

**City Council Meeting
August 17, 2020
6:30 PM – City Hall
Meeting Held Electronically Via Zoom**

Mayor Mark Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Mark Peterson, Council Members Allyn Thurley, Eileen Moeller, Pamela Eyden, George Borzyskowski and Paul Schollmeier.

Absent: Michelle Alexander

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Mark Peterson congratulated Public Works Director Keith Nelson on his retirement and thanked him for his 20 years of service and dedication to the City of Winona. He also announced that the Winona Athletic Club was put on the national register for historic places. This is an honor that several of Winona downtown area is a part of as well. He also wanted to congratulate all of the Candidates that ran for office. He wished Council Member Thurley a Happy Birthday

City Manager's Comments:

City Manager Stephen T. Sarvi announced that the Chief of Police Paul Bostrack will be retiring and thanked him for his many years of service in law enforcement. Deputy Chief Tom Williams has accepted the position. He send a reminder to Councilmembers regarding the Proposed 2021 Budget meetings taking place on August 24 and 25 and asked council members to attend these meetings in person.

3.1 Request to Make an Honorary Designation of 2nd Street from Olmstead Street to the Mankato Avenue as Bytow Byway

Public Works Director Brian DeFrang received a request from the Kashubian Capital Centennial 2020 Campaign (KCC2020) that an Honorary Designation of 2nd Street from Olmstead Street to Mankato Avenue be "Bytow Byway". KCC2020 has requested that the signs be placed on every other block near the midblock location along this previously described route. The signs would be 24" tall and 18" wide and will be in the art design as shown below. The signs will cost approximately \$90 each and will be paid for out of the City fund for the KCC2020 group celebrations. The street crew would install these signs.

Tim Breza representing the Polish Museum and KCC 2020, explained that Winona was home to early polish settlers who supplied most of the supplies to build most of Winona. This dedication will not change the street name but memorialize the historical polish heritage in Winona.

The following resolution was then presented for the Council's consideration.

Resolution 2020 – 63

WHEREAS, Kashubian Capital Centennial 2020 Campaign (KCC2020) is requesting 2nd Street have the honorary designation of Bytow Byway; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the signs to designate this 2nd Street corridor is estimated at \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, signs would be placed mid block every other block between Olmstead Street and Mankato Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Staff will install these signs as described and funds will come from the KCC2020 city fund.

Thereupon Borzyskowski moved to waive the reading of the resolution and to adopt same. Motion seconded by Moeller, and carried with all voting aye. Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted.

3.2 Habitat for Humanity Street Closure Request

The City Clerk received a request from Habitat for Humanity Winona-Fillmore Counties and Winona Volunteer Services would like to request a street closure of West Third Street between Ben Street and Harvester Avenue on Friday, August 21, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for a Food Drop expected to last no later than an 11:00. The final hour is just for a buffer. We will be distributing Farmers to Families Food Boxes as part of the USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service partnered with national, regional and local suppliers, whose workforce has been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other foodservice businesses, to purchase up to \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help our farmers move their product to local families. There are no income requirements and all are welcome.

Borzyskowski moved to approve the request. Schollmeier seconded the motion, and it carried with all voting aye.

3.3 Request for “Music & Movies” Drive-in Series

Assistant City Planner Chad Ubl reported that several entities have been working on possible drive-in programming during the pandemic. Treedome approached the City about collaborating with WinonArts to provide a series of concerts and outdoor movies.

They are requesting approval of the series of five outdoor concerts and movies with amplified sound at Lake Park – Bandshell Area. The movies will begin at 9:00 p.m. and end at approximately 11:00 p.m. The dates of the events are September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 4, 2020.

Staff has indicated to Treedome, that all MDH guidelines for outdoor events and drive-in style programming must be met. Staff has also indicated to Treedome that the City has the right to cancel any one or all events due to the safety of the public.

Schollmeier moved to approve the request. Moeller seconded the motion, and it carried with all voting aye.

3.4 Harriet Street Block Party Request

The City Clerk received a request from Claudia & Dan Johnson to close off Harriet Street between 9th and 10th Street on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a block party.

Borzyskowski moved to approve the request. X seconded the motion, and it carried with all voting aye.

5.1 To Set the Date for the Public Hearing to Consider the Resolution to Levy Assessments for Unpaid Charges

The Finance Department is requesting to set a public hearing for September 21, 2020, to consider a resolution to levy assessments for unpaid charges.

The following resolution was then presented for the Council's consideration.

