City Parks Receipts & Expenses Relative to Launch Fees Being Used for Future Permanent Dock: Button and Bjornson-Main believe people and businesses want a permanent dock to draw people to town and suggest saving launch fees to pay for one. Many believe fishing pier should remain where it is. Launch donations never cover park expenses. Maybe people would be more generous knowing what the funds will go towards. Too shallow in front of Veterans Park. Should be near launch area. Discuss further at budget meeting. Need to get creative. Businesses may be willing to contribute. Current sign states launch donations will be used for park improvements. There are several projects in the works, monolith, pavers, Stone bridge, Muskie park sign that aren't completed. Don't want to make promises we can't keep.

Street Blacktopping Bids: Contractors had until 1:00 pm today to submit bids of which we received four. Bids differ and are hard to compare as some were itemized individually by location, while others had one lump sum. Weinreich analyzed bids confirming Rocon Paving is lowest with \$47,745, North Central Paving \$50,177, Anderson Brothers \$57,700 and Twin City Paving \$64,450. Alley behind Katrina Chang Murphy's should be done as she requested this back in 2010. This alley is used regularly and when fully blacktopped she will blacktop her parking area for lodging patrons. Should patch 3rd Street W at Main Street that was damaged years ago by contractor during spring road restrictions. South Main culvert near Fran Weiers is caving in. Weinreich suggests improving 2nd Street W for additional parking; same area where snow is dumped. Blacktop to replace deteriorated sidewalk on 1st Street W from new sidewalk that Wahkon Presbyterian Church installed to alley. Drainage is an issue on 2nd Street E from Main Street to Meshigun Avenue and patches aren't lasting. Lots of ruts this winter as the highway drains here. Bigger companies do reclamation, grinding existing blacktop which

can be re-laid with additives. Cost for two blocks approximately \$30,000. Will discuss further at budget time. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte authorizing use of blacktop funds to improve 2nd Street W for additional parking by removing trees and adding class five. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen authorizing Weinreich to determine areas to be blacktopped, not to exceed budget, including 1st Street W sidewalk replacement with blacktop. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

IREC Fitness Center Flooring Donation Request: Julann Casper sent letter soliciting funds to install aerobic floor for classes that are currently held on cement, approximate cost \$3,630. Charitable Gambling Fund can be used as there are a 501c3. Silver Sneakers for seniors would benefit from this too. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to donate \$100 from Charitable Gambling Fund. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Goplen, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The June 10, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Sandy Reichel. Councilmembers present were Ronda Bjornson-Main, Tony Button, Dan Goplen, and Dale Matte. City employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present as well as Greg Kimman of S.E.H. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to approve consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: None available as Clerk took vacation for seven days and will have them by next meeting.
- B) Ithaca Promotions Banner Flags Donation to City Thank You Letter: Approximately value of \$400.
- C) TH Web Consulting Letter: City website looks great.
- D) Fourth of July City Fireworks Donation Request Letters Mailed
- E) City Hall Closed Thursday & Friday 7/4 & 7/5
- F) LG220 Sacred Heart Church 8/11 Bazaar & 9/29 Quilt Bingo: Acknowledged with no waiting period per usual practice.
- G) LG220 Mille Lacs Equal Rights Foundation (MERF) 10/16 Raffle: Acknowledged with no waiting period per usual practice.
- H) Charitable Gambling Report: 4/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$109.68 & Onamia Lions Club (OLC) Zero
- I) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$506,029.21
- J) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- K) Checks #21921 Dated 5/15/13 through #21955 Dated 6/10/13 Total \$20,829.10

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Ordinance 2013-2 "Regulating the Use and Maintenance of Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks" Insurance Requirement: City accepts statute tort limits for liability insurance at 1.5 million per agent suggestion. League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) originally said businesses should have the same; however, they can only obtain insurance in million dollar increments, so they would need two million. League attorney noted even with such high coverage it doesn't guarantee city wouldn't be liable and suggested minimum of either one or two million. Also recommends adding time frame to clear snow and description of operations covering the use of the sidewalk. Currently Spirit Lake Steakhouse (SLS) doesn't have proper coverage. They have two million aggregate, which they were informed would suffice, but we later realized it must be "per occurrence" which is one million

Original ordinance requires 48" clear zone closest to curb. Change that to 36" and don't define area so businesses can place signs near curb for better visibility. SLS has begun sidewalk dining. Insurance requirement had many businesses upset and felt city was just making regulations. Ordinance was adopted based upon insurance agent's recommendation and includes display and selling of merchandise. Prior to adoption current ordinance didn't allow anything on sidewalks. Only claim clerk recalls was in 1993 for injury on metal bus jungle gym. Council agreed attorney should review ordinance, approximately \$150 and note that it was. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to amend Ordinance 2013-2 to require one million in liability insurance coverage per occurrence, 36" of clear zone, and removal of snow & ice within 24 hours of snowfall. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Button. Abstain: Reichel. Motion carried.

Resort Lease Agreements Insurance Requirement: Reichel asked Clerk to review lease agreements pertinent to liability insurance requirement due to conversation with Katrina Chang-Murphy about sidewalk ordinance. Lease authorizing use of city property by Walleye Dundee's and Island View Resort states liability insurance must not be less than maximum liability limits for cities as defined by statute; 1.5 million. However, our annual dock inspection forms used in conjunction with lease weren't amended and has old coverage of one million. Oberfeld Insurance handles Dundee's insurance, which has always been \$500,000 per occurrence. Tim Pater of Island View was present and carries liability coverage of one million. Cost to obtain another million would be \$600 - \$800 annually. Both resorts are not in compliance. No claims relative to docks or sidewalks. Businesses pay higher taxes. Current lease is valid for five years through 6/2018. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to amend current lease agreements with Walleye Dundee's and Isle View Resort requiring one million in liability insurance coverage per occurrence. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Button. Abstain: Reichel. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Discuss at budget time to charge more for camera fee, currently \$20. Weinreich getting quotes to repair lift station near Wahkon Presbyterian Church with frost damage. May need to move power to a panel. Cost is likely to be more than \$5,700. Berm was staked at specific grade in order to maintain elevation and upkeep. Peat beneath berm is soaked and beginning to undermine its integrity. Not leaking but could become problem. Chad Milton quoted \$12,000 – 15,000 to solidify. Previously spent \$10,000 getting it ready to mow and sealed. We have an easement to maintain it. Middle third is getting sloppy, 400' in length with 6-8' width. Hope to wait until freeze up. Berm protects the lake. Haven't had to buy alum this year. Discharging water right now. Make sure to notify neighboring properties when time frame of berm work is known.

Zoning List: Tom Johnson purchased Hansen/Partridge property and demoed stucco house. Originally thought all sewer laterals would be removed but they will keep line to garage/residence. Part of this line was replaced due when basement wall fell during demolition. Line wasn't pressure tested. Send letter requiring pressure test. Button suggests city require demolition permits with check list, such as utility shut offs, spring road restrictions, etc. City attorney Troy Gilchrist informed clerk he will draft zoning ordinance soon.

List contains properties with pending issues and new permits. Permit issued to Bonita Monson, 1285 Lake Shore Blvd to erect garage as previous permit expired.

J&J's Planned Unit Development (PUD) Discussion: Nathan Ryan represents Jeff Eye and both were present. Ryan requests council recognize Resolution #01112010 "Adopting Final Findings of Fact for Granting Approval of Conditional Use Permit-Planned Unit Development, and Final Plat for the Plat of J&J's Detached Townhomes of Wahkon." It is their desire to get paperwork finalized and ready for city attorney review. Last escrow received was 6/2011 of which \$136.96 remains. Ryan suggests additional \$800 escrow at this time to see this through. In 4/2010 council agreed to rental pool similar to Izatys allowing townhome owners to rent contingent upon attorney review.

Existing model isn't connected to sewer yet. Council had agreed to allowing an inside drop in order to stay above water table. MPCA permits were issued, not sure of expiration. Council suggests two sewer installation phases. Construction should stop at a manhole. Plan will be provided to council. No future permits will be reviewed until sewer is installed, existing gazebos met setbacks, and all documentation has been reviewed by attorney and recorded. Council wants to see this project move forward and agrees Resolution #01112010 still stands.

Complaint List: Quilt Shop Parking: Once caboose is removed they will address parking within 30 days as stated to Weinreich. Caboose removed 5/29. Send letter and place on July's agenda.

Sheila Haack & Paul Sand: Sand was present and stated Zoe, a female Beagle, can't be spayed due to being overweight and she is too old to have a litter. Zoe & Rex are currently missing. All cats have been vaccinated and spayed/neutered. There are feral cats around he is trying to live trap. Volunteer will take them to Morrison County Animal Humane Society (MCAHS) in Little Falls. Goplen saw two beagles on County Road 17 just prior to tonight's meeting.

Katrina Chang Murphy: Received signed complaint her dog is running loose in Wahkon Inn's parking lot, which happens a lot. Tom Remer informed clerk he thinks complaint is petty and has no issue with the dog. Tom Jackson explained how the dog visits Ollie's yard regularly, which she enjoys, and Katrina does come over to pick up after it. Council agreed valid signed complaints must be dealt with.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: Pot holes will be filled first as soon as Rocon Paving arrives. Weather has caused delays. Delivery guys can't find addresses due to some citizens not displaying their address. Some fire numbers are still displayed. According to county those are for townships only and shouldn't be used within city limits. He has compiled a list and reminder letters will be sent.

Sidewalk Repair: Per Rocon Paving cost to replace cement sidewalk with tar on 1st Street W would be \$4,500. Not on this year's blacktop list due to high cost. Council was hopeful it could be done for under \$2,000 based upon previous price of tarred sidewalk to park. However, that sidewalk wasn't cement to begin with and just an overlay. Dale Bjornson was present and said he'd rather city budget to replace with cement; will try to obtain quotes prior to budget. Old foundation on his property should be removed, which he hopes can be done in conjunction at his cost. Will investigate Main Street sidewalk repairs, curbs, and sidewalk in front of Veterans Park. Look into sidewalk specifications; doing it right will be expensive. If it isn't being plowed by city truck do we need it as tough?

City Park Drainage: Tom Johnson and Jeff Packer wish to fill low spot by pavilion. Needs to be done right, possibly with small ditch. Weinreich will investigate area. City should try to distinguish park from private property. Pavilion is heaving badly, may need some work or be replaced. Will discuss at budget time.

Little Free Library: Should be installed at Ellen Ruth Park by Wednesday. Pete Olson constructed it. Budget was \$350 and cost was a bit higher but they have enough supplies for another one. Button has received supply donations too. Second location possibly near old well at City Park. Weinreich suggested curb stops, \$90 each and patio blocks \$8 each to finish first one. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte authorizing purchase of two of each, curb stops and concrete patio blocks. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Button stated there are a few grant opportunities. Bremer Bank grant deadline is November for \$5,000 up to three times. WAVE selected Jake Shetka as Vice Chair, Roeschlein as Secretary and Treasurer. State passed bill authorizing \$80,000 towards Veterans parks and monuments requiring matching funds; can't find details yet. Weinreich sprayed down rocks and Stone bridge work will begin.

Wastewater Ponds: Matte toured them recently and was very impressed. Believes we should have open house to better inform citizens about our system. Weinreich will look at setting date and time, which could be noted on sewer bills, in newsletter, or newspaper

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: MN Assoc. of Small Cities Membership Request: We have never been a member. Council agreed being a LMC member suffices at this time.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) City Participation Acceptance: FEMA: Wahkon is a participant effective 5/13/2013 thus flood insurance is lowest possible price for citizens through licensed insurance agent or broker. They supplied sample press release. If required, publish.

Wild (Feral) Cats: Katrina Chang Murphy: Wasn't present but forwarded emails requesting city remove feral cats living under the RV which use her carport as a litter box. She is worried about her customers and those of Wahkon Inn. Last meeting council authorized Weinreich to live trap feral cats on bank foreclosed property because bank is hours away. Goplen stated he wouldn't expect city to take care of this on his own property. There is an ordinance but we don't have animal control. Have volunteer willing to take them to MCAHS in Little Falls for mileage reimbursement. Then add kennel and/or euthanize fees will get costly. Council agreed to go back to only dealing with stray and/or lost dogs.

Dining for Dock Dollars: Spirit Lake Steakhouse (SLS) & Permanent Dock Support Letter: Tom Remer of Wahkon Inn submitted letter supporting dock fundraising efforts. Topic was discussed last month and consensus was to wait until other projects were finished. No official motions were made. Bjornson-Main wanted to begin fundraising so contacted SLS who was happy to help; Dining for Dock Dollars; every Tuesday in June a portion of food sales will go towards permanent dock in Wahkon City Park. Four to five businesses willing to help with efforts too. Clerk wanted council updated. Where would dock be placed? Would bring people to town. Matte believes boaters won't leave their valuable equipment unsupervised to have dinner and drinks. Several ongoing fundraising projects. Button stated many people thought fishing pier would be built for boats and fishing. Pier has railings to discourage boat tie ups. Park launch fees don't cover expenses. There are grants out there. Bjornson-Main informs people at meat raffle that proceeds go towards park improvements. Could we take a few rails off pier for boats to use just to see how much it would be used? Will we have issues with people and noise walking back to park after bar closing time? Need to help improve area economy.

Reichel went into the audience as a business owner. If SLS brings launch from Isle resort to eat at their Wahkon restaurant utilizing city dock, shouldn't they pay a lease to use city property similar to resorts? Dock wouldn't be solely for their benefit. She insists if this occurs council should readdress this for both resorts, Walleye Dundee's and Island View.

Funds raised as donations must be accepted by resolution with specifics on how it will be used. What if there aren't enough funds raised? What if future council decides dock isn't needed? Don't know where DNR would allow it. No specifics yet, this can be a goal within overall park improvement plan. Resolution could give contingencies. What comes first in the park improvement plan? Want to see completion of projects. Council agreed to remove some pier railings allowing boats to tie up. Hope this won't offend WAVE members. WAVE donated pier to city.

Remer's letter also stated "Get the Civic Association back in this town. Businesses need to work together. Here say, rumors and other crap are getting in the way of businesses working together." Wahkon Civic Association (WCA) dissolved a few years ago. Button questioned where their funds are? Has nothing to do with the city.

NEW BUSINESS: MN Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT) Reconstruction of Isle Shop District 3A: Fire destroyed the Isle shop and according to some it may not be rebuilt. Council agreed to send letter supporting reconstruction. Carbon copy Mille Lacs County board member Dave Oslin and our state representatives. Cities of Isle and Onamia will likely send letters of support too.

Community Based Safe Rooms: Email forwarded by county administrator to cities regarding funding opportunities through Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). Eligible projects can receive up to 75% funding from FEMA. Four Mile Feed & Storage property was foreclosed upon and Greater MN Credit Union of Mora is trying to sell it. Building has cement aggregate panels that could possibly be used as storm shelter. Old municipal liquor store's basement and school were designated as shelters, but both are now privately owned. Find out price and look into grant.

Kathy's Animal Rescue Express (KARE) 2013 Contract: Relocated from Milaca to Isle. Much closer than running dogs to MCAHS in Little Falls. KARE will only take dogs. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to enter into contract with KARE for 2013. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Please limit to approximately 3minutes. Council will likely place issue on next month's agenda to fully review prior to making a decision. Sand found his two beagles Zoe & Rex and thanked Goplen for letting him know where to look.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The July 8, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:03 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Tony Button, and Ronda Bjornson-Main. Councilmember Dan Goplen was absent due to work. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to approve consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Meeting Minutes: 5/13/2013 Council

B) MnDOT District 3A Truck Station Rebuild Support Letters

C) League of MN Cities (LMC) 2014 Fiscal Year Dues Letter

D) MN Clerks & Finance Officers Assoc. (MCFOA) Letter Recommending Council Budget for Conference Attendance

E) Main Street Flower Barrels Thank You: Midway Garden Club plants them with discounted flowers from Steele's Nursery. Area businesses and citizens care for them: Ithaca Promotions, Johnson, Tom & Pam, Morning Star Market, Mugg's Main Street Saloon, Northern Inn & Northern Woods Gift Shop, Spirit Lake Steakhouse, The Look By Us, Wahkon Inn, Wahkon Post Office, Walleye Dundee's Resort & Restaurant.

F) One Day On-Sale 3.2 Licenses: Sacred Heart Church (SHC) 8/11 Bazaar & Isle Baseball Assoc. 8/17 Wahkon Days

G) Central Applicators, Inc. Great River Energy Right of Way Maintenance: Allow Maintenance

H) Charitable Gambling Report: 5/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$427.93

I) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$497,847.65

J) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

K) Checks #21956 Dated 6/17/13 through #21991 Dated 7/8/13 Total \$50,792.07

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Social Host Ordinance Discussion: Due to recent underage drinking party where one teenager almost died, Mayor was contacted by Messenger reporter Diane Gibas to discuss this issue. Shannon Frazier and Sara Reis representing Mille Lacs Area Partners for Prevention (MAPP) Coalition provided folder of information with sample ordinance and community survey results. Such an ordinance makes it unlawful to allow underage drinking and adults who knowingly allow it would be prosecuted. For rental properties, owner isn't liable unless they know about it. Not applicable to your own children on your premises. Onamia School District answered questionnaire and a wider range survey was mailed out to Hillman, Wahkon and Onamia. 81% of parents strongly agreed with ordinance. Mille Lacs County (MLC) isn't considering it at this time. Council agreed to place the matter on next month's agenda to fully review.

Noises Prohibited, Street & Alley Closings: Wahkon Days: Unsigned complaint heard last year that city should honor their noise ordinance relative to bands during annual celebration. Only section that seems applicable within MN Basic Code (MBC) Section 92.18 gives general prohibitions prohibiting loud noises that unreasonable annoys, disturbs people or the use of their property. Most cities have specific section excluding city festivals, which we don't have. Also need authorization to close 2nd Street and alley for Wahkon Days Saturday 8/17. Motion by Button, second by Matte to waive noise ordinance section 92.18 relative to Wahkon Days, 8/16 – 17 and to allow closing of 2nd Street E from Main Street to Meshigun Avenue and the alley at City Hall on 8/17. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No, 07082013 “Setting a Public Hearing on a Vacation Started by a Petition” Petition received signed by four property owners requesting 5th Street E be vacated. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to adopt Resolution 07082013. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Description is “that portion of Fifth Avenue as platted in the Plat of Wahkon, lying between the Westerly right of way of Hennepin Street and the Easterly right of way of State Highway 27, and also bordered by Block 25 on the North and Block 4 on the South.” Public hearing will be held at 8/12 council meeting at 6:00 pm.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich is trying to get berm repair quotes, hope it can wait until 2014 budget. Approached Isle wastewater operator about being our backup for vacation and emergencies. Seemed interested; would need mutual aid agreement. Wahkon is member of MnWARN through state for utility emergencies, Isle and Onamia aren't. People Services was on retainer one year but have heard rates are expensive. Weinreich has tried several times to get Jason from Izatys, but now with new owners it isn't feasible at this time. Council agreed to send letter of official request to Isle for mutual aid agreement relative to backup wastewater operator.

Clerk mentioned Weinreich had spoken with Tom Johnson day after last month's meeting. Council wanted a pressure test on lateral to residence/garage that was partially replaced when damaged during demolition of original house. Per visual inspection lateral is approximately 1.5' deep so it isn't in water table. Council agreed with Wastewater Commissioner Bjornson-Main permit must be pulled, ordinance followed and pressure test conducted. Thankful for what has been done, but need compliance. Structures with living quarters must be connected.

Zoning List: List contains properties with pending issues/violations: J&J's Detached Townhomes, Hansen/Partridge now owned by Johnson, Ellis, Diver, and Country Caboose/Tyson. New permits: Bollig garage addition PID #25-561-0780, Banks deck #25-560-0040, and Bertelson deck addition #25-040-1500.

Country Caboose Quilts/Tyson: Parking & Flooding Issues: Kim & Travis Tyson were present. Clerk summarized on zoning list discussion her and Kim had at city hall about letter requesting parking issue be addressed. Tyson questioned if it was sent because she didn't donate caboose to city, which clerk vehemently denied. Button had asked Tyson per Dale Peterson's suggestion the caboose could be used as city museum and tax deduction for Tyson. Tyson sold it out right. She never informed Weinreich that parking would be addressed within 30 days after caboose was removed. There is nothing to address as she has complied with variance requirement made via motion “contingent that Tyson push fence back 10' by 6/2/2012 to better accommodate parking.” Fence is gone, caboose is gone. Still grass in area and some people may not realize it is for paring. She or an employee parks as an example. Sheriff deputy informed Tyson it isn't their responsibility where patrons park. Complaint was received last year about parking and congestion and it continued on the list as council was under the impression signage and/or class five were to be brought in. Thought at time variance was approved parking would be made safer. Should have been more specific with contingencies.

Recent rains flooded quilt shop twice, which they believe flow from the park, Soo Line Trail and highway. Pictures were reviewed. Per Tyson fabric worth \$5,000 needed to be thrown. Parcel abuts old railroad right of way, highway and park. Tyson built house, large pole barn and most recently an addition, which they buried drain tile around. Rains came so fast from roof and streets it didn't get to drain tile. Rains flow from park, trail and highway over parking lot. Weinreich cleared rocks from culvert on other side of Soo Line. Council agrees previous parking complaint has been resolved and variance contingencies met. Hopefully no other complaints will be heard. Because of recent flooding, she will not put in parking lot unless drainage is addressed. One suggestion was to tear out old tile, have straight line ditch with walk over to take high rain surges.

Isle Harbor Township Meeting Minutes: Sue Petty Property Access Issue: Clerk William Young forwarded minutes to council detailing Petty's "concern and complaints about misuse and abuse of the shared road, referred to as Wahkon Beach Rd, a road shared with the City of Wahkon, and which accesses their waterfront lot, entirely within the City of Wahkon." Their gate is often blocked by beach patron vehicles and there is a lot of trash. Per plat, Mille Lacs Ave is corporate line with a width of 33' extending 150' north of highway 27. Petty's property begins north of Mille Lacs Ave extending approximately 1000' to the lake. Per Petty previous owner granted easement for highway construction purposes. Not shown on any city map that clerk is aware of but road exists accessing lake. Petty wants to find solution to access his property without dealing with beach patrons. Weinreich showed Petty where section line was found relative to recent survey done for Beverly Jost. Isle Harbor Township believes road is shared with city. City helps with maintenance as Weinreich regularly picks up beach litter.

