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Announcements



**Family Six Pack
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• **Wanamingo Senior Citizens meet the first Friday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Wanamingo Community Center.** There is always a speaker or some type of entertainment. All Seniors are welcome and encouraged to come. If you need to sign up or cancel, please call Virginia Sabin at 824-2603.

• **Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard invite you to become a member.** Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Paul Rugg 507-824-3306, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

• **2021 Goodhue County Health & Human Services Immunization Schedule,** located at 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN. January through July 1st, Tuesday 1-4pm; August through December, every Tuesday 2-4pm. Clinics are walk-in. No appointment needed. For other times, call for an appointment 651-385-3200 or 1-800-950-2142.

• **Hiawathaland Transit:** Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit three-river-scrap.org for more information.

K-W School Board Eyes Fall Referendum

The K-W school board looks toward a fall referendum with a decision on whether to offer one question or two on the ballot. They have until August 20th to submit their plan to the state for approval in time to print ballots. The options would be to request basic operating funds in one vote and request additional funding for technology and anticipated increase in another, versus placing all increases in one bid.

Board members are planning to visit with residents of the district to get a feel for the mood of the voters.



The Goodhue County Education District will be offering tuition free online learning



this year. Their research finds that one on five students do real well with online learning and have a program which will provide a chrome book laptop for each student opting out of in school learning. K-W will retain state funding for these students. Graduating seniors who complete online learning can still participate in the K-W commencement program.

Join Us for the 2021 Goodhue County Fair

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No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the pits. Children ages 12-17 must have a parent/guardian signature to purchase a pit pass.

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Wanamingo City Council

The Goodhue County Sheriff's Department presented a new contract for law enforcement coverage to the Wanamingo city council in July. The cost for six hours daily of patrol coverage will increase from \$113,515 in 2021 to \$116,254 for 2022, \$121,922 in 2023 and \$127,873 in 2024.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency inspected the wastewater treatment process in Wanamingo and has required the city to control unacceptable discharges of solid waste and pollutants. Letters have been sent to large in town industries and the city will need to review and make changes to the ordinances and enforcement of prohibited discharges into the sewer system. They will install two testers to monitor waste entering the system and track the origin, at a cost of \$7,000.

The state contacted the city about a tax forfeited property that was confiscated due to unpaid real estate taxes. The property borders the Zumbro River but is otherwise landlocked.

The council was appraised of six basketball hoops which are installed on city streets and present a hazard to street cleaning equipment. They plan to educate the public on the dangers to people and equipment when these are installed too close to the public streets.

THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

After a year of cancelled events, the popular Labor Day Weekend show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Friday, September 3rd, 2021.

For fans young and old, if you have ever been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught **The Memories of Elvis Show** (www.espking.com).

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison the past few years on Labor Day Weekend.

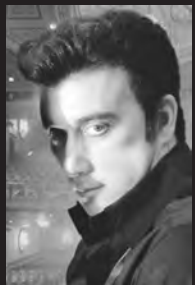
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Who Am I?

Have you ever said “I believe _____” but your actions didn’t follow up? Every single one of us has. It’s too common, it’s sadly kind of expected. “Yeah, Pastor, nobody is perfect...we all do that...it’s no big deal.” This excuse to behavior doesn’t work well anywhere else in my life. ‘Hey, son, I know I missed your graduation, but nobody is perfect.’ ‘Hey, Gary, I know I forgot our anniversary, but nobody is perfect.’

What is it with excuses? Florence Nightingale was asked about what helped her stay the course - what helped her live out what she believed. she said, “I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse.”

What if we decided to be as committed as that - to have no excuses, to really spend time on our faith commitment; to be in a close relationship with God. But- life happens—stuff just gets piled up and in the way. We get confused about life. We struggle with temptation. We have good intentions, and we struggle with the follow through- it’s easy to make excuses for why our relationship with God isn’t growing. Part of our problem is that we don’t know who we are- we have a difficult time recognizing and accepting who God says we are, we have a mistaken identity. This is not a new problem- Jesus introduced himself to a woman that had a mistaken identity. You can read about her in John chapter 4.

Jesus and his disciples had been walking all morning. Jesus is tired and thirsty, and He stops at Jacob’s Well. The disciples go into the town to get some food for lunch.

“Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” He was alone at the time because His disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?” Right away she is using identity words: You’re a Jew. I’m a Samaritan.

John 4:10, “Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” Jesus essentially says, “Oh, you think life is all about being a Jew or a Samaritan? There’s a bigger picture.

When the woman addresses Jesus, she leads with titles and identities established on earth – man-made titles. Jesus changes the subject and essentially says... Our identity is connected to eternity. In other words, our identity isn’t defined by our bad experiences. Our identity shouldn’t be crafted from cravings or desires, or by what we own or our family origins.

Jesus came to give us a new identity, the best identity! When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we become a part of His family. We are new creations, pure and holy, through His blood shed for us. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:16-18, “So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This

means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.” Paul says that once we are Jesus followers, we stop looking at people through our human point of view- instead we look at them through Jesus eyes. We are a new person- our old life is gone- dead and buried- not to be resurrected!!! God gives us a new life- we are a new person in Jesus Christ. Our true identity doesn’t really emerge until we believe in Jesus and accept Him. When we’re struggling with who we are- we need to look to our Creator, He has the best answer for who we are. Life will hand us struggles and hard times: someone dumps you or you get fired, your mistreated or overlooked. No matter the struggle or the awfulness of a situation remember: You are still His. When the good times come, you are still His, when life is full and amazing or you’re at the top of the mountain, You are His during the good times too! Don’t forget whose you are:

When you feel defeated: Remember who you are!

When you feel overwhelmed: Remember who you are!

When you feel ashamed- you’ve taken a wrong turn: Remember who you are!

When you get up tomorrow: Remember who you are!

When you look in the mirror: Remember who you are: You are a son, you are a daughter of the King of Kings, you are a child of God!!! He is with you and will guide you and shape you to become all that He has created you for!!!

Surrender yourself to Jesus Christ. He will make you new- He will give you your true identity. You are more than your circumstances- you are a son of God; you are a daughter of God! Now live like it! No excuses... Remember who and whose you are!!!

