

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel City Clerk: Nicole Koenen.

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

Generator Update was added to Maintenance Report

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

Motion to approve October 12th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances – Bond Series 2021 Funds were transferred from Checking to General Savings.

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

- Utilities – Delinquent Accounts were sent disconnection notices. Prairie five is taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program that can help with past due utility, electric, and heating bills. Nicole reached out to accounts who could benefit from this program and will continue to do so moving forward.

Old Business

- Town Hall – There has been some outside interest in purchasing the Town Hall from the City. Discussions followed as to what needs to be updated. The building is not insulated, needs updated kitchen, new paint inside and out, and bathroom accessibility for handicap. There are grant programs that help with costs but the city would have to contribute as well. It was determined that the city should seek the Watson Taxpayer's input on this issue. Nicole will send notice to residents and discussion will continue at our next meeting.
- Update on Reconstruction Project – Riley Bros notified the city that they will not be able to complete the project this year. It has been moved to May/June of 2022 depending on weather.

New Business:

- Liquor License
 - Salty Heifer's Off Sale

Motion to approve liquor license made by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p Bjornstad Abstained

- The Goose Bar & Grill

Motion to approve liquor license pending insurance made by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously

- Resolution 11-9-21-1 Certification of Unpaid Water Charges to Property Tax Roll

Motion to approve Resolution 11-9-21-1 made by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously

- Resolution 11-9-21-2 Certification of Abatement Charges to Property Tax Roll

Motion to approve Resolution 11-9-21-2 made by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously

Maintenance Report

- Water/Sewer Budgets – Nicole discussed a few adjustments to each budget and did not think we need to make any changes to water or sewer base rates this year.

- Tires for the Hayrack – Firestone gave Nicole a quote of \$87.00/tire. It was decided to wait until the spring.
- Generator Update – Gruwell Electric finished up their work at the pumphouse. The portable generator can now be used as a backup. They are available to do a walk through with Montevideo Operators if needed.

City Clerk Report

- City Clerk Review – Nicole’s performance review will be held as a closed meeting in December before our next council meeting.
- Council Attendance – Attendance sheets were looked over and confirmed accurate for council and committee meetings. Checks will be handed out at our next meeting.
- City Office will be closed Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. Nicole also requested to take Friday, November 12th off.
- Blue Sky Quote – Funds will be taken out of general savings

Motion to approve Blue Sky Quote made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen