Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

Present: Mayor, Kylene Olson Council Members: Todd Tongen, Carter Lokken, Todd Vogel
City Clerk, Nicole Koenen. Also, present were 2 residents.

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Motion to approve Agenda by Olson, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

Motion to approve October 8, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Tongen m/s/p unanimously.

Notices:
Watson Lions Club is sponsoring Santa Day on Saturday, December 8th at 2:00pm

Financial Report:
1 Disconnection Notices were sent out for the month of October.
Monthly Claims for October and November were passed around for signatures.
Motion made to pass the claims by Olson, 2nd Tongen m/s/p unanimously.

Old Business:

- Tree Trimming & Banners – The City received one bid for Tree Trimming and Banners. Up to $1,000.00 for Tree Trimming for the year & $20 to exchange banners twice a year – Submitted by Jeff Nyheim with Broken Limb. Nicole contacted another tree trimming service but they were not interested.

Motion to accept the Bid from Broken Limb by Olson, 2nd Lokken m/s/p Vogel Abstained.

New Business:

- Resolution 11-13-18-1 – Approving Abatement Charges to Property Tax Roll. Two properties with outstanding abatement charges will have the totals assessed to their property taxes.

Motion approve Resolution 11-13-18-1 by Olson, 2nd Tongen m/s/p unanimously.

- Resolution 11-13-18-2 – Approving Unpaid Water Charges to Property Tax Roll. One property with outstanding utility charges will have the total assessed to their property taxes.

Motion to approve Resolution 11-13-18-2 by Olson, 2nd Tongen m/s/p unanimously.

- MVTV Agreement- After switching to Farmers Mutual for internet services it had come to Nicole's attention that the City has a contract with MVTV. Further investigation showed the City made an agreement with MVTV to allow them to attach a tower to the city's water tower in exchange for services and additional funds to be paid annually. After the water tower was taken down MVTV was given an easement where their current tower is located, but there was never another lease agreement put into place. Mayor Olson and Nicole met with a representative for MVTV. They worked out an agreement to replace the old easement with a new one and also a lease agreement in which they would pay the City $1200.00 annually. The term would be for 20 years with possibility for renegotiation every 5 years. The City attorney combined the easement and lease agreement and it was sent to MVTV to look over.

Motion to approve easement and lease agreement pending MVTV's approval made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

- Mulligan Property – After sending a letter, and contacting public health the issue of him not complying with the city ordinance of having a sanitary sewer system is back on the city. He filed

an intent to participate with URMVC but if after inspection his property is too far gone they will deny his application. The city attorney said our next step would be for them to send a letter from their office to show the court we have been trying to get him to comply.

Motion to have our attorney send him a letter made by Olson, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

- Street Lights – There is no street light on 1st Street. There is a pole in the middle of the alley to install a street light to light up the alley as it is most residents only access to their homes. Lokken also mentioned off walnut there needs to be a street light too. Nicole will get ahold of Xcel and have them install the lights.
- City Park- Mayor Olson suggested the city officially name the park, "Watson City Park" and have Nicole get a sign made.

Motion to officially name the park "Watson City Park" and fix the fence made by Olson, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

- Generator Maintenance Contract – Vogel asked Nicole to contact Pioneer to set up a contract for 5 years with them to have our generators serviced.

City Clerk Report:

- Pet License Letter – Nicole typed up a new letter to send to remind pet owners of their expiring tags.

Motion made to send letters to pet owners made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

- 140th Watson Celebration Dates – Nicole talked with the Baseball Association to try and figure out the best date to hold our celebration. July 26, 27, & 28 is the date we decided would be the best as it is the weekend before Chippewa County Fair.

Motion made to have the 140th Celebration July 26th -28th made by Olson, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

- Review – Nicole added review packets and will need them filled out and have a closed meeting after our next council meeting on December 11, 2018.
- Council Member Attendance- Nicole passed out council attendance sheets for approval.

Motion made for Nicole to have the council checks ready for next month made by Olson, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

Maintenance Report:

- New Plow - the new plow was installed and is on the truck. The old plow needs a few parts to be fixed and can be sold for at least $2,500.00 Vogel was given a limit of no more than $1,000.00 to get it fixed.

Motion made by Tongen to allow Vogel up to $1,000.00 on parts, 2nd Lokken m/s/p Vogel Abstained

- Dump Truck has been serviced and is ready as a backup. Payloader will be serviced so it is also ready for winter.
- Tank Cleaning will have to wait until Spring.

Discussion over the basketball court needing to be fixed. Tongen said he could do the repairs with Vogel's help.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk, Nicole Koenen