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August 25: 10:00am Taste & See Bible Study - Trinity; 7:00pm Taste & See Bible Study - Holden
August 29: 9:00am Joint Worship Service at WLC followed by Confirmation Orientation

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August 29: 9:00am Worship, Confirmation orientation for students and parents following the service



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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY Be Strong and Courageous

“Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” — Joshua 1:9

It’s natural to have some fear or apprehension at the beginning of a new task. We may ask ourselves questions like “What if I don’t know what to do?” or “What if I’m not good enough?” Every time I stand up in front of a group of people to present something—whether it’s a sermon, a lecture, or a presentation of some kind—those questions run through my head and are accompanied by fear and doubt.

In our passage today Joshua had just been told that Moses, the leader of God’s people, was dead. And now God told Joshua that he would be the one to lead the people. What a huge task! We couldn’t blame Joshua for at least having a little fear. But God tells him to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid or discouraged. And this encouragement is more than a pep talk. This is God’s promise to Joshua that wherever he goes in the new land that God would bring them into—and however hard the task before him would be—God would always be right there with him.

We face difficulties all the time—at work and school, and with our families and friends. We have many opportunities to be discouraged and afraid. But God’s promise to us is the same as it was to Joshua: God will be with us wherever we go.

And if God is with us, what do we have to fear?

Prayer: Ever-present God, you promise to be with us wherever we go. Help us to remember this truth in the difficult tasks that lie ahead of us each day. Amen.

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Obituary

Forest Melvin Wipperling

Forest Melvin Wipperling, 86, of Red Wing, died Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 3, 1935 in New Rockford, North Dakota. He lived there until his family moved to Minnesota in 1946. After two years living in St. Paul and Red Wing, the



family moved to a farm near Goodhue. Forest graduated from Goodhue High School in 1953. In 1954 he joined the US Air Force and in 1955 was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France where he was the head of all military passports and visas.

In October 1955 he married Lois Thompson in Paris, France. Forest and Lois lived in Paris for three years until he was discharged in April 1958. After discharge Forest was hired by the Red Wing Police Dept. He quickly moved through the ranks eventually becoming Assistant Police Chief. In 1978 Forest was accepted and attended the FBI Academy in Quantico,

VA. In July 1980 he was appointed Chief of Police of Red Wing. He retired in 1987 to run for Goodhue Co Sheriff. He was elected sheriff in November 1987 and served 12 years.

Forest's 40-year career in law enforcement was filled with busy years of serving on local and state boards in many capacities as a member to president. He also implemented a number of programs as police chief and sheriff. Among those were: Juvenile Officer position, Ride Along Program for high school students, intern program for college students, bike safety program, crime prevention unit, school liaison officer, started the canine unit, as well as incorporated a Sentence to Serve Program in the Goodhue Co. Jail.

Forest also was honored as American Legion Officer of the year, Outstanding Elected Official of the year, Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Red Wing Jaycees Citizen of the Year.

Forest enjoyed pistol competition and set a state record in 1970 shooting 891 points

out of 900 putting 44 shots into the X in the middle of the target. He held the rank of distinguished master.

Forest was a member of United Lutheran Church where he served on council, ushered, taught teen Sunday School class and served on the men's cooking team.

Forest was a patient loving father and husband who enjoyed time with family above his law enforcement career. Many weekends were spent at the family cabin in Spooner, Wisconsin where he loved to fish and sit by a bonfire with his family.

Forest and Lois have four children, Robin Wipperling (Keith) Kaiser, Jeffry (Lynda) Wipperling, Cindy (Mike) Adolph and Brad (Linda) Wipperling all of Red Wing, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Forest was preceded in death by his parents Julius and Meta Wipperling and his brother Harold.

A private family burial will be held at the Wacouta Cemetery. Memorial service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2021 at United Lutheran Church. Intern Pastor Lisa Hawe officiated. Visitation was 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel and Saturday one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are preferred to United Lutheran Church, Mayo Hospice or Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Goodhue County Farmer Forced to Sell Cattle Because of Drought

Courtesy of KTTC

Farmers in Minnesota are still battling the nationwide drought.

The drought has some deciding to go into early retirement or sell their animals.

"These cows should be in grass that should be up to my waist and it's down at my ankles. It's just not growing," said Katie Brenny, of Brenny Farms.

Brenny Farms has 25 cows, a bull and a donkey. She runs the farm with her husband, and the couple is fifth-generation farmers. They raise the cows for beef.

"We have the white cows behind me which are Charolais. And the black cows are Angus," Brenny said.

She said within the last two years the farm had seven to twelve inches of water for the grass and this year it's only been about two inches.

"This ground has been so dry and it's so hot. And the winds have been strong this summer. And it just automatically dries that ground out. And so, if it rains today like it did yesterday, which was nice. But it just beats the ground and just runs off. We need it to soak in," Brenny said.

Her last resort to feed the cows is hay, but hay prices have now skyrocketed.

This issue has forced her to make a decision to sell parts of the herd.

"A handful if not a half of dozen that will have to end their time here at Brenny Farms. Just due to simply, they need feed, and I don't have enough," Brenny said.

Gov. Tim Walz said about 40 percent of farmers in the state are at a level two drought, which means it's severe.

Walz has requested the federal government provide aid to allow "emergency haying and grazing on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in Minnesota counties."

"We've asked USDA to help us on several fronts. One of those is using CREP (The

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) land. The land that is set aside, that you usually can not hay that, or use it until August 1st. We're asking them to accelerate that because we are going to need it," he said.

"CRP is land that farmers and ranchers put aside for the government to rebuild for natural habitat," Brenny said. Some farmers do CRP ground because that just means, you can't farm it. You get paid to leave it out of production. And kind of let it restore itself, and give back to the beauty of Minnesota."

And this program helps ease the struggle for food producers.

"So, when they can open those CRP grounds for feeding or for grazing or for making hay off of, it just allows us more supply. And allows us to put the cows out on that ground or to just bale it. So, those hay bales can come back home and be fed as dry hay," Brenny said.

And the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association executive director is happy about the governor's request.