Complaint List: Signed complaint relative to tall grass at 345 South Main owned by Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Letter mailed 6/24 and lawn was partially mowed by tenant but it appears mower broke down. GP Land Corp owns lots north of this property, of which the empty lot abutting isn't mowed either. Property manager Gary Larson claims it was never mowed; some neighbors believe it was in the past. Other lots with house and garage are mowed by tenant Tony Miller. Send letters to Larson and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to mow.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Crosswalk stripping was done today. Rocon Paving is finished. Did milling and took elevations into consideration as best they could. Bearing is out in the tractor.

Pull Behind Mower: One we have gets stuck if used with tractor. Consider offset self-propelled one that can mow ditches from behind riding mower, approximately \$1,700. Rocon offered \$1,100 for ours. Council agreed to sell ours to Rocon. Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to authorize up to \$2,000 to purchase trail and brush mower. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Building & Land Possible Purchase: Greater MN Credit Union (GMCU) is asking \$130,000 for PID #25-040-0500 Lots 16-21 Block 10, Wahkon. Considering purchase to fortify building into community storm shelter. City Engineer Greg Kimman estimated via email up to \$150,000 for new cement bunker. Building is made of cement panels and hopefully can be modified. Clerk to file Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Notice of Interest application to see if we would qualify for grant funds up to 75%.

Aerial Photos: Weinreich will receive information from company on costs and such. Early 1990's photo in city hall was donated by Russ Ball. Believe the require \$100 to begin, nonrefundable, and pictures begin at \$300. Discuss at next meeting when information is known.

Zoning: Wettersten property may sell where two people with handicaps will require boardwalk in order to get from house to dock. No permit required if under 3' in height and decking doesn't count as impervious. Any issues of drainage must be resolved over 10 year period from construction.

WAVE Chair Button: Back to the 50's & 60's dance fundraiser will be held Friday 9/27 with DJ. Hope to sell 300 tickets. Thank you volunteers and Onamia Lions Club (OLC) for meat raffle donations. Hope to begin work on grant after Wahkon Days. Having difficulty tracking Veterans Memorial Fund initiated through legislature. Council suggested city send letter to Representative Sondra Erickson for information.

Mailbox Regulations: Matte was asked about installing mailbox with brick bottom. Council suggested person contact post office for specifics and it shouldn't encumber snow plow.

NEW BUSINESS: Temte Dock Issue: Mike & Sue Temte, Marilyn Eye, and Al & Joni Greenwaldt were present along with their realtor. James & Dianne Peterson weren't but James spoke to Mayor. Temte purchased property from Eye with 20.7' of shoreline. Originally this property included Greenwaldt property at the time it was subdivided by Eye and approved by council without any contingencies. Temte was informed there weren't city dock regulations only DNR rules. Eye's didn't put out dock but Temte wants one 4' wide x 64' long plus ramp from shoreline to dock. Will have boat lift at some point on east side, no larger than neighbors, with platform on west side making width at the end 20'. Want to position dock a hair to the east of center of his shoreline due to neighbors' docks positions. Want to ensure safety for his grandchildren and there is enough room to maneuver boats.

Greenwaldt was under impression this limited shoreline would never be used. Eye stated that wasn't true. Greenwaldt's property is for sale wherein they will subdivide into two lots. Marketability is diminished and there are safety issues. Currently two docks exist, Greenwaldt & Peterson and as these lots are located at the beginning of the point, there are limited positions to angle docks. Temte's would add a third dock and when Greenwaldt's sell that owner would likely install fourth dock in this limited area. Greenwaldt offered to sell footage to Temte. Temte's dock would be within 20' of Peterson. Greenwaldt doesn't believe Temte should be able to have platform or boat lift. Eye sold Greenwaldt their property with 180' of shoreline. Why don't they move their dock over and Peterson tweaks his? Greenwaldt's land has been surveyed into two lots but hasn't officially asked for subdivision.

Authority to regulate docks require an ordinance, which neither Wahkon nor the county has. That 20.7' shoreline should never have been approved. Upon Greenwaldt subdivision request to do something similar it was noted at that time Shoreland Management Ordinance requires 75' width at the building line and the ordinary high water. When Eye subdivision was approved city thought only requirement was at the building line. Greenwaldt purchased their property knowing about this small shoreline next to them. Yes with intention of them not using it. Earlier Eye denied this. Peterson wasn't notified about subdivision. Public hearings aren't required. Encroaching on someone's lakeshore devalues it. Greenwaldt's realtor stated there is nothing worse than selling property with neighbor disputes. Sandy beach shoreline valued between \$2200 - \$3000 per foot. Greenwaldt mostly has issue with boat lift due to storms. DNR wouldn't attend this meeting but stated to Clerk it would be a civil issue if neighbors can't agree.

Peterson conveyed to Mayor his belief that city has no legal right to stop Temte and he only requests for safety reasons that Temte install the dock and either the platform or boatlift, not both. Even with limited shoreline Temte has riparian rights and agrees not to install platform this year. Due to irrigation pipes boat lift will be on east side. Following DNR suggestion would place his dock atop Peterson dock so instead he will run it parallel approximate 72' long. In future he will extend further similar to both neighbors, 88' - 90'. Mayor reiterated there is nothing on the books to stop him. Glad to hear Temte is willing to compromise. Hope everyone is safe and that this mediation, where everyone was heard, was helpful.

Open Forum: Please limit to approximately 3minutes. Council will likely place issue on next month's agenda to fully review prior to making a decision. Fireworks: Paul Petty asked Bjornson-Main to convey the issue that the finale was done from their dock and the foil wrappers can be seen on bottom of lake. Other firework liter is cardboard which will eventually biodegrade. We should be better stewards of the lake. Can we purchase different finale? If not, do it from shore and rake debris the next day. Clerk to inform Isle Fire Department to prevent it next year. Weinreich will see if he can clean it up.

Alley behind Annie Bjornson seems to be encroaching on property per Bjornson-Main. Property owners must know property lines to do anything, shouldn't City? Weinreich pulled from known survey stakes and new blacktop is within easement. Widened alley to help traffic at MSM gas pumps and delivery trucks. Button wanted record straight that the city blacktopped alley behind Ithaca Promotions and at same time Katrina Chang Murphy had her parking lot done, which she paid them for directly.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The August 1, 2013 special meeting of the Wahkon City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Ronda Bjornson-Main at 1:30 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte and Tony Button. Councilmember Dan Goplen and Mayor Sandy Reichel were absent. This special meeting was called by Bjornson-Main and Matte relative to liquor licenses for South Shore Hospitality. Public notice was properly posted. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITALITY LIQUOR LICENSES: On Sale, Off Sale & Sunday 8/1 – 12/31/13 @ Five Month Prorated Amount \$604.17: Mugg's Main Street Saloon sold today. New owner Robert J. Dubbs was present of South Shore Hospitality LLC, to request approval of liquor licenses. Motion by Button, second by Matte to approve liquor licenses contingent upon background check and state approval. Ayes: Matte, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously. Council wished him good luck. His plan is to be open for Wahkon Days weekend beginning 8/16.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Button, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson-Main, Acting Mayor

The August 12, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Rhonda Bjornson-Main at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Tony Button, and Dan Goplen. Mayor Sandy Reichel was absent. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Button, second by Matte to approve consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 6/10/13 Council & 8/1/2013 Special Council
- B) CenterPoint Energy Rate Increase Notification
- C) Host Thank You: MN Rural Water Assoc. (MRWA)
- D) Donation Thank You: IREC Fitness Center
- E) Isle Truck Station Letter Reply: MN Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT): They haven't decided yet whether to rebuild.
- F) Insurance Claims Report: League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT)
- G) Practical Guide to Variances in Shorelands & Floodplains: Initiative Foundation 10/16 Training \$70: Clerk to Attend
- H) City Hall Closed 8/21 & 8/30 – 9/2 Labor Day Weekend
- I) Temp On-Sale Liquor License: Onamia Area Lions Club: Wahkon Days 8/17
- J) Charitable Gambling Report: 6/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$274.25 and Onamia Lions Club (OLC) \$45.63 for 5/2013 & \$281.95 for 6/2013
- K) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$559,405.12
- L) Tax Settlement Report Mille \$115,899.42
- M) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- N) Check #1051 Dated 7/10/13 & #21992 Dated 7/11/13 through #22044 Dated 8/12/13 Total \$82,792.76. Less Transfers Total \$56,797.51

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Request to Vacate Portion of Fifth Avenue (Platted Name) Otherwise Known as 5th Street E (911 Addressing): Acting Mayor Bjornson-Main recessed council meeting and formally opened public hearing. Steve & Sandy Weber were present. Clerk contacted by Sandy Reichel and Beverly Jost in favor of vacation. Weber stated they maintain this area and plan to keep it natural. This summer they lost power caused by falling tree from this area. Per city attorney email there are two principal considerations: Will vacation landlock anyone or otherwise deprive an owner of access? Will the street reasonably be needed for the purposes for which it was dedicated? Weinreich spoke onsite with ECE forester who saw no reason to do tree trimming in area. 5th Street E is best access to Alderink undeveloped property. Steve has spoken with Alderink and she was going to talk to her son to sell it, but nothing definite yet. Property would require fill and private lift station for wastewater connection.

What are the advantages? Having the property maintained and placed on tax base. Not sure what taxes would be. Dale Gieski believes this only benefits immediate property owners and that if allowed will start a precedent for more to come. Button doesn't see it being vacated at this time due to possible future development. Would area be needed for drainage due to development? Bjornson-Main agrees and questioned if a decision should be made tonight or to if more research was needed. Council agreed and clerk will obtain elevation and wetland maps with 2' contours through the county. Tabled until 9/9 meeting. Motion by Button, second by Matte to close the public hearing. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Social Host Ordinance Discussion: Mille Lacs Area Partners for Prevention (MAPP): Not in attendance. Bjornson-Main complimented their dedication as an organization against drugs and alcohol. Do we want another ordinance to enforce? We would likely follow suit if county adopted, but they aren't considering it at this time. There are already laws against serving alcohol to minors. Council agreed to table this issue for now.

Resolution #08122013 Accepting Donations towards 2013 July Fourth Celebration: Donations received \$2,232.03 from local businesses and organizations. Motion by Goplen, second by Button to adopt Resolution #08122013. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously. Thank you!

Resolution #08122013A Accepting Donation to Construct Gazebo within Veterans Park: Button speaking as WAVE Chair explained this donation began because a senior diner, Norma Lease, mentioned to Matte her son may want to donate funds for a gazebo in the Veterans Park. Three quotes were obtained by Button and donation was rounded up to \$5,000 from David & Audrey Lease in memory of Claude W. Lease. Park plan location doesn't meet lake setback so another is needed. Park Commissioner Matte suggested people go onsite to make decision. Two carpenters have stepped forward to help along with WAVE volunteers. Hope to have music in the park a few times during the summer with bands playing from the gazebo. Construction would be cedar with pressure treated as base. Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Resolution #08122013A. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously. Possible locations will be marked at park. Thank you very much David & Audrey Lease!

