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## Announcements

• **Hegre's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper:** Wednesday September 22, 2021. Serving from 4-7 pm. Take-out or curbside pick-up orders only. Please place orders before Friday, September 17th to guarantee meals. Drive-up orders the day of supper until food is gone. Please call or text orders to Beth @ 507-330-4996, include number of meals, time, dessert choice. Meal cost \$15.00 (adult size serving only). Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll, apple or pumpkin dessert. Picnic tables are available at the church.

Hegre Lutheran Church  
51939 Hwy. 56 Blvd, Kenyon

• **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 [threeriverscap.org](http://threeriverscap.org) for more information.

## K-W School Board to Ask for Levy Increase

The Kenyon Wanamingo school has resumed full time, in school classes for all students. There is no mask mandate for students although the district strongly recommends wearing one. The children riding the school buses however are under TSA rules and are required to wear masks while on the buses. At the August 23rd school board meeting concerned citizens addressed the board with their concerns over the mask mandates, citing increased irritability, headaches, lack of concentration, drowsiness, impaired learning, less happiness and more reluctance to attend school by stu-

dents, when required to wear a mask. One comment was that the 2021 Minnesota State Fair, which sees over a million people, did not require masks. The only comment by Superintendent Boysen was that all persons, whether for or against, would not criticize the other for their personal preference.

The district is also choosing not to inquire about vaccination status and will not test students without parental consent. There are no social distancing requirements being enforced.

The Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board is proceeding with a question on the ballot for

Tuesday, November 2 regarding the referendum. They are asking for a \$950 per student operating levy increase to replace the current \$295 per student levy which will expire next year. This levy would be for a ten-year term and increase by the rate of inflation each year.

## Wanamingo Lions Club to Host Informational Meeting

The Wanamingo Lions Club is hosting an informational meeting for the Kenyon-Wanamingo School District operating referendum election. The informational meeting will be held at the Wanamingo Community Center on Thursday October 7th at 7:00PM. Bryan Boysen, the Kenyon-Wanamingo Superintendent, will be providing information on the operating referendum and answering questions from the audience. The Wanamingo Lions wish to facilitate public engagement and increased participation in the upcoming special election referendum to be held on November 2nd. The Wanamingo Lions will provide lite refreshments for the event. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

## Wanamingo City Council Talks Basketball Hoops and Butcher Shops

The council has discussed the need to permit basketball hoops located overhanging the city streets. Their concern is with snow removal, street sweeping and other maintenance activities that may be impacted by the equipment. There are half a dozen basketball hoops installed on the boulevard around town and the council would rather use the permitting to set standards for safety issues. Concerned parents raised questions about places for children to play and council members suggested mounting basketball hoops in the public park to accommodate children playing.

The proposed tax levy for 2022 was adopted for \$900,000, while the proposed 2022 budget is \$810,945. They will be confirmed at a public hearing in December.

The city council approved a lease for a John Deere tracked skid loader from SEMA Equipment for \$4,499.98 per year. The unusually low price was due to a federal program and too attractive to pass up. The current 1995 John Deere skid loader will be offered for sale for \$12,000.

The council approved the contract for policing with the Goodhue County Sheriff Department for the next three years. It will be \$116,254 for 2022, \$121,933 for 2023 and \$127,873 for 2024.

Ag Partners discussed with the council regarding butcher shop by products residue on the streets near their feed warehouse. Contamination can result with processing byproducts tracked into their feed storage areas and bio hazard problems of tracking the by products back to area farms. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has notified the city of blood products in the city sewer system over the last year. Currently the butcher shop does not have a holding tank to store the liquid discharge and the rendering company only picks up byproducts weekly. Installation of handling and holding tanks in the existing older building can be quite costly.

## Fall Fun Event at Harvest Acres

On October 2nd and 3rd sheep will be grazing on their pastures, llamas will be walking on paths, fiber enthusiasts will be drooling, squeezing and touching all sorts of fiber and fiber arts from 15 vendors from the midwest.

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## 2nd Chances Jonah 3

How many times do you give someone another chance? Does it depend on the situation? Do we give everyone another chance? After all they're human- they're not perfect... does it depend on our age or our privileges? Or should we give God more than one chance? Who decides? How do we decide?

I've been the recipient of a number of second chances. Gary and I recently celebrated 35 years of marriage. That is a huge 2nd chance for me! The Bible is full of men and women that God gave 2nd chances to: Rahab The Bible is clear and consistent when it refers to Rahab—she was a prostitute. But this woman of ill repute put her life on the line to hide some spies from Israel. And God granted her a second chance. Then there was Moses who was born in Egypt during a dangerous time for young Jewish boys. God chose to spare Moses's life and gave him the privilege and protection of growing up in Pharaoh's palace. As an adult Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster to save a Hebrew young man, the wrath of Pharaoh drove him out of Egypt for fear of his life. Yet 40 years later God gave Moses a second chance to return to Egypt and set His people free.

And we all know Jonah because we are a lot like Jonah- Jonah was in the belly of a great fish for 3 days and 3 nights and called out to God and said he would do all that he

promised to do. "And the Lord ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did." We have a repentant and grateful Jonah. A man that is ready to follow God- "I will never worship anyone but you! I will surely fulfill my promises" ... Jonah's made a big promise...

God wasted no time setting Jonah back on track, 'go to Nineveh and deliver the message I gave you.' It seems Jonah is to go immediately—not waste time over thinking about it, planning how to canvas the city—just GO! Go and deliver the message I gave you. He's giving Jonah a 2nd chance. This time Jonah obeys. Nineveh is a large city- *so large that it would take three days to walk through it.*

Jonah arrives and begins to shout the message of doom and gloom to the people of Nineveh. He goes from one end to another. It took him 3 days to get the message out and what a response! "The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow." The people of Nineveh believed Jonah, from the least to the greatest. Everyone was equal - they took Jonah's message to heart and began to pray. They went into national mourning. The people of Nineveh recognized their sin- and were convicted.

