

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen. Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel. City Clerk: Alan Marohl. Byron Hayunga. Two Residents

Mayor Tongen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Add Dustin Shrouds under new business.

Motion to approve agenda with additions by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

Motion to approve October 11, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

Public hearing for Benjamin Schrupp's Variance – Ed Lipinski was present to speak about his concerns on Ben's variance. Ed's issue was with the 15x24 addition to the house. He requested that Ben reduce the addition to 12x24 to maintain zoning regulations and keep a safe distance from his own property. There were no other comments made from the public and the hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Ben's Variance while maintaining the ten-foot distance between property line and 15x24 addition by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances

Motion to approve monthly claims by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

- Utilities – Delinquent accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Storage Containers – Tongen is considering the city add a fee for the use of storage containers on districts zoned for business. He asked that council consider it for when the next fee schedule is created. Alan also informed council of what the city has in place for interim use permits and how they are used.
- New Meter Reader – Ferguson Water has notified the city that their current meter reading system will no longer be supported. They have sent a quote for a new cloud-based system and will be at the December meeting to answer questions and present the new reader.
- Liquor Licenses
 - Sunshine & Whiskey Filling Station LLC
 - The Goose Bar & Grill LLC

Motion to approve Sunshine & Whiskey's and The Goose Bar's liquor licenses by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

- Dustin Shrouds Shed – Dustin is looking for a possible heated shed located in Watson to store two pumper trucks. Council did not think there was any space owned by the City for Dustin to use.

Maintenance Report:

- Sewer Line Televising – Byron Hayunga reported on the condition of Watson’s sewer lines. The overall condition is good. There were seven areas where water was being held back. A cable has bored through one sewer line but is not causing any leaks. A manhole was found to be buried under the new tar and will have to be dug out and raised. Byron also mentioned the city’s well is at an acceptable level and water samples are coming back good.
- All Star Asphalt Quote – Alan reported that All Star Asphalt was not taking any more quotes for next year.

City Clerk Report:

- Yellowstone Trail Sign – MNDOT has said that the sign can be placed on one of the City’s streets as long as it does not have an arrow. Another possibility was to hang it in the Sunshine and Whisky Filling Station.
- Food Pantry – Immanuel Lutheran Church has constructed a food pantry for residents to take and leave food. Alan will send a notice with next month’s water bill to inform everyone.
- Council Attendance – The attendance sheet was reviewed and confirmed accurate. Checks will be handed out at the December meeting.
- City Clerk Review - Alan will have a performance review in a closed meeting after December’s regular meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Alan Marohl