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: Estimate to install underground electric conduit and new panel at lift station (LS) #2 is \$10,000 - \$15,000. This LS has never had a panel and we can't afford it now. To get it back to what it was is approximately \$1,800. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to approve repair at LS #2 for \$1,800. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously.

MRWA Training Expo: Weinreich would like to attend 5th annual training and contractor expo in Waconia. Great networking opportunity to see what is new in the industry. Motion by Button, second by Matte to approve Weinreich attendance to MRWA expo, including class cost, mileage and hotel. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously.

Streets: Rocon will be here soon to extend 2nd Street W into a general parking area for businesses. Will also give lots access and help with deliveries. New brush cutter is here and Rocon purchased old one.

Zoning List: Properties with issues/violations: J&J's Detached Townhomes, Hansen/Partridge property now owned by Johnson, Ellis, Diver, & Poshusta.

Poshusta: Derek was present in response to recent letter that impervious surface increased substantially from the approved 35.8% on a non-conforming lot of record, PID #25-561-0140. Weinreich explained property also had grandfather rights and he diligently worked with Poshusta. Very old rustic one level cabin was replaced with two-story home, moved westerly to decrease encroachment to Anderson. Permit allowed deck on second story and back of house, going slightly beyond "footprint"; decks aren't counted as impervious per ordinance. Everything becomes important on parcel with 7,910 square footage; survey was required. Impervious coverage of 35.8% was allowed; ordinance allows 25%. Per Weinreich, old class five driveway was widened substantially and is now

concrete, increase of 18% up to 53.8%. Shed was also brought in without permit. It was agreed by Poshusta via permit (1) impervious surfaces wouldn't be increased, (2) drainage must be contained to property with elevation left as is and (3) future permits would require a variance.

Per Derek he has improved this property substantially and his neighbors believe drainage is better than before. He was verbally informed by Weinreich via phone call no permit was required to lay cement. Weinreich assumed he meant the driveway existing at time permit was approved. Technically no permits are required for anything that isn't over 3' in height including cement, patio blocks, decks, etc. He is considering purchasing Bachman property with Chris & Nancy Turnbull. Hopes City would consider replating Maple Lane in order to split land between properties. Shed was purchased from Bachman and is a licensed fish house. Turnbull stated this confirms need for cement permit as this would have been caught before it was poured. Poshusta would like some compromise or resolution today, as left unresolved won't do well for land purchase negotiations. Wouldn't have laid cement to cut it up and hopefully we can fully address this within a few months.

Council agreed he improved the property thus increasing the tax base, but as stewards of the lake they must enforce DNR land use regulations. If we don't, DNR could take legal action. Bjornson-Main suggested giving Poshusta a certain time frame to bring property into compliance of originally approved impervious of 35.8% whether that is removing cement or buying more land. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to table this for 90 days. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Johnson: Sewer line to garage residence was damaged when original house was demolished. Weinreich visually inspected repair before it was buried as they decided to keep this lateral. City should require demolition permits. Johnson has requested permit fee be waived. Council agrees sewer permit fee is required and lateral needs an air pressure test.

Complaint List: GP/Larson wooded lot will not be mowed per Larson. Abutting land with house and garage are mowed. It was mentioned that illegal burning occurs; call sheriff's department. There are other undeveloped unmowed properties in town.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: Greater MN Credit Union (GMCU) has old feed store across from city hall for sale. City engineer quoted \$150,000 to erect bunker to convert building into storm shelter, not including land acquisition cost. Can city lease storage units themselves or lease that business to someone else? Weinreich will see if plan specs can be found for this building which is comprised of aggregate cement panels. Place on next month's agenda.

Ellen Ruth Signage: Matte suggests sign on highway side to get people's attention, otherwise people don't even know the boat and park are there.

WAVE: Button: Back to the 50's & 60's Dance fundraiser, \$10 ticket 9/27 at Wahkon Inn. Stone Bridge work will be done every Tuesday and Thursday, weather permitting. Donated Walk to Honor pavers as door prizes for Wahkon Days and Brothers to the End Motorcycle Club ride. Listen to KKIN Friday 8/16 at 9 am to hear Button promote Wahkon Days. Meat raffle will begin again after Wahkon Days at Mugg's of Mille Lacs; new owner Rob Dubbs with new business name.

Free Wi-Fi Hot Spot: Blandin Foundation supplied Broadband Grants to Mille Lacs County and they want to install free wi-fi hot spots for citizens. First year would be covered through grant. Per SCI Cable monthly cost would be \$70.90 for internet connection & wireless modem. Council agreed to this but after one year will discuss again. Will negotiate this when cable franchise agreement expires.

NEW BUSINESS: Set Budget Meeting: Tuesday 9/10 @ 8 am? Council agreed 9/10 @ 1 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Button, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Bjornson-Main. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Ronda Bjornson-Main, Acting Mayor

The September 9, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte, Ronda Bjornson-Main, Dan Goplen, and Tony Button. Employees present were Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion unless removed. Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to approve agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Meeting Minutes: None available at this time

B) Special 2014 Budget Council Meeting Tuesday 9/10 @ 2 pm

C) City Hall Closed 10/7 – 10/9

D) St. Croix Valley Foundation: National Heritage Area Status Letter

E) LG220 Ap for Exempt Permit: Isle Sportsman's Club Banquet 9/21/13 @ Wahkon Inn

F) Charitable Gambling Report: 7/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$416.62 & Onamia Lions Club (OLC) \$180.29

G) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$562,695.97

H) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

I) Check #1052 Dated 9/3/13 & #22045 Dated 8/13/13 through #22096 Dated 9/9/13 Total \$58,547.19. Total Less Transfers \$48,735.94

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Request to Vacate Portion of Fifth Avenue (Platted Name) Otherwise Known as 5th Street E (911 Addressing): Continuation from 8/12/13 Meeting: Public Hearing was held 8/12 and council tabled issue in order to obtain elevation and wetland maps with 2' contours from MLC to better review area relative to drainage and possible future development. National Wetland Map indicates a portion of west end of 5th Street between Blocks 4 & 25 to be wetland. Per city attorney email there are two principal considerations: Will vacation landlock anyone or otherwise deprive an owner of access? Will the street reasonably be needed for the purposes for which it was dedicated? Most of the council has been onsite.

Petitioners Sandy & Steve Weber and Stacey Bassett were present. Everything drains towards the lake. Creek flows under highway through 4th Street E, one block south. Alderink property would need a lot of fill to be developed. Trees within 5th Street E recently caused power outage for Weber. Abutting property owners have underlying rights to the middle of an undeveloped street easement. City isn't required to maintain undeveloped streets East Central Energy (ECE) forester looked at area and didn't see need to trim trees. Matte believes setting a precedent is legitimate reason to think about this vote. Reichel disagrees and noted that since an alley was vacated several years ago this has been the first vacation request since. Is it in the best interest of the city to vacate? Will there be future development? Will undeveloped streets be used for future trails? If vacated, could there be easements for utilities, drainage and/or driveway access? How do you draft easements for future use without specifics? Would property owners want open ended easements without knowing actual locations? Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to deny vacation of Fifth Avenue (Platted Name) Otherwise Known as 5th Street E (911 Addressing) based upon findings of fact that (1) area has potential for future development, (2) best street access to west lots of Block 4 & Block 25 is from Hennepin, and (3) potential for future drainage and utility easements within street right of way. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, and Button. Opposed: Goplen and Reichel. Motion carried. Clerk to send written notice of denial.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Proclamation for Constitution Week 9/17 – 9/23: Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Constitution Week Proclamation. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #09092013 Accepting Donations towards 2013 Wahkon Days Festivities: Donators names were read. Motion by Matte, second by Goplen to adopt Resolution #09092013. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Thank you ad was also read stating Wahkon lives up to its meaning by having such great “spirit”.

MSA Brothers to the End: Monica Weets & Dan Infante were present. Mayor Reichel graciously accepted their \$5,000 donation to the Veterans Park Renovation Project at their recent meeting in Isle. Funds were raised through motorcycle raffle and ride held during Wahkon Days. Formal resolution will be on next month’s agenda. Weets thanked the town for helping.

Ordinance 2012-1 Regulating Animals within the City of Wahkon Section 11 Technical Changes: MLC Attorney Jan Jude (also city prosecuting attorney) noticed errors and contacted Clerk. Section 11 “Violations and Penalties” Subdivision 1 “Petty misdemeanors” clearly specifies section along with title of which some don’t match: “Violations of section 3 (should be 5), subdivision 1 (habitual noises).....and section 5 (should be 7), subdivisions 2 (manner of keeping dogs and cats)....” In her opinion council can authorize changes without full ordinance amendment and publication as ordinance intent remains the same and these are only technical changes. Ordinance was drafted by city attorney Troy Gilchrist. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to correct the technical errors as noted above within Section 11 of Animal Ordinance 2012-1. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Per Weinreich lift station (LS) #2 repairs are finished. Annual LS inspections will be completed soon by Dakota Pump & Control (DPC). Pumps haven’t been clogged with rags since epoxy coated impellers were installed. LS #2 impellers need replacing. Motion by Button, second by Matte to authorize purchase of two epoxy coated impellers for LS #2 at cost of \$2500. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Omni Site control isn’t reporting correctly and is out for repair, approximately \$300. Important to have accurate data of city and Mille Lacs Island Resort (MLIR) flows. He has investigated cellular options but heard from others that changed they ended up with problems and went back to paying annual fee to Omni. Sprayed 600 gallons of alum at ponds at \$3.95 gallon, usually it is 1100 gallons.

Zoning List: Properties listed with pending issues and/or violations are J&J’s Detached Townhomes, Ellis, Diver, and Poshusta. Weinreich completed air pressure test of Tom Johnson lateral and permit fee was paid; issue resolved and removed from list.

Complaint List: Old School Apartments was sent letter by certified mail regarding hanging soffit endangering tenants and asking for its immediate removal or be properly reattached. Also stated he had the right to be heard at tonight’s meeting. Owner signed for letter 9/4 but no response has been received. Motion by Button, second by Matte to get city attorney involved relative to safety issues of this situation at Old School Apartments. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk to see if this should be handled by prosecuting attorney Jan Jude first.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich will bring parts to Brainerd relative to tractor clutch. Waiting to find out repair costs through Rum River Repair. MnDOT charges \$755 per Jake brake prohibited sign, which includes installation. Ordinance prohibits their use but how can we enforce it? Vehicles are going faster than 20 mph on Lake Shore Blvd. Per statute all residential streets are 30 mph unless state grants authority to decrease it through a traffic study. No official authority has been received but 20 mph signs were left in place; technically can't be enforced. Infante questioned if a "slow children" sign could be installed on County Road 23 to help alleviate speeding? Weinreich will contact Bruch Cochran of MLC Public Works to see what can be done.

Clerk: Sue Partridge will be in town to take back her property at 240 North Main and put it up for sale. Plan is to park RV in empty lot for sleeping but will use water and such from within residence. RV won't be connected to sewer. Hope to leave again for Florida before snow flies.

Computer needs updated operating system, which we purchased along with new computer awhile back. Previous computer repair technician preferred older system, but now it is slowing down the computer and won't be supported anymore through Microsoft. Council agreed to upgrade operating system at cost of \$200.16.

