

COUNCIL ROOM-----Mar 28, 2018

The Waukon City Council met in special session on Mar 28, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Room of City Hall, 101 Allamakee Street, with Mayor Pat Stone presiding. Council members present: Ben Rausch, John Lydon, Arvid Hatlan and Gayle Decker. Council members absent: None. Others present: City Manager Dean Hilgerson; City Attorney James Garrett; Police Chief Phil Young; and Citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

City Clerk Allen Lyon presented information on three sewer rate scenarios and how it would affect a sampling of residential, commercial and industrial customers. City Manager Dean Hilgerson clarified the SRF loan process and how the rate structure needed to prove that it could make the annual loan payments and cover the costs of operation and infrastructure repair and improvements. There was a lengthy discussion about using TIF for part of the loan payment and how it would affect other City funds. There was discussion of establishing a graduated fees based on usage.

No Action Taken.

Mayor Pat Stone started the discussion regarding the clarification of duties between the Mayor and City Council. City Attorney James Garrett briefed that Waukon had a strong Council/weak Mayor form of government. Several Councilmembers discussed that the Mayor had overstepped his authority and that he needed to follow the policies and procedures of the City Code. City Clerk Allen Lyon discussed there was some confusion in the current City Code as to the duties of who was responsible in certain areas and gave the example of the chapter on Nuisance Abatement that states it's the Mayor or authorized municipal officer to enforce and not just the Council's responsibility. The Mayor stated that he understood he couldn't close a street unless it's an emergency.

No Action Taken.

The Council discussed the resignation of Dwight Jones from the City Council. City Attorney James Garrett briefed the Council that they had two options on how to fill the vacancy, either by appointment or calling for a special election and the Council had to file public notice of its discussion.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Rausch

To file notice to fill the vacancy by appointment and to thank Dwight Jones for his service.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Vacant: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Hatlan

To Adjourn.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Vacant: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Allen D. Lyon  
City Clerk