They chose to listen and act on what they heard from the prophet Jonah. "If your people- call on your name and turn from their sins (repent)—Lord, hear from heaven and forgive their sins." The people of Nineveh weren't God's chosen people, but they were still people that He loved and created. The people of Israel were to

tell the gentiles, the peoples in their communities about Him—Now Jonah was finally obeying and brought a message of "hellfire and brimstone" so to speak—and it worked! verse 10 says, "10 When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened." God saw what they had done—how they had changed- that they truly repented—it wasn't just the words—they followed it with action! For an entire city- to turn to the Lord is amazing and wonderful!

God specializes in 2nd chances. He gave Jonah a 2nd chance. Jonah was going the opposite direction- and when he had his time alone in the fish- he repented and chose to obey God. Through Jonah's obedience an entire city- was given a second

chance! That is so amazing. That through the words that came from Jonah's mouth- a city of over 120,000 people repented and turned to follow God.

• We too are called to go—to share the truth of God's word. To share the good news- to make sure 'everyone' knows! We must obey the call—we must be ready to go and tell. How can they know Jesus if there is no one to tell them?

• We must pray for those that still have not heard. And for opportunities to go and tell.

God has given us so many chances- let's not miss any more opportunities to share the good news of Christ. It's time to go and tell- like Jonah- embrace your 2nd chance to share the hope of eternity to whomever God places in your path!

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7:00p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal at Trinity  
September 22: 4:30p.m. Confirmation at Trinity  
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#### Fear for Nothing?

*"Does Job fear God for nothing?" — Job 1:9*

I can remember a time in college when everything was going really well. I had lots of friends, I was getting good grades, I was having fun, I was involved in a great church, my relationship with God was thriving, and I even enjoyed my part-time job. Everything was going great, and I was extremely happy.

When everything is going well, it is relatively easy to honor and praise God and follow him wholeheartedly—to fear God in the biblical sense of being devoted to him.

In Job 1, Satan claimed it was easy for Job to fear God because his life was going so well. Job had 10 children, thousands of animals, and many servants. Job was a great man whose kids threw great parties. He would even offer sacrifices just in case someone in his household sinned against God. So of course Job feared God, Satan said. His life was great!

As the story of Job continued, however, all those blessings were taken from him. His family, his possessions, and even his health were taken away. Yet Job still feared God. Our devotion to God shouldn't be dependent on how well life is going for us. If we fear God only because life is good, then we really don't fear God at all.

As you think about your devotion to God, make sure you fear God because of who he is and not because he can give you great blessings.

**Prayer**  
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## Norma Jean Sands

Norma Jean Sands, age 96, of Kenyon, died Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Reflections Care Center in Northfield.



Norma was born on the family farm in Sogn Valley on December 3, 1924, the daughter of Samuel and Clara (Lee) Underdahl. She graduated from Cannon Falls High School, earned a teaching degree through 'Normal Training' and taught in Goodhue County rural schools for many years.

On September 28, 1945, Norma married Wilbur Sands of Kenyon. They raised two daughters, Diane and Vicki, and farmed near Aspelund until Wilbur passed in 1992. Norma continued to live on the farm and care for it until her death.

As a devoted mother, Norma made sure her daughters played in the band, acted in school plays and participated in church activities. She taught Sunday School, Bible School, was Ladies' Aid president and enjoyed Project with neighbor ladies. After retiring she attended many 'Red Hat' events and played cards weekly at the Kenyon Golf Club.

When her daughters started school she worked as a waitress at the Cannonball

Restaurant in Cannon Falls, which she enjoyed for 36 1/2 years, retiring when she was 80.

Norma was an avid gardener and an excellent cook who loved entertaining. She cherished outings and overnights with her granddaughters, and when they had children, she loved the birthday parties, notes and pictures from their little ones, who called her GG (great grandmother).

Throughout her married life she and Wilbur danced to music of the Polka Dots, led by her brother-in-law, Ray Sands. They enjoyed snowmobiling, traveling with Diane and Vicki on many family trips 'Out West', and to Europe and the Scandinavian Countries with Roger Erickson's WCCO tours.

Norma is survived by her children, Diane Sands (Steve Fraser) and Vicki (Lorn) Manthey; granddaughters, Katie (Jeff) Prose and their children Grace, Jack and Ben; and Kelli (Teddy) Douglass and their children, Baker and Henry; brother-in-law, Ray Sands; nieces, a nephew, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 48 years, Wilbur; and her sisters, Carol and Audrey.

Her funeral service was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 11 am at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Aspelund. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment followed at the Emmanuel Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, the Nature Conservancy, or The Last Hope Animal Rescue in Farmington.

## Norman Bjorngaard

Funeral services for Norman Bjorngaard were held Friday September 10th at 11:00 AM at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, where he was a lifelong member. The Rev. David Krinke officiated, and burial followed at the church cemetery. The visitation was Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, in Zumbrota and continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.



Mr. Bjorngaard, 95, died Monday September 6, 2021 at his home where he had recently been receiving palliative care.

A lifelong Roscoe Township resident, Norman was born July 30, 1926 the son of Ned and Minnie (Grove) Bjorngaard. Norman farmed with his father and brothers. Working construction, he erected steel pole barns, and worked at Maple Island. He met the love of his life, Joan Brehmer, at a barn dance north of Goodhue. The couple married on November 19, 1949 at the parsonage at Lands Lutheran Church. He enjoyed going to dances with Joan, having coffee with friends at the Cenex in Wanamingo, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons Brian Bjorngaard of Zumbrota and Tim (Becki) Bjorngaard of Rochester; a daughter Vickie Bjorngaard of Roscoe Township; grandchildren Jennifer (Jeff) Whitesel, Stacey, Amber, Christopher, Erika, Mathew (Nicole), and Erik (Ashley) Bjorngaard, Kaitlyn (Cleary) Grubb, and Carisa Bjorngaard; great-grandchildren Theresa (Ryan), Tyler, Trystan, Lilyana, Robbie, Kiara, Arya, Nick, Tanner, and Zarrick; great-great-grandchildren Hannah, Ella, Ida, Camri, and Barron. He is also survived by his sisters Loretta Broas, Rose Durhman, and Sharon Bjorngaard.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years Joan; parents; a son Bruce Bjorngaard; a grandson Brian Blake Bjorngaard; and siblings Joel, Thelma, and Vernon.