Wastewater Ponds Open House: Matte was onsite when alum was sprayed and is impressed with the system. We should have open house to better inform citizens what their wastewater fees are used for. Council agrees and suggested Weinreich set a date and time. Messenger reporter Robb Passons would love to do a story on the ponds.

Button: WAVE has raised \$27,000 thus far for Veterans Park Renovation Project. Very good progress on Stone Bridge thanks to dedicated volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Land & Building Purchase to Convert into Community Storm Shelter Discussion: Previously known as 4-Mile Feed Store, property is being sold by Greater MN Credit Union (GMCU). Prime location for city property as it is located across street from city hall office. Weinreich obtained building specifications through Cemstone, concrete contractor who erected aggregate building panels. Forwarded plans to City Engineer Greg Kimman of S.E.H. who estimated \$3,000 for feasibility study. City Attorney Troy Gilchrist stated via email City could continue renting storage units; however it may negate government land tax exemption. Leasing storage unit business to third party may create an additional level of complication. How many people would actually drive to shelter? Rather have it and not need it, than not have it and need it. There are many mobile homes and having high water table isn't conducive for basements. May consider moving office there as documents would be better protected than in a pole building. Storage unit income would help with bond payments. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to move forward with a feasibility study at cost of \$3,000. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk will check with Hazard Mitigation contact to see if city has a valid chance for FEMA grants prior to expending money for feasibility study.

American Images Custom Aerial Photography: City Aerial: Discuss fully at budget meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS: M.J. Braun Inc. /Mugg's Main Street Saloon Unused Liquor License Fees Refund: City has reimbursed past owners. City receipts won't be depleted as new owner covered remaining months. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to refund \$604.17 to Michael Braun previous owner of Mugg's for unused liquor license fees. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Gazebo Supply Quotes: WAVE Chair Button contacted five businesses and received three quotes; Isle Lumber \$4739.22, Menards Baxter \$4445.19, and Country Lumber \$4752.76. According to policy purchases of \$2,000-\$25,000 must have minimum of three quotes presented to council for their selection and approval through an agenda write-up. Based on these quotes, David & Audrey Lease donated \$5,000 for gazebo at Veterans Park in memory of his father Claude W. Lease and would like a local company to get the business and not Menards. Reichel stated Country Lumber is very good quality. Believe Country Lumber satellite office in Wahkon at Frederickson's Marina is closed. Actual lumber yard is in Milaca. If completed next spring, new quotes should be obtained. Tabled decision until after discussing gazebo placement.

Gazebo Placement: Original WAVE Veterans Park Plan location won't meet required lake setbacks. Council was asked to consider two locations in the Veterans Park: Site 1 pushed back from top of stairs and site #2 behind Weirs house closer to Stone Bridge. Now there is a possible third option. WAVE Chair Button went into the audience and read city park definition. He has researched five veterans parks of which none contained playground equipment; it should be place of sovereign remembrance. Was told two years ago and again recently, playground equipment can't be moved. He believes passionately gazebo should be where existing playground is, which could be relocated to City Park. This site is believed to be where the original gazebo was. Recently at a WAVE meeting, after passionate debate, a silent vote was cast with the majority voting for site 1, (3 for site 1 and 8 for site 2 with 2 non votes). Site 3 where existing playground is wasn't considered due to theory playground shouldn't be moved. City would have authority to move it based upon council decision.

Veteran Infante has never seen a playground in a veterans park. It should be sacred place to honor soldiers that didn't come back. Worry is that children will climb on future monolith. Katrina Chang feels same way. What would it take to relocate the playground? There are many buried sonotubes full of cement. Weinreich explained playground was done in two phases to replace old equipment and he insisted the second phase be pushed closer towards Weirs in order to have separation from the veterans side of the park (north side of stairs). Messenger reporter Robb Passons stated it isn't sacred ground and he wouldn't want a kid to be told to be quiet once they cross the creek. It is a park! Veteran Jake Shetka believes kids should realize veterans' sacrifices to develop appreciation. Veteran Del Freichels stated veterans need a special place of honor. He offered his heavy equipment to move playground and believes it would be better near the grills, restroom and pavilion. Deanna Nordstrom explained how her dad Doug is a Korean War Veteran that worked with Michael Nelson on installing playground as an Eagle Scout project. Doug couldn't attend but is upset over this. Dale Peterson, also Korean War Veteran, has seen park use since 1937 and in his opinion there is nothing wrong with where it is. Kids are safe up off the street wherein the City Park would have boat launch traffic. We can still honor veterans and be with your grandkids. There is something for everybody at both parks and he commends Button and all the volunteers for the work that has been done. Sally Doran was a Wahkon Civic Association (WCA) member and explained playground was joint effort between WCA, Nelson the Eagle Scout, and City. Everyone felt they really accomplished something with a small group of people. It would be disrespectful to move it considering the passion that was put in.

Clerk read "Park Plan" excerpt from Park, Trails & Recreation donation & Memorial Policy "(3) not require the relocation of other equipment or infrastructure to accommodate the donation." Also "Removal and/or Relocation: The City reserves the right to remove and/or relocate donated park elements and their associate donation acknowledgements/memorial plaques, when they interfere with site safety, maintenance or construction activities." Weets stated the Patriot Guard would move playground for free. In St. Cloud there is park on Lake George with swimming, skating, paddle boats

and a huge granite Veterans Memorial. Reichel stated ten years ago it was a proud moment when playground was completed for all that took part. How would you feel if the “Walk to Honor” was moved in 10 years? Existing “Roll of Honor” Veteran plaque, likely placed after WW I, located at top of stairs shouldn’t be moved either.

This matter shouldn’t be on the agenda as council was only told to review two locations and then at last minute there are three. Bjornson-Main agrees more with site 2 but also questioned the big picture. What if the playground needed to be replaced? Would current location be best? Should we make ten year park plan? Goplen had agreed with #2 and then was informed of third site, which he thought might work. After asking around the resounding sentiment was not to move the playground. Both he and his wife Amy are Veterans Auxiliary members. She asked him to think what would his dad do? My dad wouldn’t want to move it, he would want both. Motion by Reichel, second by Matte to choose site #2 to honor WAVE’s vote for gazebo placement. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Reichel. Opposed: Button. Motion carried.

WAVE will finish Stone Bridge and hopefully can construct gazebo before winter. Base decision on convenience and lowest price. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to purchase gazebo supplies from Isle Lumber \$4,739.22. Ayes: Goplen, Bjornson-Main, and Button. Opposed: Matte and Reichel. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Rob Dubbs, new owner of Mugg’s of Mille Lacs was present to announce his October Fest Saturday 10/5 with German music and activities. Requesting permission to close 2nd Street E from alley to North Main, to erect tent within the street and erect banners at entrance signs. Per Weinreich through traffic could still use alley. Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to authorize 2nd Street E to be closed to traffic from west side of the alley to North Main on Saturday 10/5 through Sunday 10/6 morning. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Weinreich will use city detour signs. Council approves erecting banners but it must be done by Weinreich due to fiber optic cable in area.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The September 10, 2013 special Wahkon City Council budget meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 2:10 pm. Council Members present were Ronda Bjornson-Main, Tony Button, and Dale Matte. Council Member Dan Goplen was absent due to work. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. This special meeting was called by the Mayor and was properly posted. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW GENERAL & SEWER 2014 BUDGETS: Council went line by line through proposed budgets and discussed the following:

1. North Main Culvert: Okay for now but estimated repair is \$15-\$22,000
2. Storm Water Plan: Today's cost estimated at \$20,000. Currently Weinreich does his best to accommodate drainage but isn't an engineer.
3. Main Street: MnDOT will overlay drive lanes only on Hwy 27 scheduled for 2016 at their cost of \$50,000. They ran preliminary estimate ranging from \$135,000 - \$900,000 to fund joint effort with city to incorporate new sidewalks, curb & gutter, etc. Doesn't seem feasible at these costs, but Street Commissioner Button will contact them to discuss further. Nothing budgeted for this in 2014.
4. Sidewalks: Main Street sidewalks need some repairs. Dale Bjornson has requested sidewalk on 1st Street W be replaced. Not enough funds to do it all. May need to wait for 1st Street W.
5. Capital Improvements: Streets, ditching and sidewalks require major fund. Meet with David Drown Associates to set up capital improvement plan that will detail when and how to tackle future projects by saving funds and using special assessments if warranted.
6. Dodge City Truck: Needs tires, brakes and possibly transmission in future. Trade in value about \$4-5,000. Do we start budgeting? Not at this time but will check into leasing.
7. Ellen Ruth Boat: Needs to be repainted and possibly repairs depending on what is found. Awaiting quote for hazardous waste removal due to lead paint. Don't know of any historical societies interested in tackling this project. Charitable Gambling funds could be used as history teaching tool for youth under 21 years of age within a park.
8. Fireworks: Community Event Fund profits will be used to offset expenses not covered through donations and WAVE fundraising efforts per suggestion of Gary Larson. Council agreed Event Fund should have balance of \$5-6,000 for upcoming Wahkon Days. No need to budget transfer to close out fireworks negative balance of \$2,276.73
9. Zoning Ordinance: Need to update our ordinance by next spring. Council agreed to review most current MN Basic Code (MBC) Land Use Section that we can purchase outright.

RESOLUTION NO. 09102013 APPROVING FINAL 2013 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2014: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to adopt Resolution No. 09102013 Approving Final 2013 Tax Levy Collectible in 2014 in the amount of \$233,273. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Levy increased 11% over last year.

Based upon the above levy, Council adopted 2014 General Budget receipts of \$255,520 with disbursements of \$255,520 and 2014 Sewer Budget receipts of \$200,120 and disbursements of \$108,100. Sewer surplus of \$92,020 will go towards bond payments amounting to \$134,233. Sewer Fund should float bond payments in full in order to keep emergency funds on hand. By 2016 we should be able to do this as the pond construction bond will be paid and there will only be the refunding bond.

The following changes were made to the proposed budget as final adopted budget:

General Fund (100)

	31000	General Property Taxes	233,273.
	41000-304	Attorney	3,000.
Zoning	41910-304	Attorney	3,500.
Streets	43100-400	R/M-Contract-Blacktop	35,000.
		R/M-Contract-Sidewalks	6,000.

Sewer Fund (602)

	37200	Sewer Usage Fees	181,074.
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Clerk found error in 2013 budget relative to re-establishment of the Sewer accounting fee transfer of \$10,000 to offset clerk's time doing bills and administration. Few years previous portion of clerk's wages was paid directly through Sewer Fund until it amounted to \$10,000. Took time to track and was confusing as the figure under Clerk's wages wasn't all inclusive. Council reviewed her gross wages over the years to ensure council this wasn't a raise or extra hours and is comparable to years past. Last raise was 2/2012 and clerk's daily average hours don't exceed seven.

Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to amend 2013 General Budget line item 41400-100 Clerk Wages & Taxes from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Button, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The October 14, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dan Goplen, Dale Matte & Tony Button. Councilmember Ronda Bjornson-Main was absent. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present as well as City Engineer Greg Kimman of S.E.H. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to approve the consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 7/8/2013 Council & 9/10/2013 Special Council Budget
- B) Special Rescheduled Council Meeting Monday 11/4 @ 6 pm
- C) Mille Lacs County (MLC) Town Hall Meeting Tuesday 10/29 @ 7 pm @ Wahkon Community Hall
- D) CenterPoint Energy Natural Gas Rate Increase Request: Formal City Notification
- E) U.S. Link Inc. dba TDS Metrocom Request Issuance of Certificate of Authority from MN Public Utilities Commission: Formal City Notification
- F) Wahkon 2014 Summary Budget Statement
- G) Charitable Gambling Report: 8/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$309.21 & Onamia Lions Club (OLC) Zero
- H) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$537,424.84
- I) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- J) Checks #22097 Dated 9/11/13 through #22149 Dated 10/14/13 Total \$37,379.18. Total Less Transfers \$25,102.45

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Resolution #10142013 Accepting Donations towards Veterans Park Renovation Project: Monica Weets and Dan Infante of Brothers to the End Motorcycle Club were personally thanked by council at last month's meeting, but the resolution hadn't been drafted due to agenda deadline. The Club generously donated \$5,000 raised during their ride, Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle and dinner on 8/17 during Wahkon Days. Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Resolution #10142013. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: Infratech quoted \$2,000 to reset risers and grout leaking manhole #38 and \$675 to ring up manhole at ponds with our own risers. Blacktop should be done before snow fall and would be extra. Total project approximately \$3,500. Motion by Button, second by Matte to approve repairs to two manholes up to \$3,500. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Power Process will do annual lift stations inspections for \$100 each. Other companies charge average of \$350 each. Epoxy coated impellers are working exceptionally well. Extra cost has saved wages due to them not jamming up.

Very nice article on Wahkon's wastewater ran in the Messenger. Matte has senior diners interested in taking a tour. Council agreed to place ad for open house on Saturday 10/26 from 10 am to noon.

Zoning List: List includes properties with unresolved issues: J&J's Detached Townhomes, Ellis, Diver and Poshusta. Poshusta deadline to resolve impervious violation is 11/12. Deck permit issued to O'Neil at 2355 Lake Shore Blvd. Clerk read memo not included in agenda due to just being informed by Chip Frederickson that he is considering turning his residence into a bed & breakfast. Property originally

granted conditional use permit (CUP) 6/2006 allowing Launch Center to incorporate showroom/design center for retail building supplies. Launch Center was subdivided from the residence property, but according to 5/2011 letter to Frederickson and submitted to council thereafter the property still has commercial status. Parking would be contained to his property and renovations would be limited to the interior.

Complaint List: Clerk noticed on 9/21 and confirmed by going onsite 9/26 that the most dangerous pieces of soffit were removed from the Old School Apartment building and are now laying in a pile. Informed city attorney promptly as he was about to send legal notice.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: Chainsaw and blower were stolen from city detached garage. Seasonal employee locked it Wednesday after work. Button found it locked Thursday evening. Bjornson-Main texted Weinreich Saturday 10/12 at 5:55 pm she found the door ajar. Don't see signs of forced entry. Approximate value of loss \$900.

Roeschlein: Will attend Variance & Land Use Training on 10/16 in Little Falls. Independent School District (ISD) 473 will have special election 11/5 at old high school gym 8 am – 8 pm regarding operating levy referendum. Informational packet is available at city hall or you can contact the superintendent.

MLC Community Development Coordinator Richard Baker requested Roeschlein be part of the County Economic Development Taskforce. All nominees must be approved by county board. Council agrees it is vital topic for our communities and Clerk should participate as long as city work is kept up.

Several classes on computer basics, social networking and internet will be held all over the county as part of the Blandin Foundation Community Grant in partnership with MLC and East Central Regional Library. This is part of the broadband initiative.

CenterPoint Energy: Not included in agenda due to deadline. Letter just received along with sample ordinance regarding their franchise agreement expiring on 3/15/2104. Council agreed city attorney should review first and then bring back for adoption. Curious if other cities have imposed franchise fees; currently only cable pays.

Button: Stone Bridge is finished and looks great. Veterans Park renovation plan will be brought back to Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE) Committee in order to work out all details and then forwarded to council for their approval. This was done approximately three years ago but there seems to be confusion as to what the plan entails, as well as placement of some items have changed. Brothers to the End Motorcycle Club is having a dance 10/26 at Wahkon Inn to raise funds for postage to send care packages to military personnel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: City of Isle & City of Wahkon Reciprocal Mutual Aid Agreement for Utility Personnel & Equipment: No charges unless assistance continues for a period of more than 3 hours within a 30 day period. All hours shall be charged if request is for backup utility operator relative to vacation or health issues. Most likely assistance would be at overtime rate. Isle current hourly range \$16.76 - \$33.98 depending on responding employee and Wahkon \$21.62 - \$32.42. Isle has officially signed the agreement. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to enter into the Reciprocal Mutual Aid Agreement for Utility Personnel & Equipment with the City of Isle. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

American Images Custom Aerial Photography: Due to length of time reviewing proofs may take, council will move to next agenda item as Tyson's have been waiting patiently.

NEW BUSINESS: Ellen Ruth Park Fencing Discussion with Tysons: Kim & Dave Tyson were present. During budget meeting new fencing was discussed but not budgeted for. Existing wooden fence is falling apart. Dave's authorized repair business in rear of Quilt Shop building is accessible from 1st Street E over the point of Block 8, Ellen Ruth Park, and the alley between park & Tyson property. Tyson informed council 8/2002 they would use access once in a while, then 4/2003 conditional use permit (CUP) granted to relocate existing craft business and start recreational vehicle repairs "contingent that all repair vehicles must be housed within the building. Should outside storage become necessary due to increased business and lack of storage, a privacy fence must be erected."

Original fence was there when Tyson's bought the property and they erected section of privacy fence, which is no longer needed due to new storage shed blocking the view. Recently letter was mailed to Tyson explaining all parks are dedicated blocks that include unused alleys and streets surrounding those blocks. Fence is deteriorating and needs to be replaced due to variance encroachments, trespass of park patrons, mowing, etc. WAVE) Committee may consider fencing as park improvement.

Kim was very upset to receive the letter and feels harassed. Just laid class five for driveway and plan to construct porch prior to permit expiration this fall. Dave's customers back into this driveway access to drop off repairs. Property was subdivided from railroad property and is tightly squeezed between 1st Street E and Soo Line Trail. Tyson's don't believe city should just absorb unused alley for the park; likely a legal question. Clerk previously requested council individually go on site to see survey points relative to driveway access.

Reichel went onsite and recommends city authorize through written documentation the continuation of Tyson's access as long as businesses continue. City should be more proactive for businesses, begin thinking how we can help them. During her eleven years as Mayor she hasn't had a personal agenda and was adamant to keep citizens foremost in her mind. However, as a business owner, she understands sentiment that businesses are under the city's thumb. Tyson's issues plus the sidewalk ordinance are just a few. Isle doesn't have sidewalk rules while Wahkon requires one million liability. Katrina Chang's merchandise is no longer displayed and is missed. Items on sidewalks draws attention and makes Wahkon look busy. Tyson has heard from three different business owners they wouldn't consider Wahkon due to anti-business atmosphere. Thriving businesses pay commercial taxes which benefit citizens.

Mature trees in alley hinder access. Tysons hope to work on fence in the future. Park Commissioner Dale Matte would like to improve the appearance of all parks and thought replacing the deteriorating fence would be a start. Chain link fence was debated; won't stop mower from throwing debris towards building. Tyson previously requested mowing be done from another angle as she has been noticing this more since windows were installed.

Some councilmembers don't understand negative business sentiment. Sidewalk issue was based on attorney and insurance agent recommendation after receiving request for sidewalk dining and wasn't malicious intent to prevent commercial use. Clerk recalled Nelson's General Store leaving sale items on sidewalk 24/7, which may have instigated ordinance. Reichel stated Nelson drew many a tourist to stop in Wahkon. Tyson recalled Doran of Pepperberry's being told she couldn't have sandwich board sign on sidewalk. Safety is a valid factor but so is country living. Tyson requests written permission to continue using 20' of access or they want the 20' alley opened. Ellen Ruth Park is very small without alley being opened. Button suggested width be investigated with Dave to allow reasonable access and then discuss partnership to replace fence. Matte never had issue with Tyson's crossing the furthest most point of the park. Weinreich to check on moving electric pole anchor in order to push access as far east as possible. Place issue on next meeting agenda.

American Images Custom Aerial Photography: Over a dozen proofs were available for review. Matte, Weinreich and Roeschlein preliminarily selected proofs for purchase. Prices vary and there are many packages. Deposit of \$100 is non-refundable but can be applied to purchase. Copy right use must be purchased so we can't just use them outright. 11x17 print is \$439 without frame. Council debated expense. Motion by Matte to purchase 11x17 print for \$339, including \$100 deposit credit. Motion died for lack of a second. Council agreed to table indefinitely.

\$835,000 General Obligation Refunding Note, Series 2013A New Registered Holder: Booth & Co. c/o Northern Trust Company: City bond attorney did necessary paperwork requiring city signatures. Motion by Button, second by Goplen acknowledging Booth & Co. c/o Northern Trust Company as new registered holders of Wahkon's \$835,000 General Obligation Refunding Note, Series 2013A. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Radisson Avenue: Hubert Rodrigue was present with his son to discuss use of Radisson Avenue to access Joe Robinson's garage. Weinreich began to plow a portion of Radisson (35' right of way) due to this new access. Robinson's were granted permission to subdivide garage from house property, which was later sold. Rodrigue has issue of ruts and mud being pulled onto his blacktopped driveway. Why can't Robinson access garage from Hennepin through the other side of his property? City approved permit to install new driveway to garage from Radisson with a culvert not meeting requirement due to lack of existing ditch. Rodrigue would like Radisson fully developed and maintained. There are many other streets and sidewalks needing maintenance that affect more than two properties. Motion by Street Commissioner Button, second by Matte to do minimum improvement of that portion of Radisson Avenue east of Block 27 by laying ten yards of class five. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Rodrigue would like to blacktop some of Radisson at his cost and will stake the area for Street Commissioner Button to review.

Maple Lane: Fran Bachman was present to discuss sale of his property to Derek Poshusta and Chris Turnbull. Poshusta was granted 90 days to rectify his impervious surface violation by 11/12/13 deadline. Property has grandfather status on non-conforming lot of record and was allowed to build two story building within same footprint with contingencies; no increase to impervious surface of 36%, drainage contained to property with elevation left as is, and all future permits require variance due to high impervious. Today property is at 53.8% due to cement driveway. Cement and landscaping encroaches significantly onto Bachman property even though Poshusta was required to have land surveyed. Bachman and Poshusta properties are triangular in shape and sit east of Maple Lane with Bachman abutting the street. Poshusta has limited access easement through Anderson property to the east.