"We are extremely grateful for those programs that are put in place to help buffer producers through natural disasters and droughts like we are experiencing," said Allison VanDerWal. "If I think about this impacting everyone and if I keep it in animal ag, this is going to be a drought that impacts producers for generations."

And the drought's impact goes beyond the farm.

"Maybe it's a box of cheerios. Well, at some point that product started out as a farm product and so it's going to affect everyone. Because when it doesn't rain it doesn't allow us to water any of the crops. If that's corn, or soybeans, or the grass, or alfalfa, or wheat or barley. It might even affect our beverages," Brenny said.

She also said that although her cattle are raised for beef, selling some of them early isn't easy.

"I think they live a better life than I do. They have beautiful grass to lay in even though it was short this year. It does hurt. But at the same time, I can't keep going in debt," Brenny said.

Brenny Farms plans to sell those cows through an auction in Lanesboro by August.

She hopes the farm can rebuild the herd in the fall.



Farmer Katie Brenny

Goodhue County WIC Offers Support to Parents to Improve Breastfeeding Rates that Slipped During the Pandemic

A key focus for Minnesota Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (MN WIC) during Breastfeeding Awareness Month is to call attention to the importance of breastfeeding and to support parents to get back to all the benefits of higher breastfeeding rates.

Breastfeeding rates among MN WIC participants declined during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to drop in early 2021. Approximately 76 percent of MN WIC participants initiated breastfeeding and 65 percent continued when the baby was eight to 14 days old as of March 2021. Those numbers are down from 80 and 71 percent respectively in January 2020. Some factors contributing to the decline include:

- Infants and mothers unnecessarily separated immediately after birth due to concerns about parent-to-child COVID-19 transmission.
- Less or no lactation support in some birthing facilities.
- Early discharge and fewer post-discharge resources for breastfeeding help.

Breastfeeding benefits babies and mothers. The Goodhue County WIC Program is celebrating Minnesota Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August to emphasize the importance of breastfeeding and help pregnant and new moms participating in MN WIC reach their breastfeeding goals.

COVID-19 vaccine recommendations during breastfeeding

As more Minnesotans receive the COVID-19 vaccine, breastfeeding mothers should know the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says COVID-19 vaccines are not considered to be a risk to breastfeeding moms or their babies. Breastfeeding parents should talk about the vaccine benefits and risks with their health care provider before choosing to receive the vaccine.

- Recent reports show breastfeeding parents who received COVID-19 vaccines have antibodies in their milk, which could help protect their babies.
- Based on similar vaccines, the risk of serious illness from getting sick with COVID-19 is greater than the small relative risk from the vaccine.

Additional resources about breastfeeding during the COVID-19 pandemic are on the MN WIC website.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we provide services and support women and their children, but this important work continues, being a new mom is wonderful, challenging and sometimes overwhelming. We want to be a key part of a support system and a valuable resource for new moms as they work hard to reach their breastfeeding goals. Breastfeeding Awareness Month calls attention to the importance of breastfeeding and having a strong support system.

Breastfeeding Awareness Month

- World Breastfeeding Week (Aug. 1-7) – Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility

- Native Breastfeeding Week (Aug. 8-14) – Nourishing Our Futures
- Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Breastfeeding Week (Aug. 15-21) – Reclaiming Our Traditions
- This is the first year this breastfeeding week is recognized nationally.
- Black Breastfeeding Week (Aug. 25-31) – The Big Pause: Collective Rest for Collective Power

MN WIC Supports Breastfeeding

WIC serves low-income people who encounter greater barriers to achieving their breastfeeding goals. Those who enroll in WIC earlier in pregnancy have improved outcomes, including higher breastfeeding rates. Goodhue County WIC supports and celebrates MN WIC moms as they navigate breastfeeding. Staff provide resources explaining the importance and benefits of breastfeeding and answer any questions at every WIC visit. Breastfeeding moms also receive extra foods to support their nutrition as they feed their babies.

For more information, contact Goodhue County WIC at 651-385-6120.

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Goodhue Co. Fair

Join Us for the 2021 Goodhue County Fair held Aug. 10-14 in Zumbrota

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Friday, August 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. Autocross Racing

Adults - \$12.00

Under 12 - \$8.00

For more information, visit impdemoderby.com

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the pits. Children ages 12-17 must have a parent/guardian signature to purchase a pit pass.

Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. Demolition Derby

Adults - \$15.00

Under 12 - \$10.00

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2021 Free Entertainment Schedule Daily entertainment

All American Lumberjack Show

Located on the southwest side of beer garden

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Show times TBD

For more information, visit lumberjackshows.net.

Just 4 Laffs Kids Entertainment

Located by the children's barnyard/4-H building

Providing family-friendly entertainment for all ages, including live variety shows, magical entertainment, enrichment classes and more!

Show times TBD

For more information, follow Just 4 Laffs on Facebook or visit just4laffsmn.com.

FFA Children's Barnyard

Located west of the 4-H building

Local FFA students will be on hand to introduce kids to plenty of furry friends - chicks, rabbits, goats and more!

Open Tuesday-Saturday

Goodhue County Historical Society

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Daily schedules

Tuesday, August 10 (Opening Day)

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Open class exhibit entry (except quilts)

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - TRIAD - Goodhue County Sheriff's Department

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Goodhue County Sheriff's K9 Unit

Wednesday, August 11 (Day Care Day)

9:30 a.m. - Goodhue County Junior

Holstein Association Show (near dairy barn)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

Thursday, August 12

(Kid's Birthday Party Day)

10 a.m. - Goodhue County Commissioners Meeting (entertainment tent)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

4:30pm - Bridget's Decorated Cupcake Contest (beer garden)

7:30 p.m. - Farm Bureau Century Farm Program (entertainment tent)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

Friday, August 13 (Senior Citizen's Day)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

3 p.m. and 6 p.m. - All-American Lumberjack Show

7 p.m. - Outstanding Senior Award presentation (beer garden)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

Saturday, August 14 (Family Day)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

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8pm. The Kenyon Pool holds a regatta at 7pm and free swimming from 8 to 10pm. A street dance outside the muni featuring the Local Hooligans starts at 8:30pm.