Resolution 2020 – 64

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, sections 366.012, 415.01, 429.101, 444.075 and 514.67; the City of Winona Charter, sections 1.02 and 8.02; and the City Code of the City of Winona, sections 22.17 and 22.18, respectively, provide that the City may collect unpaid charges incurred by the City for services rendered by the City on behalf of benefited real property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the forgoing authority, the City may assess such unpaid service charges against the real property benefited and certify the same to the county auditor to be collected along with property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Winona, Minnesota, that it hold a hearing on September 21, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 PM, to consider the assessments on file with the City Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Winona, Minnesota, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to give public notice of such hearing, as required by law.

Thereupon Borzyskowski moved to waive the reading of the resolution and to adopt same. Motion seconded by Moeller, and carried with all voting aye. Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted.

5.2 Grant for Sustainability Plan Development

Public Works Director Brian DeFrang reported the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) awarded the City of Winona a grant for \$7,725 to assist the City in developing climate adaptation and community outreach components of a sustainability plan. The official grant award is contingent on MPCA approval of an approved work plan. Staff prepared the attached work plan, and asks for Council input and review before submitting to the MPCA. The City is contributing staff and Green Corps member time towards the grant in-kind match.

The outreach aspects have been pushed back 3-4 month from the initial plan, but may need to be adjusted based on Covid-19 developments. In person meetings or face-to-face interactions would be ideal for gathering resident input, but will not be possible if the pandemic is still widespread.

Natural Resources Sustainability Coordinator John Howard stated this plan will be incorporated in the comprehensive plan and the grant application is to cover a portion of that cost specifically related to climate change, adaptation and resilience. A revised work plan will need to be resubmitted, but they hope to begin the plan in the next couple of months.

Schollmeier moved to authorize staff to submit the work plan and to execute the grant agreement. Eyden seconded the motion, and it carried with all voting aye.

5.3 Transit Grant Application – Bus Replacement

The City Clerk has prepared the transit grant application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation — Office of Transit for funds to replace three transit buses for the Winona Transit Service in 2021. The City had applied for grant funds to replace one bus last year, but that application was not funded.

The State and Federal grant share will provide 90% of the costs of the bus replacements. The balance of the capital costs will be funded through Transit reserves, and a small portion will be paid by the City of Goodview.

The following resolution was then presented for the Council's consideration.

Resolution 2020 – 65

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winona enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to replace transit buses which provide public transportation service in the cities of Winona and Goodview; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winona agrees to provide a local share of up to 10% of the total capital costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winona agrees to provide 100% of the local share necessary for expenses that exceed funds available from the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winona authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Thereupon Borzyskowski moved to waive the reading of the resolution and to adopt same. Motion seconded by Moeller, and carried with all voting aye. Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted.

5.4 Ordinance to Ban Conversion Therapy

The City Clerk reported the Human Rights Commission presented a resolution against conversion therapy to the City Council at the March 16, 2020, meeting. The resolution stated:

Therefore Be It Resolved that in order to secure and maintain the safety of LGBTQ+ youth and families in the City of Winona, the Winona Human Rights Commission recommends that the Winona City Council makes a formal statement and sends letters to local and state representation requesting the Minnesota State Legislative and Executive branch take the necessary steps to pass a state-wide measure that would make it unlawful for any provider to provide conversion therapy or reparative therapy to a minor.

The City Council concurred with this resolution, and the Mayor signed a letter to the State representatives. However, no action was taken by the Minnesota Legislature on the proposed legislation, and therefore the HRC is requesting that the City draft a local ban on these practices. Four other cities in Minnesota have already adopted a similar ban, including Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth and Red Wing. Violations of this ordinance would be punishable by administrative fines set by city council resolution. The proposed fines will be presented at the next Council meeting, upon adoption of the ordinance.

Thereupon Schollmeier moved to introduce the ordinance, and the motion was seconded by Moeller. The motion carried with all voting aye.

7.1 Council Concerns

Schollmeier sends his condolences to the Tara Hosely Family.

Borzyskowski congratulated all the City of Winona retirees and the employee that stepped up to fill their positions.

Moeller congratulated council members on the passing of the Ban Conversion Therapy ordinance.

Thurley thanked everyone for all the birthday wishes. He also wished Public Works Director Happy Retirement and a Happy Birthday as well.

8.1 Consent Agenda

The City Clerk presented the Consent Business Agenda as follows:

Item No. 8.1: Approval of Minutes – August 3 & August 14, 2020

Item No. 8.2: Ordinance to License Massage Therapists

Thurley moved to approve the consent agenda. Moeller seconded the motion, and it carried with all voting aye.

The time being 7:01 p.m. and there being no further business to come before the Council this evening, Borzyskowski moved to adjourn. Schollmeier seconded the motion, and it carried with all voting aye.

Tina Stanton
Acting City Clerk

Mark F. Peterson
Mayor