

## **MINUTES OF A WAVERLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 25, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President/Acting Mayor David Jespersen called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Jespersen acknowledged the Open Meetings Act Poster located on the south wall of the Council Chambers. Council Members David Jespersen, Dave Nielson, and Allison Stark were in attendance. Mayor Abbey Pascoe and Council Member Aaron Delahoyde were absent. Other City Officials present were City Administrator Stephanie Fisher, City Attorney Mark Fahleson, and City Clerk Megan Frye. Others present were Brandon Koll, Riptide President Justin Gregory, and Lancaster County Sheriff Deputy Jason Brownell. Notice of the Meeting and Agenda were given to the Mayor and all Members of the City Council prior to the Meeting. Notice of the Meeting was posted at Russ's Market Express, the US Post Office, the City Office, and the City website (citywaverly.com).

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Nielson moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Council Member Stark seconded the motion.

The following Council Members voted "YEA": Jespersen, Nielson, and Stark. The following Council Members voted "NAY": None. Motion Carried. 3-0.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Minutes of the March 11, 2025 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Nielson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Stark seconded the motion.

The following Council Members voted "YEA": Nielson, Stark, and Jespersen. The following Council Members voted "NAY": None. Motion Carried. 3-0.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Deputy Brownell reported there is nothing much to report; with the warmer weather LSO is patrolling parks and there has been increased compliance with registration of golf carts.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brandon Koll asked the City to pave N 148th Street past Waverly Road and made comments on the traffic dust creating health issues, lack of enjoyment of property, and potential accidents.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Minutes of the March 11, 2025 City Council Meeting**

Consent Agenda.

### **CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **Claims for Payment**

<b>Claims for Payment: March 12th - 25th, 2025</b>
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<b>Group A</b>		
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Adam & Danielle Parrish	Soccer refund	\$ 40.00
ADP Fees	Payroll Fees	\$ 127.23
ADP Payroll	Payroll	\$ 38,045.81
ALYSSA RIGGAN	Soccer refund	\$ 40.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield NE	Health Insurance	\$ 15,988.39
Cass County Baseball League	Cass County Baseball Fee	\$ 600.00
DataVizion, LLC	FortiGuard Threat Protection	\$ 2,334.66
Elliott Halvorsen	Soccer refund	\$ 40.00
Hamilton Equipment Co.	Bobcat cutting edge	\$ 782.28
Hometown Leasing	FD Copier	\$ 71.48
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Oak Lane & Danvers St. Water Main	\$ 22,906.25
Jerry's Transmission Service	Install a/c compressor	\$ 7,955.66
John Hancock USA	Retirement	\$ 3,329.01
K & J Elite Sports Turf	Lawson fields top dressing	\$ 9,500.00
Kelsea Pavel	Soccer refund	\$ 40.00
Lieb Locating & Plumbing LLC	Camera/locate sewer-Danvers St.	\$ 750.00
Lincoln Electric System	Electricity	\$ 17,706.69
Lincoln Winwater Works Co.	Supplies	\$ 5,810.64
Lindsay Erickson	Meal & mileage reimbursement	\$ 211.26
M & A Happiness & Design	Volleyball tournament awards	\$ 432.00
MacQueen Emergency	Boots, dry granular	\$ 1,248.80
Megan Frye	Travel & parking reimbursement	\$ 198.45
Menards-Lincoln North	Supplies	\$ 22.82
Mutual of Omaha	Life & Vision Insurance	\$ 450.80
Nadia Koval	Cleaning Service	\$ 439.23
Nebraska Landscape Solutions	Supplies	\$ 627.19
NE Public Health Environ. Lab	Lab Fees	\$ 110.00
Olsson	Waverly Ridge Construction	\$ 10,395.50
One Billing Solutions	February 2025 Billing-EMS	\$ 1,209.47
Pavers Inc.	Crushed asphalt millings	\$ 88.74
Production Creek Specialty Adv	Soccer jerseys	\$ 2,425.00
Quik Dump Refuse	Garbage Service	\$ 575.93
Rembolt Ludtke LLP	TIF Matters	\$ 2,460.00
Rembolt Ludtke LLP	Legal Fees	\$ 3,308.00
Sarah Katt	Soccer refund	\$ 40.00
S.E. Rural Fire Protection Dist	EMS Calls	\$ 1,250.00
The Fort	Clothing Allowance	\$ 107.98
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps/Postage	\$ 304.07
Union Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Accounts	\$ 2,250.00
Unlimited Sports Solutions Inc	Lawson field 1 & 5 improvement	\$ 6,275.00
USA BLUE BOOK	Returned pump	\$ (1,848.04)

VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$ 552.14
WATTS ELECTRIC COMPANY	Amberly Rd. traffic light repair	\$ 2,588.63
Storage Ninjas - Waverly	Storage for Engine 34 - F.D.	\$ 139.00
	<b>Claims Group A Total</b>	<b>\$ 161,930.07</b>

Council Member Jespersen moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$161,930.07. Council Member Nielson seconded the motion.