The family would like to thank the staff at Mayo Hospice's Red Wing branch, and a special thank you to Rev. David Krinke and the members of Lands Lutheran Church.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Lands Lutheran Church, the church's organ fund, or to a charity of the donor's choosing.

## Steven R. Temple

Steven R. Temple, age 77 of Faribault, MN went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, September 10, 2021, following an extended illness.



Steven Ralph, the son of Ralph and Luella (Squire) Temple was born on February 14, 1944 at their family home in Faribault. He attended Faribault High School and graduated with the class of 1962. Following high school he attend-

ed Dunwoody Institute and then attended Mankato State University, earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. On August 6, 1966 he was united in marriage to Audrey Tatge at St. John's United Church of Christ in Nerstrand, MN. After their marriage Steve worked for a year at the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. In 1968, Steve began a 31 year career as an Industrial Tech and Aviation Teacher at Faribault Senior High School, retiring in 1999. He loved being a teacher. In 1982 Steve founded Temple Concessions and was a vendor at county fairs and other celebrations for many years. Steve's faith was an important part of his life and he was a very active member of First English Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council, as a Sunday School Teacher and Song Fellows. He also played on the church softball and volleyball teams. Steve enjoyed flying, fishing, beekeeping, restoring classic cars, dancing, coaching youth sports and building model airplanes. Family was also very important to Steve and he loved spending time with all of his family and especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the Faribault Pilots Association and the Ham Radio Club. With the Pilots Association, Steve enjoyed helping with the annual Tree of Hope toy drive and delivering toys to children that were in the hospital. Steve always appreciated the beauty of God's creation, especially living at the lake and enjoying the sunsets with Audrey.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, Audrey Temple of Faribault; by his children, Troy (Linda) Temple and Tina (Bob) Erickson, both of Faribault; by his grandchildren, Renata Erickson (Seamus) of Owatonna, MN, Alexandra (Sam) Correll of Bloomington, MN, Samuel Temple (Faith), Joey Erickson, Eli Temple and Molly Erickson, all of Faribault; by his mother in law, Mildred Tatge; by sister and brother-in-laws, Diane (Jerry) Olson, Luverne (Judy) Tatge, Barb (Jim) Zahn, Mike (Debbie) Tatge, Bruce Tatge, Marvin (Mary) Tatge, Roxie (Steve) Deike, Becky Tatge, Randy (Leann) Tatge, Bev Temple and by many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors and by special caregiver, Maddy Robertson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Luella Temple, brother, Archie Temple, sister, Doris Temple, father-in-law, Earl Tatge, sister and brother-in-laws, Virginia and Richard Bengston and Carol and David Tousignant, by brothers-in-law, Ronnie Tatge and Cy Donkers and niece and nephew, Amy and Paul Zahn.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the First English Lutheran Church in Faribault with the Rev. Janet White, officiating. Interment will be held at the Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, Faribault. For those unable to attend the service will be livestreamed through a link found on Steve's obituary page.

Memorial visitation was held at the Parker Kohl Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and at the church on Thursday for one hour prior to services.

For those attending the visitation or funeral the family requests that everyone wear a mask. Thank you for your understanding.

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## Vang Lutheran Church ANNUAL LUTEFISK AND NORWEGIAN MEATBALL SUPPER

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# Obituary

## Donald Virgil Evenson

Donald Virgil Evenson, age 91, of Kenyon, Minnesota passed into God's loving arms on September 4, 2021. He made it home in time for their 62nd anniversary with Darlene. He is dearly missed by his family, friends and other people he has touched. Don

was born on September 15, 1929 at the Mayflower Ranch in rural Heartland, Minnesota to Clarence and Mabel (Halverson) Evenson. He attended rural school in Freeborn, Minnesota. Don was employed with Pierce Trucking and farmed with his father for many years. He took his brother out to San Francisco, California and lived there for a short time, during which he worked at a bus depot, blacksmith shop, and a Standard Oil Station. Don was united in marriage to Darlene Abbe on September 5, 1959 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Medford, Minnesota. They farmed together with his parents in rural Heartland until 1961 when they moved to rural Owatonna to farm and Don also worked at Owatonna Manufacturing Company full time. In 1975, they moved to rural Medford to a hobby farm and Don continued to work at OMC until retiring in 1992. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Medford and

served on their boards of trustees and cemetery, volunteering at monthly community dinners, and playing dart ball. In 2005, they moved to Owatonna and in December 2020 moved into Kenyon Senior Living in Kenyon. Don was noted for his ability to create things out of nothing and built a relaxing nature retreat that delighted his family and friends. He was always thinking about his grandchildren and finding wonderful treasures at garage sales for them to experience. Don took pleasure in playing, reading, and joking with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, gathering with family and friends, nature, fishing, playing cards, and vacationing with Darlene. Don liked to reminisce about going out to California in a 1954 Chevy and returning in a 1953 Jaguar. In his later years of life, God and people became so important, that in April 2020, he repented of his sins and confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior of his heart. (Romans 10: 9,10) God transformed his heart and life. He is survived by three children, Robert (Laurie) Evenson, Cheryl (Jeff) Beckman, and Leann (Johnny) Maxon; eleven grandchildren, Brandon (Abby) Maxon, Ashley (Eric) Kundert, Matthew (Alyssa) Beckman, Nathan (Katlyn) Beckman, Melissa, Krista, Anna, Alisa, Jenna, Lynnea, and Isaiah Beckman; five great grandchildren, Wyatt and Hannah Kundert, Azariah, Caleb, and Chloe Beckman; one sister, Janice Orth; one sister-in-law, Connie Abbe; one brother-in-law, Don Abbe; many

wonderful nieces and nephews, great friends and neighbors. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents, Clarence and Mabel Evenson; sisters, Charlotte Nelson, Ruth Ludwig and Margaret Evenson who died in youth; brothers, Marvin who died in infancy, Galen, Irvin, Clair, and Franklin Evenson; sisters-in-law, Gloria Evenson, Lois Evenson, Lorraine Evenson Carr, Lillian Evenson; brothers-in-law, Gene Nelson, Lloyd Ludwig, and Ron Orth.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford with visitation one hour prior. A livestream of the service

was available at <https://wearelivetoday.com/donald-evenson>. The Reverend Mark Biebighauser officiated, and burial was at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Deerfield Township. Memorials are preferred to Trinity Lutheran Church of Medford.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people at Kenyon Senior Living and Ecumen Hospice for all your love, phenomenal care, and encouragement. It has been a privilege and a joy working with everyone.