Saturday, August 21st the 5K run/walk will start at 8am at the High School.

A car show will be held from 8am to 2pm and a tractor pull will be at the Maring Auction Lot starting at 9am.

A vendor sale will be held from 9am to 1pm at Held Bus Garage. A road rally leaves the Elevator at 10am. The kid's pedal tractor pull starts at 10am outside Security State Bank. From 10am to 2pm the Ladies Auxiliary serves a lunch at the VFW. Depot Park will have a kid's fun day from 10am to 2pm with free inflatable activities, petting zoo and face painting.

A parade featuring the Shriner units and the K-W band will take place at 3pm Saturday. There is a bean bag tournament at the VFW at 4pm and bingo at 6pm. A street dance will be held outside the muni at 8:30pm with The Dads.

Sunday, August 22nd there will be a field of flags at the Veteran's Park with the Zumbrota Community band at 1pm and closing ceremonies at 2pm.



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THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

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Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Friday, September 3. Show time will be at 7:30p.m. This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside. This years show also has a new guest, bringing an additional voice to the stage, saluting Johnny Cash and even some Neil Diamond. More about that a few paragraphs below.

Chris Olson's life seems so inevitable. The hair, the eyes, the sneer, the stride, and the voice - "THAT VOICE". It's obvious that he was born to play Elvis. Though Chris nursed his dreams of being a rock and roll star, he was somewhat unfamiliar with Elvis Presley the American icon. Chris, being just 10 years old at the time of Elvis' passing, couldn't quite figure out what all the commotion was about during the funeral; the radio and TV exposure, etc. Chris Olson is from White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Born in 1967, he always had a love for music. He

was in a rock band with some high school buddies. While courting his girlfriend Mary Ann, she recalls Chris asking her "Is that all you listen to, Elvis?". Mary Ann answered, "That's it. There's nothing else to listen to!"

Mary Ann, being a strong willed Elvis fan who has seen Elvis Presley live three times, is now Chris' wife and booking agent. It was Mary Ann who recognized Chris' singing talent. As Mary Ann tells it, Chris was singing along with the Elvis music she never turned off, and sounding more like Elvis everyday. She new the potential Chris had as the Elvis performer which Elvis fans had been missing since his passing 16 years earlier, in 1977. So, it's now 1993. Chris and Mary Ann are married. She gets right to work fashioning Chris into the Kings image, though this did take some convincing on Mary Ann's part.

Chris was hesitant on growing the large Elvis-like chops, and Mary Ann remembers Chris saying, "An Elvis performer? I don't know. Who will come to hear me sing? Much less, pay me to sing like Elvis? Naah, I'll pass!"

Time went on, and Mary Ann was starting to give up on the idea of Chris being an Elvis performer.

Then, one day after she came home from shopping, she heard the song Are You Lonesome Tonight.

As she entered the basement, Chris turned around with the microphone in his hand. Mary Ann asked, "Is that you singing?"



Chris answered, "Yeah, it's me." She said, "I thought it was an Elvis CD!". Immediately Mary Ann said, "That's it! You're going to be an Elvis performer!". Mary Ann, being the big Elvis fan that she is, new she had to share this chilling talent with the public. Chris grumbled, "OK, but do I have to grow those big chops?". Mary Ann answered, "Yep!"

That was the start of he MEMORIES OF ELVIS SHOW, by Chris Olson.

After a successful show in 2018 at the Fireside, Doug Allen Nash will be returning for the Labor Day weekend show, performing his tribute to Johnny Cash and Neil Diamond.

SESAC affiliated writer/publisher and Nashville recording artist Doug Allen Nash (www.dougallennash.com) has performed internationally in over 85 countries while touring for USO, MWR, and Armed Forces Entertainment. He was a featured artist on the Armed Forces Network commercial in Europe, appeared on radio and television interviews as well as radio play on European Music Charts. Nash has also performed nationally from the Las Vegas strip to major casinos and resorts such as Sun Valley, Idaho, Opryland Hotel, and Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

He has been the opening act for Wayne Newton, Charlie Daniels, Huey Lewis and the News, The Oak Ridge Boys, Montgomery Gentry and other national recording artists as well as being the house

band for the largest grossing venue in Texas, City Streets. Nash co-produced the trademark show 'Almost Angels', a long-running production in Atlantic City.

It is because of Doug Allen Nash's great performances and charisma that he received the United States Department of Defense's Certificate of Esteem Award, Certificate of Appreciation Award, Republic of Korea's Apple of Excellence Award, and inducted into the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame.

Doug Allen Nash has performed many styles and varieties of music over the course of his career in the entertainment business and continues to perform with passion. He is currently performing "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon". It is in this production, Nash debuts one of his own songs "June" co-written and co-produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

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**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes.

Mayor Holmes recognized the passing of Rex Welch. Mayor Holmes and the City Council extend their condolences to Rex's family. Rex had been working on the recently approved bike-multiuse trail extension plan within the Wanamingo Nature and Scenic-Wildlife District.

Mayor Holmes wished to thank everyone who was involved in putting together another successful Wanamingo 4th of July Celebration. Mayor Holmes expressed his gratitude to all those that attended the festivities after a year off due to the pandemic.

PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Eric Dierks, Stuart Ohr, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: Council: Jeremiah Flotterud

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Goodhue County Sheriff Marty Kelly, Goodhue County Chief Deputy Jeremy Lorfald, Goodhue County Sheriff Administrator Kristine Holst, Goodhue County Deputy Tyler Rogers, Goodhue County Deputy Justin Kotajarvi, Buffy Beranek – SEMMCHRA Executive Director, Karen DuCharme – SEMMCHRA Administrative Development Director, Patty Heraty – SEMMCHRA Accountant, and David Friese – Zumbrota News-Record.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the amended agenda which adds Resolution 21-051 – Requesting Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Parcel Number 70.380.0710 to the City of Wanamingo for Park Trail Extension, Public Use to New Business, seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Dierks motioned, seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 4-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

Staff worked on 4th of July Celebration preparation including hanging up banner/flags on Main Street, mowing weed whipping around town, tree trimming, used cold mix to patch potholes around the community, garbage container placements, parade sign and cone placements, and other various work.