The following Council Members voted “YEA”: Stark, Jespersen, Nielson. The following Council Members voted “NAY”: None. Motion Carried. 3-0.

### **Keno & Sales Tax Reports**

Keno & Sales Tax Reports provided for information.

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

None.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Consideration of Revised Field Rental Agreement with Waverly Riptide for reduced rental fees for 2025 season.**

Council Member Nielson moved to approve Revised Field Rental Agreement with Waverly Riptide for reduced rental fees for 2025 season. Council Member Stark seconded the motion.

Riptide President Justin Gregory explained Waverly Riptide is a nonprofit youth baseball organization for boys exclusively in School District 145 boys with mission to provide opportunities for Waverly youth with affordable dues. Gregory shared the Riptide use fundraisers to lower dues costs and give back to the community. Gregory advised rising costs along with the loss of concession stand revenue from the Riptide Rumble Tournament have caused financial strain on the organization and Riptide Rumble Tournament entry fee costs. Gregory explained Riptide uses a flat fee with no gate fees per USSSA rules; could do gate fee with percentage back to USSSA and more time and effort involved. Gregory advised Riptide gives back to the Community Foundation baseball fields. Gregory reported on specific dues/fees and past profits from the Riptide Rumble tournament; Council discussed 2025 figures with new rates. Gregory advised 2025 fees were shared on January 18, 2025 after game fees already set; Gregory requested yearly fees provided by December 31 each year for budgeting purposes. Gregory shared proposal: apply reduced fees to all nonprofit 5013C status baseball/softball organizations and scheduling commitment if applicable from Riptide. Discussion of the Parks & Rec Department continually being in the red and need for additional revenue. Council Member Jespersen advised Waverly-based teams include Riptide and Heat as nonprofits, and also the Wave; shared new hometown discount approved this year in effort to reduce fees. Discussion of timeline of approval of field rental fees for Parks and Rec Committee and City Council by December 10.

Council Member Jespersen shared concerns of lowering costs when the Parks and Rec Department frequently has a negative balance, Parks and Rec Committee were trying to recoup some money; the Pak Department has been funded solely from Keno funds; Parks has far more programs, projects, maintenance. Council Member Stark agreed. Jespersen shared Council Member Delahoyde’s position – concern of fairness of making exception for only one team. City Attorney Fahleson discussed legality of changing rates that are not across the board. Stark ensured better communication to all Waverly teams

moving forward; however this decision was previously made and we can consider next year with better discussion and open communication.

The following Council Members voted “YEA”: None. The following Council Members voted “NAY”: Jespersen, Nielson, and Stark. Motion Failed. 0-3.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Human Services (Park & Recreation): Council Member Stark**

No report.

### **Public Works (Utilities & Street): Council Member Delahoyde**

City Administrator Fisher reported they have been flushing fire hydrants, jetting sewer mains, cleaned out the Mansfield ditch near N 136<sup>th</sup> Street. Swept streets before the second blizzard and have more to clean up from last the blizzard, mainly small tree debris. Picked up larger tree branches right afterwards. We lost power at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for 16 hours due to a power pole snapping. We had a power loss out by some of the wellfields so we were running on 4 wells for a day. They are working on the Danvers Street Water Main Project; they have made the first horizontal bore through that group of houses, so we are about 1/3 of the way on Danvers Street. We will start on Oak Lane in the coming weeks. We will be televising for sewer laterals next week.

Council Member Jespersen thanked LES for their hard work restoring power from the snowstorm; 800 residents were without power at one point.

### **Public Health (Fire & Safety): Council Member Jespersen**

No report.

### **Fiscal & Economic Development: Council Member Nielson**

No report.

### **City Administrator Fisher**

City Administrator Fisher reported a thank you to Shayna Murrell, our previous Parks and Recreation Director, who gave two-weeks’ notice and last day was Thursday, March 20. We have been interviewing for the Parks and Recreation Director position. General reminder: we have 365 days a year water conservation measures in place; please be mindful of your watering days and hours as you begin to turn on your sprinklers. Any questions, please refer to our website where it is all spelled out.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Council Member Stark seconded the motion.

The following Council Members voted “YEA”: Nielson, Stark, and Jespersen. The following Council Members voted “NAY”: None. Motion Carried. 3-0.

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Abbey L. Pascoe  
Mayor

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Megan K. Frye  
City Clerk/Human Resources Assistant