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## Fall Fun Event at Harvest Acres

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There also will be food trucks (Steve B Barbeque and Don's Crumble Beef) for the people to graze, games and crafts for the children to do and learn about fiber and life on the farm. And you don't want to miss any of it!!!

All this fun will be happening at the Harvest Fiber Festival at the Harvest Hill Acres farm on the outskirts of Dennison. It is a free, fibery (yes that is a word and has nothing to do with your diet) family, fun event. Dean and Diana Treangen are the owners of this farm and have been in the area for the last four years. There are other events that happen at their farm, but this is a new event that they are hoping for a large fun turnout.

Dean and Diana both lost their management jobs at a large local zoo. Dean had been there for 20 years, Diana 13 years but she not only lost her job, but her zoo career. She has been in the zoo and wildlife field for 40 years. The farm in Dennison was a dream, to have "some sheep in the pasture and yarn in the studio attached to the barn". Losing her job, the farm animal support took a hit. Her paycheck took care of the animals. So in 2020 as many lives

changed, so did theirs. Dean was able to retire. Diana was just out of a job, and to get another zoo job would require them to move and sell the farm. Diana decided to put a lot of energy into the farm, the onsite yarn store (no longer a craft room) and let the animals "earn their food". 80 CVM Romeldale sheep, 2 llamas, some chickens, cats and dogs and one angora rabbit eat a lot!!! The fiber from the sheep, llama and even the rabbit are used in the products produced for the farm. The Harvest Fiber Festival is a product of the efforts. The farm is in the Sogn Valley area, with many trees on the property. Fall colors are the first order of the event, there will be farms and fiber artists from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota (many from this area) at the fair. There will be kids crafts and games for the children. The sheep and their llamas (that guard them from predators) will be in 4 different pastures. Diana was hoping the fiber products would be the star of the show, but she thinks otherwise. For the interested there will be 4 very tame llamas available for walks with guides around the farm, \$5.00 will get you a ticket for that fun.

This free event will happen rain or shine Saturday Oct 2 9-5:00 and Sun Oct 3 9-3:00! Bring your masks for inside buildings, your family for fun and food, and maybe bring your mama to meet those Llamas!!!

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**City of Wanamingo  
Regular EDA Meeting  
Monday August 9, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**PRESENT:** Stuart Ohr, Ryan Holmes, Brian Johnson, and Brian Gudknecht

**ABSENT:** Jim Kittelson and Laurie Musselman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michael Boulton and Jason Grant.

Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Ohr motioned, seconded by Gudknecht to adopt. Approved 5-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Schaefer motioned, seconded by Gudknecht to approve. Approved 5-0-0.

**PRESENTERS:**

Jason Grant reported on:

Does not have access from the truck shop to the parcels owned where he would like to build a two-sided 200' by 200' storage building. One-half of the building be dry and on-half being cold storage.

Has been speaking with Bill from Ag Partners about buying a portion of their parcel to have access with driveway, parking lot, and office on the northeast portion of the parcels and have the storage buildings on the northwestern portion of the parcels.

There is a very high demand for dry and cold storage in this part of the state.

Last year's quote for constructing the building was \$8 million, now its closer to \$15 million

Apologize for not getting plan together as originally discussed in fall 2020. COVID, and construction inflation, and lack of contractor availability changed plans.

Working with Dave Rapp on rough site plan showing placement of proposed buildings on the parcels

Hard to get architectural and engineering plans. These professionals require \$8,000-\$10,000 to sit down and get rough concept. The costs increase to get final plans.

May build office with storage building as Marcstone is doing across the road.

The concept plan of where building will go is up in the air with acquisition of additional land, cost of material, and finding the best concept. Won't have details until late fall.

Spoke with Nick Auset of Hader Farms Trucking of potentially splitting the current EDA owned lot once it has been purchased so that they can build a semi-truck wash.

May not need entire parcel for concept. Wants to work with Hader Farms Trucking. Its beneficial having truck repair shop across the street and would be great to have a coated wash card driven location.

Schaefer asked if a replat would need to take place to split the EDA parcel. Boulton stated that a request could be made to the Council to split the parcel. Legal definitions of the newly split parcel would be needed. A surveyor, such as Dave Rapp, could provide these in a certificate. Ohr stated that was encouraging that Grant had been working with Hader Farms Trucking on plan to benefit both of them. Johnson asked if the EDA should consider selling the parcel or first splitting the parcel and selling to both parties. Boulton stated that selling the parcel to one owner and letting them split the parcel would be easier. Johnson asked what the sale price should

be. Boulton stated that the EDA was required to sell the parcel at market value price, \$59,200, or go through a write down price process. It would be difficult in this market to justify a knock down price to encourage development. Schaefer stated that he appreciated seeing locals succeed in business, including Grant and Hader Farms Trucking.

Boulton provided the EDA with a memo explaining the current situation. Jason Grant proposed the construction of warehouse and office. Jason Grant purchased Brian Groth's two vacant industrial park parcels in the Cenex 3rd Addition. The parcels are adjacent to the EDA owned parcel. Jason Grant is still interested in purchasing the EDA owned lot for market value (\$59,200 currently market valued by Goodhue County). Jason Grant would like to combine all three lots. Jason Grant has been working on architectural plans to bring to the EDA and City Council since December 2020.