Riverside Park - Tilled up volleyball courts and placed nets up, sprayed weeds around playground, and placed sand around horseshoe pits.

Cleared trees and brush out of overflow waterway along Nelson Drive

Water Main repaired on 2nd Avenue near Trinity Lutheran Church

There is another leak that will need to be repaired in the 500 block alley of Main Street and 1st Avenue

Mowed at the WWTP, community garden, undeveloped lot boulevards, and other various areas around town.

Burned the brush pile and pushed up piles at the tree deposit/compost dump

Councilmember Ohr shared his concerns with lack of supplies and tools for water line repairs. The City had a water main leak on July 4th and made repairs on July 5th

(holiday). The leak occurred on the bell of ductile iron pipe. This is the third bell failure of ductile iron pipe in the last seven years. Ohr stated that the City should think about investing in a cutting tool to get through ductile iron pipe. Ohr priced a cutting tool for \$2,133. Ohr stated that the City should have the correct fittings and tools on hand in preparation for more potential leaks. Ohr stated the water pressure is estimated to be raised 10-15 psi city-wide with the construction of the new water tower in 2022. Kennedy stated that the City staff would be purchasing a number of fittings of various sizes. Kennedy stated that wasted staff hours cost more than having the fittings on hand.

Administrator Boulton shared the City of Wanamingo response letter to the MPCA's (May 20, 2021) MPCA compliance and inspection. The MPCA requested information on how the City is controlling its users from Section 2.1 of the permit – regulate discharge to prevent pass through of pollutants or any inhibition or disruption of the facility, its treatment processes, or its sludge processes. The City is required to prohibit the discharge of solid waste or viscous pollutants which would obstruct flow, and pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants such as biochemical oxygen demand, release at a flow rate or pollutant concentration that will cause interference or pass through. Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 53.19 states how regulation is to occur. The City has never fully enforced this section of ordinance.

The response includes a plan to notify large users (Maple Island, Blondies Butcher Shop, Jason's Sewer Sucking & Excavating, and Zumbro Ridge Estates/Manthie Septic Service) with copies of the above referenced MPCA letter and a letter from City with plans for regulation, monitoring, and enforcement by mid-August 2021.

The City plans to review and possibly make changes to ordinances from July through September to ensure future enforcement including setting additional sewer billing fees for sewage waste by large users' above normal domestic waste. The City will then work with large industrial users, Blondies Butcher Shop and Maple Island, on written agreements on regular testing (weekly testing CBOD, TSS, & Phosphorus levels paid for by users) and outlining that any sewage waste above normal domestic waste will have an inflated sewage billing fees. City staff are pricing out samplers/testing equipment over the next month in anticipation of purchasing prior use. The City will then commence regular sampling, and if necessary, enforcement. The City will require Blondies Butcher Shop to make physical changes to collect blood or else fine within a compliance schedule (90 days after written agreements are in place).

Administrator Boulton was informed by the MPCA that the plan laid out in the response was approved. Administrator Boulton, Rick Turri – Licensed WWTP Operator, and Brad Kennedy – Wanamingo Public works will be addressing and implementing each of the items over the next six months in order to ensure that the City of Wanamingo is in compliance with section 2.1 of the MPCA WWTP permit. Some of these items require action from the City Council and will be placed on the agenda,

when needed.

B) Buffy Beranek – SEMMCHRA – Heritage Hills Report

1) Presented 2021 projected expenses and transfers from the Operating Reserve Fund – required yearly as part of transfer agreement.

2) Operating losses for 2021 are projected at being up to \$2,130.00, lowest in 12 years of operation

3) Capital Equipment Improvements for 2021 are projected at \$50,000. The \$50,000.00 for capital expenses incurred in 2021 including a portion of the \$95,000.00 Heritage Hills re-roofing, completing exterior painting, and replacing of fascia and gutters in 2021.

4) Heritage Hills roof was replaced in June 2021 with SEMMCHRA revolving fund money. The City levy fund will be paying back \$50,000 of the roughly \$95,000 capital expenses from 2021.

5) In the past 12 years since SEMMCHRA took over operations the City of Wanamingo has contributed \$330,190 toward operations of the facility

6) SEMMCHRA is requesting \$50,000.00 for 2021 roof replacement, completing exterior painting, and replacing of fascia and gutters in 2021.

7) SEMMCHRA is asking for a transfer of up to \$52,130.00 from the operating reserve for projected losses, capital expenditures, and the 2021 re-roofing, completing exterior painting, and replacing of fascia and gutters

8) 2022 Levy Request will be \$25,000

9) No vacancy issues in 2021 – 1.5%, budgeted 5%)

10) Request to draw down \$50,000 for capital expenses and \$2,130 for operating losses = \$52,130 total

11) 2022 Rent increases of \$20/month with budgeting 5% vacancy rate

12) Could see a draw down request in 2022 of as little as \$3,000 or the budgeted amount of \$7,000

Holmes asked if SEMMCHRA was asking to draw down the total \$50,000 City fund at once. Beranek stated that SEMMCHRA's request would draw \$50,000 but that the 2020 levy, payable 2021 would bring the fund back to \$25,000 before 2021 operating losses of \$2,130. The account would have \$22,870 after 2021 operating shortfalls are drawn. Boulton asked if there are additional capital needs in the next couple of years that would be requesting from the City Fund. Beranek stated that there could be up to \$10,000 in capital items such as refrigerators, stoves, and a hot water heater that need to be replaced in the next year or two.

C) Marty Kelly & Jeremy Lorfald, Goodhue County Sheriff and Chief Deputy – Policing Proposed Contract Extension

1) Presented a 2022-2024 proposed contract extension presentation. Current policing contract ends December 31, 2021.

2) Proposed contract calls for 2.9% (\$2,739) increase in 2022, 4.9% (\$5,678) increase in 2023, and 4.9% (\$5,940) increase in 2024

3) The City has seen 2%-3% yearly policing contract increases from 2016-2021

4) Goodhue County Sheriff true costs are increasing 6%-12% each year

5) City pays for salary, benefits, uniform, and holiday pay costs. City does not pay for Goodhue County Sheriff vehicle or

communications' costs.

