

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020**

Mayor Huner called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:04 p.m. via Zoom Cloud Meeting. This meeting was streamed on Facebook Live. Roll was taken by the clerk of council. Present were Council President Chamberlin, Councilors Jeff Stiriz, Scott Stiriz, Stickley, Griggs and Schneider to constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business. Also present were Wauseon Recreation Association members Zach Riley, Shelly Borton, Jason Robinson, Kyle Storrer and Matt Strader, also Director of Public Service, Keith Torbet, Recreation Superintendent, Matt Mennetti and Assistant Superintendent, Hugo Barajas and Law Director, Tom McWatters.

JOINT MEETING WITH WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL AND WAUSEON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Mayor Huner said this special meeting is for the Wauseon Recreation Association (WRA) to present a proposal to council. She then asked Zach Riley to address council. Mr. Riley gave a summary of the finances of the WRA. He said the WRA has prepared a proposal to offer to council of 20% of any profits the WRA takes in from the tournaments they host at Biddle Park. He said if this agreement had been in place in 2019 the baseball tournament would have provided approximately \$1800 to the city. He said the softball tournament(s) vary depending on the season.

Mayor Huner asked Keith Torbet for the cost to the city numbers for the tournaments. Mr. Torbet said it depends on the tournament but the average cost to the city is approximately \$2500/day. He said that amount includes utilities and wages. Matt Mennetti read the summary created by Finance Director Giguere for the 2019 city cost per tournament:

	Softball			Baseball			
	14-Jun	15-Jun	Total	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	Total
Matt	623.95	349.79	973.74	642.86	661.76	302.52	1,607.14
Hugo	436.56	174.62	611.18	443.27	456.71	255.22	1,155.20
Trent	142.50	80.75	223.25	175.75	213.75	80.75	470.25
Abraham	144.88	114.00	258.88	137.75	185.25	76.00	399.00
Cameron	109.25	83.13	192.38	135.38	213.75	76.00	425.13
Sam	142.50	80.75	223.25	133.00	185.25	76.00	394.25
Caleb	173.38	78.38	251.75	185.25	195.94	80.75	461.94
Bryce	137.75	76.00	213.75	123.50	137.75	71.25	332.50
Jacob	205.00	127.50	332.50	200.00	225.00	85.00	510.00
Carter	175.75	121.13	296.88	190.00	242.25	66.50	498.75
Wages			3,577.54				6,254.15
PERS			500.86				875.58
ME			51.87				90.69
WC			96.68				169.01
Benefits			649.41				1,135.27
Utilities			226.62				453.25
Supplies			1,147.61				2,295.23
			5,601.18				10,137.89

Councilor Schneider asked for a print out for review. Councilor Chamberlin asked what amount of revenue would have been the city's share for the 2019 softball tournament. Zach Riley said he didn't have the exact numbers but estimated it would have been \$1500 to \$1600. Mr. Torbet reminded council that the WRA also assists with large purchases for the park. They gave over \$15000 to improve the dugouts and donated \$5000 toward the fireworks one year. There was great discussion about the cost to the city.

Councilor Schneider asked how many tournaments we host during a normal summer. Zach Riley said there are two club level softball tournaments and one rec level baseball tournament. He did say there was intention of having a rec level softball tournament but this may not happen this year due to COVID-19. Zach Riley said they struggle to find volunteers for the tournaments that are being held now. There was great discussion about hosting tournaments for various sports.

Councilor Stickley asked if there was going to be a summer league this year. Mayor Huner said this is something that is being discussed but for now it is on hold because of COVID-19. Matt Mennetti said they can hold out until mid-June before they have to cancel the summer season. Council President Chamberlin reminded city council that they do not have any say in recreational programming. He said that falls under the responsibility of the WRA. Mayor Huner said that is true but Hugo and Matt would have some say and they are city employees. There was general discussion about who is responsible for recreational programming.

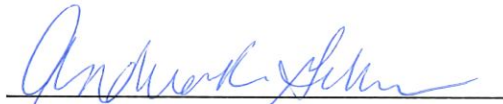
Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked if the softball board is still under the WRA. Zach Riley said they are still part of the WRA but in October 2018 the softball board did apply for their own 501C status and they opened their own checking account. He said at this point and time the WRA has not officially severed ties with the softball board. Councilor Schneider asked if this agreement of 20% would include the softball board and Mr. Riley said the city would have to negotiate with them directly as it currently stands. Matt Mennetti said no matter what happens with the softball board they will run the programs through the recreation office. Keith Torbet said as long as the softball board is under the WRA they would be subject to the 20% but if they split they would have to negotiate with the city separately. Councilor Scott Stiriz asked who came up with the 20% offer and was told the WRA came up with that number.

Tom McWatters said this matter could go to a committee. There was general discussion about which committee should meet to discuss this offer. It was determined that the Finance Committee should meet to discuss this further. Mayor Huner asked if anyone else had anything to say on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Huner asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jeff Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Griggs to adjourn this meeting at 5:55 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*



Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council