The development plans are to include constructing warehouses and office space on the lots. Jason Grant would like to construct two sections of the proposed warehouse. The first phase section would be a mono-sloped 100' x 1000' on the northwest side of the north 2.47-acre lot. The second phase section would be an additional 100' x 100' addition on the east side of the first phase. The roof would be connected making a traditional roofline shedding water both directions. Phase one would be a dry warehouse while phase two would be cold storage. Mr. Grant has proposed an office building on the current EDA owned lot with open lot and truck storage on the remainder of the lot.

Mr. Grant currently has first right of refusal to buy the parcel. This right of first refusal to purchase the land was provided to Mr. Grant, upon request at the December 2020 EDA Meeting. The EDA Board was under the assumption that Mr. Grant would be working toward an expansion in the very near future. The first step that was outlined for Mr. Grant to bring an architectural site plan of the proposed parcels and the EDA parcel to the EDA board meeting. The plan was to include locations of future office and storage buildings along with driveway entrances with concrete aprons and impervious parking lot. The EDA could then to call for a public hearing regarding the potential sale of the parcel after review of the proposed site plan. At the next EDA meeting the public hearing would occur, followed by consideration of a resolution approving the sale of the parcel, including setting the sale price. The EDA has been approached by another party about purchasing the parcel.

Schaefer moved to add Resolution 21-07 – Authorizing Calling a Public Hearing on the Conveyance of Certain Property Located in the City of Wanamingo to Jason Grant to the agenda, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

Grant inquired if curb could be broken out and a driveway poured. Boulton stated that it would be difficult to find a contractor that could do the work before September 13th meeting for the possible sale. Schaefer stated that the curb is currently B style. Schaefer did not care if it was cut out and poured before sale. Johnson stated that he was fine with allowing Grant to put in a driveway approach before the sale. Boulton stated that he would send on the permit to excavate and the curb, gutter, and

approach specifications so that the driveway is installed the way the City requires. Boulton stated that Marcstone had just followed this process for their new driveway and approach on 3rd Avenue. Holmes stated that it is exciting to see local businesses expand and succeed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 21-05 Approving the 2019 EDA Portion of the Wanamingo City Audit. Gudknecht moved to approve, seconded by Schaefer. Administrator Boulton went over the EDA accounts of importance, including 251 EDA, 306 (Cenex Industrial Park), 331 (Cenex 4th Bond Fund), and 604 (Medical Center). Funds ending 12/31/2020 balances and plans going forward for each fund. A detailed memo from Administrator Boulton was provided to the board members as well. Boulton shared concerns regarding the Medical Center. Boulton stated that there may need a future transfer or levy request to the Council to ensure needed cashflow to make the bond payments if three of the four suites remain vacant. Passed 5-0-0.

Resolution 21-06 - Adopting a Proposed Budget for the Wanamingo EDA Accounts for the Fiscal Year of 2022. Schaefer moved to approve, seconded by Holmes. Administrator Boulton provided an update on changes to the income and expenses for account numbers 251, 206, 331, and 604. Discussion took place on the budgetary needs of the EDA. The detailed preliminary 2022 budget memo will be emailed to board members by Administrator Boulton. Passed 5-0-0.

Resolution 21-07 – Authorizing Calling a Public Hearing on the Conveyance of Certain Property Located in the City of Wanamingo to Jason Grant. Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Gudknecht. Boulton reminded the EDA that a public notice will be published at least ten days before the September 13th meeting for the public hearing. Boulton stated that the land price of \$59,200 (Current Goodhue County Market Value) would be set as the sale price for the hearing. Passed 5-0-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator Boulton informed the EDA that the Medical Center Open Suite line item will stay on future EDA meeting agendas until filled. NorthStar Genetics provided notice on termination of their leases on their two suites at the EDA owned Medical Center. The lease required NorthStar provide 180-day (March-August 2021) notice to terminate the long-term lease. NorthStar Genetics ceased to exist in May. The bills from May through August have been continued to be sent. The last payment was sent on May 21st with a balance of \$5,677.35 owed as of August 1st. The outstanding bills should be sent to the new company's Attorney.

The Medical Center Fund (604) owed other funds (101 - General Fund) \$15,379 at the end of 2020. In 2021 the fund will slightly grow the total amount owed to other funds. With the three suites open the facility cash flow is suffering. The City will be receiving roughly \$115,000 in American Rescue Plan Funds (1/2 in July 2021 and 1/2 in March 2022) with a portion of the funds eligible for decreased revenue from the pandemic. The City/EDA should be able to submit lost revenue from the Medical Center open suites. Administrator Boulton stated that the Council had not made any official decisions on how to spend the money. It may be easier to report

that all the funds will be spent on the 2022 Water Storage & Well Upgrades project. The City could transfer from other funds to assist the Medical Center fund. The Federal funds for lost, delayed, or decreased revenue could be a stop gap for the 604 Medical Center Fund in 2021 until new tenants are found for the open suites in the near future.

There being no further business Schaefer made a motion seconded by Ohr to adjourn the EDA meeting at 6:55 p.m. Approved 5-0-0.

Brian Johnson, President  
Michael Boulton, Director

**CITY OF WANAMINGO  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 9, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –  
401 Main Street  
Wanamingo, MN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Holmes.

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

City Administrator: Michael Boulton  
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

**ABSENT:** Eric Dierks

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Kennedy, Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner, John Carpenter – Ag Partners, Colten Risky – Ag Partners, Jarvis Groth, and David Friese – News Record.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Flotterud motioned to adopt the agenda with adding Series 2015A Bond Refinancing & 2022 Water Storage & Well Upgrades Bond to the agenda under old business, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

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

**PRESENTERS:**

- A) Brad Kennedy reported on:
- 1) Repaired water service line in the alley of 500 Block of Main Street
  - 2) Reset manhole in Hill Circle that had been hit by snow plow
  - 3) Prepared three asphalt patch locations for Rochester Sand and Gravel
  - 4) Installed shelving system in shop while stocking repair parts for water lines
  - 5) Preparing to rent the Minnesota Rural Water value exercise machine the week of August 23rd. Staff have been identifying valves, making a list of valving needing water/debris sucked out, and repairing broken valves with curf cutter.