6) County pays for roughly \$30,000/year in patrol time beyond 6 hours per day service contract along with vehicle and communications costs

Dierks asked what more could be done about area thefts, egging of vehicles in Wanamingo, and catalytic converter thefts. Kelly stated that drugs primarily drive thefts in Goodhue County. Kelly stated that the best deterrent is for residents to call in suspicious activities into the Sheriff non-emergency number. Kelly spoke about the catalytic converter painting and engraving program. Kelly also spoke about the volunteer camera registration program. VanDeWalker asked if there were any thefts from veterans' cemetery stars (brass rods). Kelly said not so much. Holmes thanked the Sheriff for outreach, including the creation of the community engagement position, Jennifer Hofschulte. VanDeWalker invited the sheriff and patrol deputies to stop and visit at baseball and softball games in Wanamingo. Boulton asked if it was possible to have more familiar deputies assigned to Wanamingo. Boulton stated that there are 10-12 different deputies patrolling Wanamingo in a month. Boulton asked if this could be cut in half in order to help with engagement and familiarity. Lorfald stated that this sort of staffing discussion has been taking place. Kelly stated that local relationships are a priority and that staffing would be reviewed. Kelly stated that interviews were taking place for a new patrol captain. There is one internal candidate and two external candidates. Kelly thanked Wanamingo Administrator Boulton for serving on the interview committee. Kelly stated that the new patrol captain will be charged with reviewing staffing, including Wanamingo. Holmes stated his confidence in the proposed rates and contract. Holmes asked if it is possible to see yearly percentage increases in equal amounts. Holtz stated that the Sheriff's office would put together proposed yearly increase alternatives for the Wanamingo Council to consider. Holtz stated that the Sheriff's office would be reviewing contracts compared to costs in 2022 as future costs become clear. The Sheriff's office is confident in the proposal numbers. VanDeWalker stated that he wished not to see large yearly increases to the contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

21-050 = Approving the Reimbursement of 2021 Interest on the 2020 Roadway Improvements Project Special Assessments to Gerald M. Peterson and Barbara Peterson: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

21-051 = Requesting Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Parcel Number 70.380.0710 to the City of Wanamingo for Park Trail Extension, Public Use: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

Ordinance #197 – Modifying Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 92.07 Obstructions in the Street and Sidewalks; Sporting Equipment and Signs – 1st Reading: Administrator Boulton explained that the Wanamingo maintenance staff have previously voiced concerns to the City Council regarding basketball hoops placed in the boulevards. The basketball hoops overhang the boulevard into the street. These basketball hoops can interfere with snow removal,

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street, sweeping, and other routine maintenance work. An additional concern would be the City condoning children playing in the street. There are currently a half a dozen basketball hoops, some cemented into the ground in the boulevards around Wanamingo.

Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 97.02 vaguely speaks about not placing obstructions in the street or sidewalk without having a permit. Wanamingo staff are hesitant to enforce this section of the code of ordinances for basketball hoops. Staff believes that prior to enforcement the Council should strengthen the ordinance with language for all athletic equipment, including basketball hoops.

At the direction of Mayor Holmes, City Attorney, David Jacobsen put together the attached ordinance change that addresses the athletic equipment concerns by City staff. The proposed ordinance does not address condoning playing of sports in the streets. With the current proposal homeowners could still apply for a permit to place athletic equipment in the street or sidewalk, but would allow the City to direct owners to move them for routine maintenance, including snow removal and street sweeping.

The proposed ordinance change is a good place for the City Council to start discussions on the concern. Administrator Boulton will document and contact homeowners who have basketball hoops in the streets. Administrator Boulton will let homeowners know the direction that council has given on the proposed ordinance and invite them for a public hearing/discussion of the proposed ordinance at the August City Council meeting. The Council could then either take action on the proposed ordinance at the August City Council meeting or direct further changes to be made. The Council could bring the proposed ordinance with changes back at the September City Council meeting for review and consideration.

VanDeWalker stated that some of the basketball hoops lean toward the street. Boulton stated that when the City has had storms with high winds some of these hoops had been tipped over into the streets. Kennedy stated that he wished to see any ordinance or ordinance change be fully enforced for all hoops, including his hoop. Kennedy stated when he placed his basketball hoop in the boulevard, he expected the Council to one day address hoops and that he would remove his hoop from the boulevard. Boulton stated that he wished to see clear direction from the Council before taking any action so that there was consistency from the crafting of the ordinance to enforcement. VanDeWalker and Dierks stated that there is a probable need for basketball court(s) at City Park(s). Holmes is happy with inviting the public to the August City Council meeting to find a common-sense solution regarding basketball hoops (athletic equipment).

OLD BUSINESS:

*Next City Council meeting on 8/9/2021 at 7:00pm

*2022 City Council Budget Workshop meeting on 7/26/2021 at 6:00pm.

Boulton stated that the staff recommended preliminary 2022 Levy of 4.97% (from \$845,00 to \$887,000) increase may not be enough with inflation. Boulton stated that

he will include a 6.51% (from \$845,000 to \$900,00) levy increase option at the July 26th Council Budget Meeting for the Council to consider. Boulton reminded the Council to review the proposed 2022 budget and budget memo before the budget meeting.

Adjourn: At 8:13PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ohr and seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton,

City Administrator

CITY OF WANAMINGO City Council Regular Meeting Monday, July 26, 2021 7:00 P.M.

**Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes @7:00PM

PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Stuart Ohr, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk Karen Masters

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) 2022 Budget discussions

A) City Council looked at the staff proposal of the 2022 proposed budget, Memo on 2022 proposed budget, and proposed 2022 levy. The proposed to increase to the levy is 4.97% (\$845,000 to \$887,000). The Council may wish to consider a higher levy (\$900,000 or 6.5%) due to inflation and addressing equipment needs.

B) Administrator Boulton explained a number of line items that had either changed from the previous year or needed an explanation. The proposed \$50,000 street seal coating project and Prairie Ridge Estates Park shelter project are the largest general fund changes.

