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VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3rd. We urge everyone to vote in the upcoming General Election on November 3rd. In person voting will be available on that day at Waverly's polling location – City Hall – which will be open for voting from 7am-8pm.

The voting procedure will be a bit different than the last General Election! Due to COVID 19 restrictions, there will be a limit of 5 persons allowed in the voting area at one time. When you come to City Hall you will be given a number and can enter and vote in turn. We would ask that you please wear a mask while you are in the building and while you are waiting outside, socially distance as much as possible both places. Hand sanitizer will be available for your use both before and after voting. Masks will be available if you forget yours, but please – even if you disagree with the State ordered mask policy – protect both our election judges and everyone around you and wear the mask this once! Our election judges are putting themselves at risk for the community, for you, and to ensure your right to vote so when they ask you to comply PLEASE do not give them a hard time!

If you would prefer to vote absentee, please check on the Wright County web site www.co.wright.mn.us/181/absentee-Voting for detailed instructions. You can either mail in your ballot or take it to the Wright County Court House in Buffalo. Unfortunately, Waverly is not set up to take absentee ballots.

WAVERLY'S PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET AND LEVY. In late September the Waverly City Council passed a PRELIMINARY budget that calls for a 5% increase in the dollars levied and collected from property taxes. Because 2021 total taxable market value increased by 11% the effect on your taxes will be minimal. In fact the levy rate will be reduced from 63.5% to 60.0%. Consult the city web site for links to the preliminary budget and a summary that shows the effect of the proposed budget and levy increase on homes of various values. The change in property taxes for a median valued home in Waverly (\$203,437 in taxable 2020 and \$213,325 in taxable 2021) is essentially zero. See the links on www.waverlymn.org

WINTER INFORMATION. Winter parking rules take effect on November 1, 2020 and run thru March 31, 2021. There is NO PARKING on any city street from 2 am to 7 am even if there is no snow. And, when it does snow, please keep your car off the street until the streets are plowed even if it is after 7 am! Garbage cans should be placed in your drive so that snow plows do not hit them. And, help the Fire Department out by keeping your hydrant clear of snow. Detailed snow policies can be found by following the link on the city web site.

CARES ACT FUNDING. Each city in Minnesota received federal funds from the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act. These funds are distributed by the State and in Minnesota each city received approximately \$79 per person. For Waverly this totaled \$115,120. These funds are intended to help cover unexpected expenses arising due to the pandemic and there are strict guidelines as to what the funds can be used for. The Council is dedicating much of our available funding to personal protective equipment, sanitization supplies and masks and radios for our Independent Volunteer Fire Department as they did not receive any funds to help with these expenses. The remainder of the funds are being (or have been) spent to meet expenses associated with cleaning and sanitization of offices, developing and implementing the required COVID 19 preparedness plans for both City Offices and the Municipal Liquor Store, upgrading all bathrooms in City owned buildings and improving the air circulation in the Municipal Liquor Store on sale area (with a better furnace and air conditioner). A list of expenditures is available upon request.

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT! All three of our commissions: Parks, Planning and Zoning and the Economic Development Authority have a vacancy. If you are interested, please look at the web site and follow the links for a description of the commission and an application form.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ROGER KLOSS WHO HAS SERVED ON OUR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS. Roger just resigned as he is moving to Buffalo. All the best Roger and thank you!

STAY WELL AND STAY SAFE!!!