Mayor Holmes recognized the Wanamingo maintenance staff on Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Oral Health Program and Drinking Water Protection Section presented the American Dental Association (ADA), Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2020 Community Water Fluoridation 50 Year Award. The award is given jointly to recognize public water systems that have consistently adjusted the fluoride concentration in drinking water for the past 50 years.

B) Todd Greseth, Goodhue County Commissioner, reported on:

Stopped into meeting to say hello and make himself available on County concerns to all residents, including the City of Wanamingo.

Provided update on Solid Waste lawsuit for the recently approved County ordinance for processing and collection.

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The lawsuit was dismissed but will be appealed by the three haulers

County Board is discussing options for spending the \$9 million in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. One of the items discussed is replacing radios County-wide used by fire departments.

Boulton asked how many radios would need to be replaced. Greseth stated that there are roughly 180 radios needing replacement County-wide. Boulton stated that the costs of the radios are roughly \$5,000-\$5,500/each. Greseth stated that the total cost is estimated between \$900,000-\$970,000. Boulton asked if resolutions passed by Cities and Townships and provided to the County Board requesting the radios be included at part of the County ARPA funds would be beneficial. Greseth stated that it might be beneficial to look into this in the coming months.

C) John Carpenter & Colten Risky of Ag Partners reported on:

1) Shared concerns regarding Wanamingo Locker regarding residue of fats from washing barrels on street and in grass. This becomes a biohazard problem of tracking this residue into Ag Partners dry storage floors.

2) Shared concerns with Locker Butchering on a weekend on not having rendering picked up until the next Thursday.

3) Shared additional concerns regarding access. The Locker has never contacted Ag Partners regarding the street closures. Ag Partner does not have concerns with the closures for Farmers Markets but does have safety concerns with Halloween Street closures. Fall harvest is extremely busy with a number of semis and larger vehicles coming and going. There is concern with pedestrian safety having an event right next to the elevator. A better location for such an event would be the Community Center or Riverside Park.

These open barrels of rendering being left to the elements of heat creating a noxious stench and overflowing onto the ground and in the gutter and down the storm sewer.

Holmes stated that he and Boulton had spoke with the owner regarding not washing into the City gutters and into the storm water system. Boulton stated that a letter had been sent regarding ordinance violations for animal biproducts storage and spills. Boulton stated that all sewer ordinance violations are being documented with written letters being sent. The City is in the initial stages of an action plan for enforcement regarding sewer violation. The City has been attempting to work with the Locker owners on changes over the past two years. However, the changes now are required to occur after the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency stepped in and required an action plan for enforcement. The action plan outlines a number of steps over the next six months to correct sewer violations. Flotterud asked what response the owners of the locker have provided to the City. Holmes stated that there has been resistance due to cost of physical changes but it is understood that the end is near on doing business as usual. Holmes asked Friese how often the rendering truck comes to Pine Island lockers. Friese stated that the rendering trucks came daily to collect waste. Friese stated that Pine Island lockers have holding tanks with all animal biproducts and waste water from the process is captured and transferred into holding tanks

that are emptied regularly. Carpenter stated that rendering companies take wash water that includes animal biproducts. Boulton stated that the installation of a tank at the Locker, as part of the action plan, will be necessary to collect blood and wash water. Flotterud told Ag Partners to keep bringing up the concerns and to document those concerns to help them be addressed. Greseth asked if a mobile storage tank could be part of the solution so that it is stored outside of town when not in use. Holmes stated that a mobile storage tank had been discussed with the locker as part of the solution. Ohr asked how often the meat whole sale delivery truck was at the site. Carpenter stated that the truck was on site once or twice per week. The delivery truck blocks Ag Partners driveway and is offended when asked to move. Holmes stated that delivery trucks can wheel products a distance as they do for his business through the alley when parking is blocked. Holmes stated that the Locker owners are well aware that physical changes are coming and plans are be made for these changes. Carpenter requested that Railroad Street be swept and possible washed to get animal biproducts and residue off the street. Holmes stated that this would get completed later in the week. Boulton said that the City has utilized fire trucks to clean this area a couple of times in 2021. Carpenter stated that Ag Partners would supply soap to aid in the cleanup of the street.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION:**

21-055 = Certifying Proposed Tax levy for 2022: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton reminded the Council that once the proposed 2022 tax levy is certified that it cannot be raised. Boulton stated that the Council will consider a final 2022 tax levy in December that can be equal to or lower than the proposed tax levy. Passed 4-0-0.

21-056 = Adopting a Proposed Budget for 2022: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 4-0-0.

21-057 = Setting Date for Public Hearing and Continuation for 2022 Budget Adoption: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

21-058 = Approval to Transfer Up to \$52,130.00 from Operating Reserve to SEMMCHRA for 2021 Vacancy, Marketing, Capital, and A Portion of the 2021 Re-Roof, Completing Exterior Painting, and Replacement of Facia and Gutter Expenses: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Flotterud asked what the breakdown of the transfer was and how it effects the levy. Boulton stated that \$50,000 is for the 2021 re-roofing, completion of exterior painting, and replacement of facia and gutters. Boulton stated that \$2,130 is of the operating loss. Boulton stated that the City is levying \$25,000 in 2021 which would bring the \$50,000 reserve back to \$47,870 in August 2022. Boulton stated that the City would be levying \$25,000 in 2022 which will cover 2022 operating loss and capital needs while bring the \$50,000 back in line. Holmes stated that he was happy with the reduction in operating losses. Holmes stated that the City had lost \$70,000 the last year it operated Heritage Hills in 2009. Passed 4-0-0.

21-059 = Approving and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Sign a Contract with Goodhue County for Law Enforcement Services: VanDeWalker

moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

21-060 = Approving John Deere 325G Compact Track Skid Loader Lease and Service Agreement with SEMA Equipment: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

21-061 = Adopting Updated Wanamingo Fire Relief Association Bylaws: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Greseth stated that there was already a discovered error in the bylaws regarding the bond amount based off State Statutes will need to be addressed and voted upon. Passed 4-0-0.