C) Administrator Boulton explained that the new Concast addition now has a taxable value of \$276,700. This would bring in roughly \$11,344.70 (slightly less than half City portion) in property taxes (0.041). Jeff Benson's new storage building has a taxable value of \$142,800. This would bring in roughly \$5,854.80 (slightly less than half City portion in property taxes (0.041). Jason Grant Trucking new truck shop building has a taxable value of \$142,200. This would bring in roughly \$5,830.20 (slightly less than half City portion in property taxes (0.041). New construction within the community over the last six years (15 new taxable homes in 2020) should aid with the increase to the taxable market value increase. The new construction should offset roughly 2/3's of the proposed levy increase (3.5% of the proposed 4.97% increase). The Council will see how the finalized 2022 market value rates compared to the proposed levy increase will affect property values based on \$100,000 levels in October. The Council will be setting the initial levy at the August meeting and could stay at the same levy amount or decrease at the December meeting. The Council could not increase the levy from August to December.

D) Boulton stated that Local Government

Aid (LGA) certified amounts would increase from \$270,221 in 2021 to \$272,559 in 2022. The legislature recently approved funding for Small Cities Assistance to communities under 5,000 population for use on road construction and maintenance. This formula has been periodically funded in recent years. The City of Wanamingo will receive \$14,015 in 2021 and 2022.

VanDeWalker stated that he was comfortable with the proposed budget and the 6.51% levy increase (\$900,000). Flotterud stated that he was fine with the discussion with a 6.51% levy increase, with a total levy of \$900,000 for the preliminary levy in August. Flotterud stated that he may have objections to setting the final levy at a 6.51% increase in December. Flotterud stated that it would be nice to start with a high preliminary levy and set a final levy lower to show the public the full wants and come down to needs only. Holmes agreed that the City should look at starting with a higher preliminary levy and possibly coming down with final. Flotterud asked Boulton where the general fund proposed increase of \$22,000 was to go. Boulton stated that the proposed 2022 chip sealing project of \$50,000, Prairie Ridge Estates Park shelter project of \$15,000, and wage/benefits increase would eat up the general fund proposed increases and other revenue increases. Flotterud asked what the proposed percent and dollar amount of the increase in wages and health insurance for 2022. Boulton stated that 3% wage increases were in the proposed budget, equally roughly \$7,000. Boulton budgeted a 6% increase in health insurance or roughly \$4,500. Boulton stated that wages and health insurance are paid out of the general fund and water/sewer enterprise funds. Boulton stated his concerns with current and future inflation. Boulton stated that only a small portion of the general fund budget would be subject to inflation, but this could eat up thousands of dollars when the City purchases goods and services in 2022. Flotterud expressed concerns with yearly compounding increases in property tax levy. Flotterud expressed concerns with the increased burden to property taxpayers. Flotterud said that there has to be a happy median on amount of debt service compared to the share of the tax levy. Holmes also shared Flotterud's concerns with pushing property taxes too high. Ohr shared his concerns with everything costing more money and that if the City falls behind there is no way to catch up. Ohr stated that the City needs to consider keeping up levy increases to maintain current infrastructure and equipment needs or else the town could lose appeal to maintain or add residents in the future. Boulton also noted that new construction probably will not continue at the same rate in the next few years and will in turn slow the levy growth. Boulton also noted that the Council's intentions are to increase the utility rates incrementally for future waste water treatment plant and water tower/well house projects. Boulton stated it would be ideal to for the increase in the 2023 levy to be inflationary plus capturing the new table market value (tax base) in the levy. The Council agreed to stay with the Administrator's proposed budget and levy for 2022. Administrator Boulton will reflect the desire to see an 6.51%, or \$55,000 levy increase in the 2022 proposed

Levy Resolution and 2022 Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION:

21-052 = Approving Updated 10-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the City of Wanamingo: Dierks moved to approved, seconded by Flotterud. Capital Improvements 10-Year Plan Discussion took place – new/updated items include \$4,500 yearly leasing of skid loader, purchasing of skid loader sweeper attachment, snow plow attachment, fire hall generator, Prairie Ridge Park Shelter/Equipment, and future removal of Riverside Park dam structure and river bank rehab. Kennedy stated that the dump truck will more than likely need to be replaced earlier than the capital improvement plan lists. Ohr stated that there should be an equipment fund and that there should be a separate line item. Ohr stated that general fund items such as a dump truck should be paid out of an equipment fund (levy) rather than the general fund (levy). Flotterud agreed that a separate fund would be preferred rather than building up the general fund. Flotterud stated that he hates levying for surplus funds. Boulton suggested that a levy could be set for an equipment fund with the preliminary levy. Boulton stated that the difference between the two proposed levy increases of 4.97% (\$887,000) and 6.51% (\$900,000), \$13,000, could be placed on the levy. The Council consensus was for Boulton to make the recommended adjustments to the levy resolution and budget for an equipment fund with a \$13,000 2022 levy. Passed 5-0-0.

Administrator Boulton provided a memo to the City Council regarding the City leasing a skid loader. The current skid loader is a wheel-driven 1995 John Deere 6675. The skid loader is over 25 years old. The City had the skid loader in last year for servicing due to perceived loss of hydraulic power. The servicing helped but it still lacks the necessary power for heavy snow removal. It does not have a road speed. Therefore, it takes three times longer to drive across town compared to those skid loaders with two-speed. The City has a regular bucket, snow removal bucket, rotating blade, pallet forks, and broom attachments. In the future the City will need to replace the broom attachment and purchase a snow plow attachment. The plan would be to rent/lease a rotary/brush hog attachment, as needed.

The City maintenance staff utilize the current skid loader for snow removal in cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets along with intersection clean up. Use of the skid loader for snow removal has increased as the City has grown out in Emerald Valley and Prairie Ridge subdivisions. The maintenance staff would prefer to load the sander with the skid loader rather than dropping snow plow off pay loader and loading with bucket. The maintenance staff regularly utilizes the current skid loader to push up the brush pile and grade alleys. A larger skid loader with tracks would be able to utilize a rotary (brush hog) attachment to clear willows and cattails around the City's six storm water ponds. The maintenance run 100-130 hours/year on the current skid loader. The maintenance staff believe that they utilize a two-speed track skid loader more than the current skid loader, placing additional hours per year (closer to 200).