Turnbull and Poshusta are negotiating with Bachman and hope to split the property if City agrees to replat portion of Maple Lane (36' right of way). Manhole exists approximately half way up right of way. Berczyk, Turnbull and Bachman have access from Maple Lane. Need to ensure continuation of Berczyk access. Possible plan could reposition Maple Lane from manhole towards the east. Street Commissioner Button is for pursuing this as means to resolve several issues: improve Poshusta impervious coverage, give him access from Maple Lane and not through Anderson property, future development of Turnbull property, and to alleviate over crowdedness through removal of one property by splitting it among two, contingent Maple Lane is replatted to at minimum the condition it is now, all at their expense. Per City Engineer Kimman public hearing is required to move the street through preliminary and final plat approval by council. Bachman will move forward with negotiations. Poshusta deadline is 11/12. November council meeting was rescheduled to 11/4 due to Veterans Day

upon which no business can be conducted. Council will need written plans to review and prefers that Poshusta be key contact. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to require Poshusta to come up with feasibility study regarding the replating of Maple Lane and to extend his zoning violation deadline to 12/9/2013, council meeting date. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Council is willing to work with Poshusta on this possibility and to work through the legal steps. Hope to have public hearing in January so work can be accomplished next spring. Kimman suggests city require escrow to ensure replatted Maple Lane is developed as agreed upon.

Button explained that due to not having minimum order of pavers to engrave (20) WAVE will wait until spring to order at which time they will be installed into the Veterans Park Walk to Honor. After discussion, it was decided there will still be a Veterans Day ceremony to honor the new inductees, date and time pending.

Wastewater Berm Repair: Weinreich is still discharging the ponds. S.E.H corrected easement width upon berm survey. Still trying to solicit repair quotes. Rocon Paving has experience with 3 to 1 slopes. Previous class five repair is getting softer. North side of berm is good. Cost to repair could be \$30,000. City has old engineered berm plans indicating base is 100' wide, but we don't have as built plans to verify this. Believe berm was constructed with peat excavated from the immediate vicinity. MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) wastewater facility permit requires berm elevation be maintained. Council agrees we need to ensure the integrity of the berm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Goplen, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The November 4, 2013 rescheduled monthly Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Ronda Bjornson-Main, Dale Matte, Dan Goplen, and Tony Button. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Special meeting was called by the Mayor pursuant to call and notice thereof as required by law due to the fact regular council meeting date fell on Veterans Day Holiday upon which no official business could be conducted.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Matte, second by Goplen to accept consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Meeting Minutes: 10/14/13, 9/9/13 & 8/12/13 Council

B) City Hall Closed Monday 11/11 Veterans Day & Thursday 11/28 Thanksgiving

C) Liquor License 2014 Renewals: South Shore Hospitality dba Mugg's of Mille Lacs, Lori Niesen dba Morning Star Market, Wahkon Inn Bar & Restaurant LLC, and Spirit Lake Steakhouse LLC.

D) Charitable Gambling Report: 9/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$243.15 & Onamia Lions Club (OLC) \$194.66

E) Broadband Meeting w/Senator Matt Schmit in Mora Wednesday 11/13 @ 1 pm

F) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$546,396.50

G) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports

H) Checks #22150 Dated 10/18/13 through #22188 Dated 11/4/13 Total \$27,029.13 Total Less Transfer \$26,779.13

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Set Workshop Meetings to Review MN Basic Code (MBC) Title XV: Land Usage: General Provisions, Zoning, Subdivision Control & Anti-Blight Regulations: Special council meeting set for Monday 11/18 @ 6 pm. Clerk to deliver code to council tomorrow.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Weinreich: Postponing manhole repairs until spring. Added extension to dump truck plow. Currently discharging at ponds. Council agreed with his assessment to wait on berm stabilization repair. Weather and two late season discharges equal wet soil. Berm is stable at this time. Another contractor may be interested and it shouldn't require engineering. Berm was staked a couple years ago by S.E.H.

Zoning List: Includes properties with unresolved issues: J&J's Detached Townhomes, Ellis, Diver and Poshusta. Approved land excavation permit to Katrina Chang Murphy @ 295 North Main to fix rain garden. Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District (MLSWCD) contractor installed drain tile outlet to pump excess water out.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: Will lay cold patch in potholes when streets are dry enough. Majority of scheduled blacktop repairs are finished. Plan to reconfigure street light wreath decorations so they are out front and more visible. Bjornson-Main contacted clerk, concerned about potholes on SE corner of Hwy 27 and County Rd 23. Weinreich and MnDOT (just recently in September) have tried to fix area, but they keep coming back. Clerk to send letter requesting plan to improve this section as there is a safety concern as drivers swing wide to miss the potholes and could cross centerline.

Clerk: Notice of Special Election Independent School District No. 473 (Isle Public Schools) Referendum Revenue Authorization set for Tuesday 11/5 from 8 am – 8 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tyson Commercial Driveway Across Ellen Ruth Park & Fencing Issue: Park Commissioner Matte, Weinreich & Tyson met onsite. Want to continue use same as before. Was informed electric pole anchor wire can't be moved. Matte informed Tyson they must maintain driveway should it become rutted. Will wait until spring to discuss fence replacement. Access crosses very small piece of easterly tip of Ellen Ruth Park and over alley between the two properties. Tysons would like something in writing stating this use can continue for their own piece of mind. Prefer letter instead of approval only noted in minutes. As business owner they invest substantially to improve their business and hopes city wants their business to continue. Goplen believes letter is appropriate, short of paying attorney to draft it. Tyson wants 20' access width as that is alley width. If access wouldn't be allowed, he would request alley be open which would diminish park area. Clerk to draft letter defining access and terms and Tyson will draft sketch of access area on survey.

NEW BUSINESS: Snowmobile Route from Lake to Businesses: Les Pinz of ML Drift Skippers Snowmobile Club was present. Weinreich, Button and Pinz believe safest route would be from lake to 3rd St. W to alley within Block 20 to 2nd St. W to new community parking area on 2nd St. W, just behind and between Wahkon Inn and Spirit Lake Steakhouse. Vikings Arctic Blast will be 2/6-2/9/14.

Richard & Jeanne Ahlgren presented council with opposition letter and attachments signed by three families; Johnson, Senjem and Ahlgren. Alley shouldn't be used due to infringing on private property, only access to some of these properties, several trees would need to be removed, and there is a hill. Tom Cardwell stated he is against the trail as existing roads aren't large enough with proper ditching and such to accommodate them safely. Council agreed alley shouldn't be used. Private property line where docks are stored extends straight north to the lake and cuts off 3rd St. W. Need to keep snowmobilers on public land. City Attorney Troy Gilchrist reviewed current ordinances and nothing prohibits using streets and alleys for snowmobiles.

Drift Skippers are willing to do the work; grooming, erecting signage, tree trimming/removal, etc. Will look at designating a safe route from Soo Line Trail too. Gilchrist suggested contract between Club and City. Club only has agreements with private property owners or if it is a State Aid Grant Trail. Council agreed agreement isn't necessary due to Club's reputation. Won't erect "no snowmobiles on sidewalk" signs unless there is a problem. If City or private property owners have issues, Club is willing to help rectify them if possible. Motion by Button, second by Bjornson-Main to designate snowmobile route from lake to 3rd St. W to Chippewa to 2nd St. W. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

City Logos: TCI Signs & Graphics: Weinreich worked with Josh Madson of TCI and came up with sign with blue lake background (includes shoreland and island similar to Wahkon Bay), yellow/red sunset with City of Wahkon in yellow with log background. There are three choices; (1) no logs only sign, (2) straight sawed logs behind sign, (3) ax chopped logs behind sign (like our highway entrance log signs). Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to approve City logo with ax chopped logs. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Will purchase magnetic signs for trucks at \$45 per set and \$85 for vector & jpeg files of the logo.

Business Signs on Soo Line Trail: Past Wahkon Arts Commission paid an artist to erect sign, which has engraved wood plaques advertising bait, resorts, food, fish, etc. Current business owner approached clerk asking how to erect their own sign. According to MLC a \$75 permit is required and "given safety concerns, it is unlikely that staff would recommend approval of any signage other than trail signage within the right of way, especially for a single specific business as it would likely start an

avalanche of requests and the trail would become littered with signage.” TCI and Weinreich will derive a plan to utilize existing sign by selling spots to businesses who would then work with TCI to design their sign. What size and cost? If there is enough interest we could utilize space under the sign. Reflective background may draw attention and slow down trail users. Council agreed cost estimates are needed prior to sending letters to businesses. Reichel would likely purchase one for Walleye Dundee’s Resort & Café.

Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Donation Request: All toys are given to local children. Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Button to donate \$200 from Charitable Gambling Fund to Toys for Tots. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

East Central Regional Housing Study Community Participation: Encompasses seven counties. Suggested study contributions from small cities \$750 - \$1,000. Committee requests city request county board support. Council agrees to send Mille Lacs County Board letter requesting they support the study.

Resort Lease Agreement Discussion: Walleye Dundee’s: Reichel went into the audience to speak as a business owner. She had conveyed her frustrations personally with the Clerk who suggested council and the public needed to hear it as well. There will be another election before resort lease agreements expire in 2015 and she doesn’t expect anything before then. As a business owner she doesn’t feel supported; possibly because she is the mayor and hasn’t expressed her business side as much as she should. She hopes next lease will cover longer period of time. To be a thriving business she needs to feel city support and not worry if they can afford the next lease fee. Original lease back in the 1940’s originated due to a building being placed on city land and the fee was nominal. She fully understands some businesses’ sentiments of not being heard or appreciated. It is important to make all businesses feel wanted and valued. Sidewalk ordinance for example; she misses Katrina Chang’s merchandise on the sidewalk making the town look lively. Please think about businesses when making decisions.

Open Forum: Rob Dubbs & Tom Remer were here requesting support to establish a safe route into town for snowmobiles. Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile Club is willing to erect signs and maintain the trail. Issue was discussed earlier in the evening and Weinreich will work with the Club on two routes, one from lake and one from Soo Line Trail.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Goplen to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The November 18, 2013 Special Meeting of the Wahkon City Council was called to order by Sandy Reichel at 6:05 pm. Councilmembers present were Tony Button, Ronda Bjornson-Main, Dan Goplen, and Dale Matte. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. This special meeting was called by the Mayor pursuant to call and notice thereof as required by law. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MBC TITLE XV LAND USAGE: This includes the most current chapters on General Provisions, Zoning, Subdivision Control and Anti-Blight Regulations, that could be used as our zoning/land use ordinance. MN Basic Code (MBC) was adopted by Wahkon a few years ago omitting several sections and chapters, including land usage due to the fact we already have the mandated Shoreland Management Ordinance and our own Zoning Ordinance. Council agreed these chapters are for much larger cities and don't fit our small town atmosphere. However, we do need to make some changes and have the appropriate enforcement language to deal with blatant violations, similar to 151.999 and update to current statute language for variances and non-conformities.

Several issues were discussed. Lack of parking can be construed as a good thing. Do you want to take up valuable commercial tax base on Main Street with parking lots? Cars parked on highway gives impression we are the place to be. Should we allow accessory structures prior to primary structure? At least owner is improving their property and would be in town spending money. Do we require plan as to when they will build a primary structure? Pole buildings with living quarters are currently allowed. How does that affect neighborhoods and property values having a mixture of residences? Do we allow singlewide manufactured homes? Currently we require 900 square feet with minimum width of 24'. Mille Lacs County (MLC) allows them and only requires 750 square feet along with HUD inspection. Need language prohibiting multiply tenants in a single family residence. Don't want twelve extended family members encompassing four families living under one roof. Fees need to be raised. Fish houses used as permanent storage; only require shelter license be displayed annually. People do this to circumvent getting a permit and they hope it isn't counted as impervious. Clerk believes we can count any structures to calculate impervious especially in these situations or if they obviously are over built. Discuss issue with attorney. Include language for interim use permits as we currently don't.