21-062 = Declaring 1995 John Deere 6675 Skid Loader Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property by Electronic Means: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing - Ordinance #197 - Modifying Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 92.07 Obstructions in the Street and Sidewalks; Sporting Equipment and Signs: Mayor Holmes opened the public hearing at 7:36PM. 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, 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. The Council discussed in July how Wanamingo code of ordinances vaguely speaks about obstructions in the street and sidewalk. The City has rarely enforced basketball hoops in the street and sidewalk as a violation. At the direction of Mayor Holmes, City Attorney David Jacobsen put together the proposed ordinance change that addresses the athletic equipment concerns by City staff. The proposed ordinance does not address condoning playing of sports in the streets. Boulton stated that residents should be encouraged to set up athletic equipment, such as basketball hoops, on private property such as driveways. 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. City staff sent letters to all residents with basketball hoops in the streets, boulevards, and sidewalks inviting them to the August 9th meeting to provide input before any policy or ordinances changes were made. Groth understands that the Council is considering changes to the ordinance and/or removing basketball hoops from the street and boulevards. Groth thinks there are better alternatives such as children at play signs or slowing traffic down. Groth stated that this was Wanamingo and that small items such as basketball hoops should be allowed in the streets and boulevards. Groth shared his children's concerns of losing their place to play as there are little to no public basketball court options in Wanamingo (limited to school parking lot or gymnasium). Groth stated that his driveway had vehicles parked and many residents don't have large driveways. Kennedy pointed out that the pro-

posed ordinance would allow for a permit. Boulton stated that a permit process could be set up to allow for basketball hoops with specific guidelines and or rules. Kennedy stated that it is a drastic step to get rid of all basketball hoops from the boulevards and streets. Kennedy stated that leaning hoops from the boulevard into the street are the problem. Holmes stated that there needs to be some sort of uniform standard going forward for basketball hoops. VanDeWalker thanked Kennedy and Groth for coming and providing feedback for the policy discussion. VanDeWalker did not wish to see a fee as part of the permit for basketball hoops. Boulton stated the at permit could be similar to fence permit in which a letter with the rules/ordinances is sent in lieu of the permit/application. Boulton stated that the rules for hoop placement would be part of the permit. Boulton will bring a copy of the permit application to the Council at a future meeting. VanDeWalker stated that a basketball court is needed in Wanamingo. Ohr stated that the court is planned on the asphalt off Prairie Ridge Estates Park. No further public comments were provided. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:56PM.

Ordinance #197 - Modifying Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 92.07 Obstructions in the Street and Sidewalks; Sporting Equipment and Signs - 2nd Reading: Flotterud moved to approved, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

Administrator Boulton provided a summary and PowerPoint slides on the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District feasibility study. The Cities of Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota have aging wastewater treatment facilities and are facing tighter permit limits. Each community would incur large capital costs building and operating their own treatment plant. The communities have approved the compilation of a feasibility report to compare costs of a regional treatment plant and collection system compared to the potential cost of each community building individual plants.

The sanitary sewer district feasibility study has been completed. The report recommends the construction of a 4 million gallon per day treatment plant to be located within 1/2 mile of the current Zumbrota wastewater treatment plant. Each community's flow is recommended to be transported by forcemain aided by pumps with approximate distances ranging from 7.4 miles to 8.1 miles. These forcemains would be constructed within existing right-of-way along the State highways. Further recommendations include the construction of a centralized retention basin (pond) to handle extra flow with high level water events.

\$43 million	Treatment plant estimated costs
\$20 million	Transport estimated costs
\$4.574 million	Centralized retention basin (pond) estimated costs
\$1 million	Land acquisition costs estimates
\$68,574,400	Total Estimated Construction Costs*

\*Estimated in today's dollars. With inflation costs before bid and construction the total cost may exceed \$75 million.

The feasibility report highlights that construction and operation of a regional treatment facility is the favorable option compared to individual plants.

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This is due to greater access to outside funding in conjunction with lower long-term operation and maintenance costs. The costs of construction or rehabbing existing individual plants approaches the total cost of a regional plant with transport, retention basin, and land acquisition. The savings is in the long-term operation and maintenance savings of economies of scale. Each community lacks the ability to finance individual or a regional project through reasonable user fees along with the bonding and yearly debt service capacity. The only feasible way to offer long-term wastewater treatment to the region is access to State Bonding dollars, Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG), and other funding options combined with savings to follow by joining together for lower operation and maintenance costs.

Administrator Boulton provided an update on potential refinancing of 2015A Series Bond and the 2022 Water Storage & Well Upgrades project financing. George Eilertson and Administrator Boulton put together refinancing scenarios for 2015A Series (2009A & 2007A Series Bonds) and a bond financing scenario for the 2022 Water Storage & Well Upgrades Project.

These 2015A Series bond has a call date of February 1, 2022 with \$1,375,000 of principal remaining. The 2022 Water Storage & Well Upgrades has an engineer's feasibility estimate of \$2,434,000. George Eilertson ran two financing scenarios with the two, one financing separately and one together. Scenario 1 - Financing together has benefits of paying for one bond issuance but having the negatives of not utilizing the State enhanced AAA rating for the Water Storage & Well Upgrades project. Scenario 2 - Financing separately has benefits of the Water Storage and Well Upgrades project utilizing the State enhanced AAA rating for the bond while negatively having to pay for two bond issuances.

Scenario 2 has an estimated debt service saving by issuing separate bond of \$62,966. George Eilertson and Administrator Boulton recommend issuing separate bonds for the 2015A Series and Water Storage & Well Upgrades. The savings from including the State enhanced AAA rating (1.70% compared to 1.93% open market - \$62,966 less in interest) is greater than the savings from the issuance of one bond (\$5,000 savings).