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City staff obtained government purchase and lease quotes from John Deere and Ziegler Caterpillar. John Deere 325G Compact Track Loader has a government purchase price of \$59,500 and a 200 hour/year lease price of \$4,500/year (receiving a new skid loader yearly). Ziegler Caterpillar 259D3 Track Loader has a government purchase price of \$57,870 and a 500 hour/year lease price of \$17,096.88/year (2-year lease with purchase option to follow). City staff recommend the Council approve leasing the John Deere 325G Compact Track Loader for \$4,500/year. Flotterud stated that the lease was a great idea and very affordable. Ohr asked if the proposed 200-hour limit would be enough. Kennedy stated that the current skid loader is used 100-150 hours/year. Boulton asked for authority to initiate the paperwork with formal approval of the lease agreement with accompanying resolution be brought to the Council for consideration at the August 9th City Council meeting. The Council consensus was to proceed with the SEMA lease option. Boulton asked the Council their thoughts with selling or keeping the current skid loader. The current skid loader had a trade-in value of \$5,000-\$7,000 with a sale price between \$10,00-\$12,000. Flotterud stated that the City should sell the current skid loader once the lease is approved and accepted. Ohr agreed that the current skid loader should be sold. Flotterud said that it made no sense to keep the skid loader at the cold storage barn

or at the WWTP. Boulton stated that he would bring a resolution declaring the skid loader surplus and authorizing the sale at the August 9th City Council meeting.

Public Hearing on Abatement Clean-Up at 305 2nd Street E (Braget) - Mayor Holmes opened the public hearing at 8:41PM. Boulton explained that the Bragets had been notified of the Council's intentions to see abatement clean-up at 305 2nd Street E property as per the written order to abate nuisance. Boulton provided the Council photos of the nuisances. Boulton stated that the Bragets had started clean-up work and had JMC lined up to remove dead trees and trim branches at the property. Boulton stated that the plan would be to removed up to four dumpsters of garbage/debris from the property. Boulton stated that Waste Management quoted the 30-yard dumpster price of \$257/haul, \$120/ton, along with State and Federal fees. Boulton stated that the City maintenance staff would be assisting with filling the dumpsters and general clean-up, when necessary. Holmes wants to make sure that the debris is not moved from one of Bragets' properties to the next. Ohr stated that he wished to see as much garbage/debris removed from the property. No further public input was offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 8:46PM.

21-053 = Ordering the Abatement of Conditions Creating a Nuisance at 305 2nd Street E, Wanamingo, MN 55983: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0. Boulton stated that a

dumpster would be ordered from Waste Management as soon as possible.

21-054 = Approving a Revision to the 2021 New Hires for the Wanamingo Fire Department: VanDeWalker moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that Adam Taylor, one of the June Fire Department appointees, submitted his resignation due to scheduling conflict with new job obligations. Boulton consulted City Attorney David Jacobsen about having the fire fighter hiring committee recommend hiring the next in line candidate, based upon assigned interview points, within a 60-day window of the original hiring. The fire fighter hiring committee recommended the next in line candidate, Bradley Rostad, to be officially hired by the City Council. Passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates:

Administrator Boulton provided updated yearly increase options for the policing contract from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. The alternative option to the July 12th proposal (2.4%/\$2,739 increase in 2022, 4.9%/\$5,678 increase in 2023, and 4.9%/\$5,940 increase in 2024) included yearly 4.05% increases (\$4,607 in 2022, \$4,784 in 2023, and \$4,978 in 2024). Boulton stated that is option would have the City collectively paying significantly more over the life of the contract compared to the option presented at the July 12th meeting. Boulton stated that this option is front-loaded even though the increases are similar \$14,357 (original option) compared to \$14,369 (new option). Dierks wished to stay with the option originally presented at

the July 12th Council meeting. Flotterud had no complaints with current policing contract. Flotterud, Ohr, and VanDeWalker indicated that they would be open to either option. Holmes expressed his desire for original, July 12th presented option. Boulton stated that the original option, presented July 12th would be brought to the City Council along with accompanying resolution for consideration at the August 9th City Council meeting.

*Next City Council meeting on 8/9/2021

Adjourn: At 8:57PM a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Flotterud and seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton,

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13. Garlic mayo
14. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
15. Echo sounder
16. Beauty shop
17. European Economic Community
18. Falstaffian in body
19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work _____"
21. "So no one told you life was gonna be _____"
23. Pocket watch chain
24. Uncouth one
25. Place to get a massage
28. Boozer
30. Pie nuts
35. Sharpen
37. Orange powder drink mix
39. Tennis-affected joint
40. Bright thought
41. Reputation-damaging gossip
43. Symphony member
44. Famous Beethoven symphony
46. Microsoft browser
47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
48. Dines at home
50. Telephoned
52. Up to present time
53. Neat
55. Diamond stat
57. "Gee, our old ___ ran great, those were the days"
61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's _____"
65. Loosen laces
66. Opposite of vend
68. Kind of artery
69. One Beatle
70. Recipe amt.
71. Opposite of atonal
72. "Where the kisses are hers and ___ and his, Three's company too"
73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

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1. Brewer's kiln
2. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so ___"
4. Remote in manner
5. S.S. ___ of "Gilligan's Island"
6. Not many (2 words)
7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the ___"
8. Right-hand page
9. Schneider and Reiner
10. Afresh
11. Astronaut's insignia
12. Three pointer
15. Evening party
20. Sad newspaper notices
22. Goes with skip and a jump
24. Without a trace of moisture (2 words)
25. "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to ___"
26. Podium, pl.
27. Concerning, archaic
29. "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your ___"
31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
32. The Beatles' "___ Road"
33. Not a soul (2 words)
34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is ___"
36. "Good ___" cooking show
38. Lady nEe Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
42. Extend subscription
45. Infamous German leader
49. Naught
51. Barley kernels
54. Financial woes
56. Where there's trouble?
57. Verdant
58. Initial stake
59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
60. A snob puts them on
61. Use a keyboard
62. Marine eagle
63. Bibliographical abbr.
64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a ___"
67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning ___!"

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