Zoning Districts: Through previous zoning ordinance reviews, districts were drawn but not officially adopted. What are the advantages and disadvantages? Without districts planning commissions would have difficulty denying a commercial business in a residential neighborhood. Wahkon is a compilation of residential and commercial properties from downtown out to the marina on the point where it is mostly residential. Council agreed districts are too limiting and will continue without.

SET NEXT REVIEW MEETING: Clerk will update the ongoing "possible zoning ordinance changes" list and bring to council at the 12/9 meeting. After council review it will be forwarded to City Attorney Troy Gilchrist to begin drafting a new zoning ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjornson-Main, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Bjornson-Main, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor

The December 9, 2013 Wahkon City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Reichel at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dale Matte and Dan Goplen. Councilmembers Ronda Bjornson-Main and Tony Button were absent. Employees Chris Weinreich and Karrie Roeschlein were present. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. *Councilmember Button arrived at 6:02 pm*

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed shall be approved by one motion, unless removed. Motion by Matte, second by Goplen to accept consent agenda as written. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

- A) Meeting Minutes: 11/18/13 Special Council
- B) Isle Fire Department Meeting 12/10 @ 5 pm: Clerk to Attend
- C) Mille Lacs Area Tourism Council & Explore MN Tourism Meeting Monday 12/16 @ 5:30 pm @ Appeldoorn's Sunset Bay Resort Convention Center: Clerk to attend
- D) Wahkon 3rd Annual Beef Chili Cook Off Saturday 1/25/14 @ Spirit Lake Steakhouse
- E) Wahkon Letter to Mille Lacs County (MLC) Board of Commissioners to Participate in East Central Regional Housing Study
- F) Mille Lacs Messenger (MLM) Article "I really should apologize..." & Mayor's Response
- G) CenterPoint Energy Rate Increase Letter
- H) League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) 2013-14 Coverage Changes, Rates & Dividends Memo
- I) Charitable Gambling Report: 10/2013 Military Service Assoc. (MSA) \$61.40 & Onamia Lions \$40.63
- J) Wahkon Days 2013 Financial Report
- K) Treasurer's Report Ending Balance \$535,549.27
- L) Mille Lacs County (MLC) Tax Settlement Report \$118,582.84
- M) Interim Financial Monthly Analysis Reports
- N) Checks #22189 Dated 11/5/13 through #22238 Dated 12/9/13 Total \$19,473.40

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES: Resolution #20131209 "Approving Charitable Gambling Within The City Limits of Wahkon": Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile Club (MLDS) doing charitable gambling at Wahkon Inn as of 1/1/2014. Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Resolution #20131209. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #20131209A "Approving Charitable Gambling Within the City Limits of Wahkon": MLDS doing charitable gambling at Mugg's of Mille Lacs as of 1/1/2014. Per Tina Chapman this isn't happening yet, possibly 2/1/2014. Onamia Lions are current gambling organization at Mugg's. Council agreed to table this matter.

Resolution #20131209B "Accepting Donations towards Veterans Park Renovation Project": Received \$2,108. Mayor thanked donators and read their names. Thank you! Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Resolution #20131209B. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #20131209C "Accepting Donations to Construct Permanent Dock": Received \$2,055.18 in cash donations, deposited into the Dock Fund (260-36230) to be used exclusively to construct a permanent public dock upon city property at a location to be determined later, sometime in the future when enough funds have been received to cover expenses. Approximate cost is \$15,000 for 150' dock. Need to work with DNR on location. Mayor thanked donators and read their names. Motion by

Goplen, second by Button to adopt Resolution #20131209C. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #20131209D “Adopting 2014 Special Assessments for 2013 Delinquent Utility Fees”: Past due accounts have until 12/31 to pay balance in full. Motion by Button, second by Matte to adopt Resolution #20131209D. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Wastewater: Nothing new.

Zoning List: Unresolved violations are carried over each month: J&J’s Detached Townhomes, Ellis, Diver, & Poshusta. No new permits issued.

Poshusta Impervious & Encroachment Violations Deadline 12/9/13: This deadline was to at minimum come up with a plan to decrease impervious from 53.8% back to 36% when permit was approved. Derek Poshusta email was forwarded to council that he is unable to attend tonight. His plans include removing cement from Bachman property when contractor becomes available; will also remove landscape rock. He wasn’t able to negotiate price with Bachman for his property. Won’t be available to attend January’s meeting due to a conflict either. Does drainage adversely affect neighbor? According to Poshusta, drainage is best it has ever been. May need to install drain tile. With all the snow nothing can be done until spring. Council agreed to place issue on February’s agenda so Poshusta can attend. He’ll need to explain how he plans to rectify impervious violation. Clerk to check with DNR to see if they can become involved and send official letter to Poshusta. Fran Bachman was present to discuss this issue and will be back in February.

Employee, Committee & Councilmember Updates: Weinreich: 2014 budget included new tires and brakes for Dodge truck. Decided to have work done prior to plowing season and found significant issues with wheel bearing and ball joints; Glens Tire invoice approximately \$2,500. Curtis plow on Dodge needed repairs too, about four years old. Thiele Welding is no longer in business so used J&J Excavating in Hillman for just under \$1,000. Budget includes increasing hall closet door width for easier storage of table carts. Will check with local contractors for quotes; Jim Maciazka, Pat Kacon & Keith Vanderpoel.

Button needs judges for upcoming Chili Cook Off. MLM reporter Robb Passons offered his assistance. Matte is impressed with snowmobile trail through town. MLDS did great job. Hope it continues through the years. Future trail expansion could utilize undeveloped streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tyson Commercial Driveway Across Ellen Ruth Park & Alley: Clerk drafted letter acknowledging past use and granting continuation of driveway access to Tyson’s pole building. Council previously noted use should be for as long as repair business is operational but Tysons suggested “for as long as they own the property”. Tyson provided survey with driveway drawn in and letter includes description. Any improvements would require council approval. Will discuss fence issue next spring. Motion by Button, second by Matte to approve letter of acknowledgement and continuation of driveway access across the most easterly point of Block 8, Ellen Ruth Park, and alley between Block 8 and Tract B for as long as Tysons own the property. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 Possible Zoning Ordinance Changes: Council reviewed list, which clerk has compiled over the years. Fees will be discussed later. At 2/25/13 meeting council reviewed attorney’s draft of new zoning ordinance which included stronger enforcement language and districts. Will instruct attorney to

remove districts per council's most recent decision and add details to reflect current zoning ordinance along with proposed changes.

NEW BUSINESS: New Business Opening @ 205 South Main: Andrew Rogers was present and explained he is currently renting with option to buy. Working on opening a welding fabrication and auto body restoration shop. Plans include building paint booth with fire suppression system. Building currently doesn't have water or sewer, which he hopes to have done next summer. Weinreich can help him with sewer and Clerk will forward connection fee information. Council agreed portable restroom can be used in the interim and expressed their desire for sewer connection as soon as possible. Building has floor drain that daylight out to Soo Line ditch. Such drains can't be connected to sewer. Tyson has shallow well and are concerned about waste disposal. Rogers will implement proper technology, oil catches, recycling, floor dry absorption, etc. He is checking on state regulations and will forward city copy of any permits, certification, inspections, etc. Business will be operational after well and sewer installation.

Seasonal Sewer Credit Request: Bruce & Teresa Danner: Letter was sent along with Peter & Allison Pearson and Doug & Andrea Flies requesting seasonal sewer disconnect or permanent hold on sewer fees applicable to cabin property they just purchased at 985 Lake Shore Blvd, located next door to their current location. Cabin has no electric and isn't usable. Future plans would be to rebuild. Current ordinance states every property must pay one full usage fee year round and for those properties with second connection, seasonal credit can be applied up to six months if water can be shut off. Cabin property is a separate parcel. Council agreed rules need to be applied. Property will continue being charged one usage fee year round. Letter acknowledged they are willing to discuss water drainage issues in the area. Previous owner was very much against any remedies.

Onamia Area Friends of the Library Donation Request: Letter acknowledged our little free libraries and they help supply books. Council agreed it is for a good cause. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to donate \$100 from Charitable Gambling Fund. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

MLM Kid's Holiday Greeting Sponsor Ad: Motion by Button, second by Matte to sponsor two children ads for \$45. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Inform Messenger Walleye Dundee's is interested as well.

MN Association of Small Cities (MAOSC) Membership Request: Have never been a member. We are members of League of MN Cities (LMC). Council tabled the issue.

Wahkon Official Headquarters of Vikings Arctic Blast 2/6-2/9/14: Weinreich, Tony & clerk met at Mugg's with several others recently and due to remodeling at Blue Goose in Garrison Wahkon was chosen. Wahkon Inn hosted an event in 2013 and got us in the door. Vikings representatives were impressed the city, businesses and organizations were all supporting this venue. If we do this right we will be put back on the map. MLDS graciously supplied funds to purchase \$7,000 Arctic Cat ATV and their gambling license for Wahkon Arctic Blast Raffle. Wahkon Area Vision Effusion (WAVE) Committee will help sell tickets with proceeds being split between Vikings Children's fund and permanent dock at Veterans Park.

City Activities: Walleye Dundee's Resort could plow skating rink in front of Veterans Park. Looking for artist to do snow sculpture. Clerk to mail letters requesting fireworks donations from

businesses. Location will be closer to downtown. What if there is bad weather? Will make sure we have credit to use for 7/4. City may need additional liability insurance according to LMCIT, \$250 to \$500, dependent upon pyrotechnics' liability coverage. Important to do this big as we only have one time to make a great first impression. Wahkon is the small town that does it big! Community Event Fund could help pay for fireworks as that is what covered 7/4 expenses beyond donations. Important not to use taxpayer funds. Motion by Button, second by Goplen to split firework display costs with Vikings not to exceed \$1,500 including city's additional insurance if required through Community Event Fund. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

Parade on Friday @ 8 pm: Welcoming Vikings to Wahkon. Clerk will obtain parade permit through MnDOT and have county deputies direct traffic. Will contact Staricha Towing to keep detour route clear. Isle Creative Center needs \$500 sponsor to get spirit animal parade costumes ready and to work with the kids. Chapman will request MLDS be their sponsor once she verifies they are a 501c3.

Council is aware snow removal may be necessary and city will plow additional parking areas. Hope to have hay and/or sleigh rides. Shuttle buses will be available. Need volunteers as crossing guards on Saturday to help with traffic and to sell raffle tickets.

Community Computer: MLC is going for second round of broadband grants and asked if Wahkon wanted a community computer for citizens to use during business hours. Public Wi-Fi has been added to community hall thanks to first round of grant money. Motion by Button, second by Matte to authorize a public computer in the community hall through broadband grant funds. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Button, second by Matte to adjourn. Ayes: Matte, Goplen, Button, and Reichel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Karrie Roeschlein, Clerk/Treasurer

Sandy Reichel, Mayor