George Eilertson is recommending the City go through the bond rating process for the issuance of new debt with the use of

State enhanced AAA rating. With this process, it has been recommended that the City adopt debt management policy. George Eilertson will be working with Administrator Boulton to bring a recommended policy to the September City Council Meeting. Administrator Boulton and George Eilertson are recommending the Council approve a simple motion giving the City Administrator and George Eilertson authority to prepare 2015A Series bond for refunding. If approved the refunding would be set for Council consideration in October 2021 with bond sales to follow the same month. The Water Storage and Well Upgrades bonds will require further Council action soon after the City approves the bid for the project in December 2021 or January 2022. Flotterud stated that it was a no brainer to refinance the bond with \$60,000 in interest savings over the remaining life of the bond. Flotterud asked what the savings would mean to the levy. Boulton stated that the yearly savings would range from \$3,775 to \$10,680. The Council could continue to levy the same amount and have enough funds available to not levy the last year of the payments or reduce the levy amount to each of the funds that are part of the bond. Flotterud moved to approve giving authority to Administrator Boulton and George Eilertson of Northland Securities to prepare documents for 2015A Series refunding.

Ohr updated that Council on the Fire Relief Association desire to contribute toward the Prairie Ridge Estates Improvements. Ohr stated that members would like to see a specific improvement to contribute toward, such as the shelter or playground equipment. Ohr stated that spe-

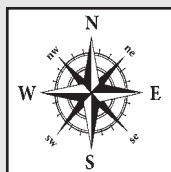
cific plans should be put together on the shelter since the City was budgeting \$15,000 toward the project in 2022. Ohr would like to further discuss at the September or October Council meeting.

Holmes wished to gauge the Council members opinions on the Concast trees that were recently planted on the berm along Prairie Ridge Lane. The trees that have been planted are less than three feet tall. VanDeWalker stated that most of the 58 trees are between 18" to 24" tall, not the 4' to 5' that was originally discussed. Boulton stated that the Concast expansion development agreement calls for landscaping according to the plans. The plans show spruce evergreens but do not dictate the size. The 4' to 5' trees were discussed at the June 2020 public hearing for rezoning and the development agreement negotiation. However, the size was not dictated in the final version of the approved development agreement or final approved plans. Concast's contractor requested to plant 2' to 3' foot size spruces due to the hardship of finding 58 similar sized 4' to 5' spruce trees. Mayor Holmes and Administrator Boulton agreed to reasonable request for a smaller tree from Fitzgerald. VanDeWalker stated that the alternative would be to wait until next year to find the correct size spruce trees.

Adjourn: At 8:30 PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor  
Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator

## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Rain in Tennessee



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell.

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

It likes to rain in Tennessee. It is not unusual to get two or three inches overnight. It can be sunny all morning and then a cloud can show up and pour rain and then be back to sunny an hour later. Makes the grass grow real, fast and keeps the lakes full of water.

But last week one community got too much rain. Seventeen inches in half a day. A foot and a half of rain in twelve hours. Waverly Tennessee is about thirty minutes south of us. A real good friend bought a house outside of Waverly shortly after we

moved down. He posted pictures of water rushing through his backyard about mid-morning.

Seventeen inches of rain is a lot all by itself, but the town of Waverly is in a valley beside the Trace River. Highway 70 and the railroad track are between the town and the river. The railroad track is on top of a man-made levee, keeping the river away from the highway and the town.

The emergency crews were preparing for the heavy rainstorm Saturday morning, which had already flooded some homes and businesses in the lowest part of town. But they were not expecting the levee to break. About midmorning the pressure of the raging Trace River blew out the levee in two places and within minutes the problem changed from ankle deep water seeping through doorways to a five-foot tidal wave crashing down the streets, pushing houses off their foundations, collapsing walls of houses and flushing their contents out the other side, rolling vehicles ahead of it and burying houses and commercial buildings in a muddy tsunami.

Unfortunately, people were unable to get to safety in time and more than twenty lost their lives including children swept out of their parent's arms as they fled the deluge. Hours later the waters subsided and the town was littered with houses, mobile homes, vehicles, tractors, boats and personal possessions jumbled in heaps by the floodwaters.



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  15. Dissenting clique
  16. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
  17. Type of lemur
  18. \*Popular messenger
  20. Mosque prayer leader
  21. Down Under marsupial
  22. Thanksgiving serving
  23. \*100 days of snapping, e.g.
  26. Military's inactive force
  30. Repeated Cuban dance step
  31. The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfather of Britpop
  34. Late December season
  35. Rough, as in voice
  37. Chop off
  38. Stephen King's "The \_\_\_\_"
  39. "Do \_\_\_\_ others..."
  40. Strep throat organ
  42. File a suit
  43. Sewing pearls on a wedding gown, e.g.
  45. One with authority
  47. Army bed
  48. Space path
  50. Law school test acronym
  52. \*Unique social media identifier
  55. Latin dance
  56. "Place" in French
  57. Sacred Hindu writings
  59. Post-mortem bios
  60. Actress Campbell
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  63. Nirvana's "Come as You \_\_\_\_"
  64. Badger's den
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  6. Salpae, sing.
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  8. Elizabeth McGovern's "Downton Abbey" role
  9. Inspiring horror
  10. As opposed to outs
  12. Capital of Zambia
  13. Bruce Wayne's \_\_\_\_ was Batman
  14. \*Message under a post
  19. Bootlicker
  22. Da, to a Russian
  23. \*Done to social media past before applying for job?
  24. Feudal lord
  25. Haile Selassie's disciple
  26. Gym exercises
  27. Comedy Central's "critique"
  28. Dolby Theatre to Oscars
  29. Often considered wise
  32. \*Video blog
  33. Charge carrier
  36. \*Audio series
  38. Killed, like dragon
  40. Big bang maker
  41. Permeate
  44. I to Greeks, pl.
  46. Sheet music line, pl.
  48. Basketry stick
  49. Clark Kent actor Christopher
  50. Black, yellow and chocolate dogs
  51. Parking spot for a boat
  52. Bone in human forearm
  53. \*Bernie wearing mittens, e.g.
  54. \*Do this before posting?
  55. Chronic drinker
  58. It's open to interpretation

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