

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2022

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen. Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel. City Clerk: Alan Marohl. One Resident. Derek with Tostenson Inc. Karen with Ferguson Water Via Phone.

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

Move Tostenson Contract before financial report.

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

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

Tostenson Contract – Derek presented a new contract for the City of Watson to enter into for 5 years. The contract had two options. The first was to keep a 5 percent increase for the entire 5 years. The second was to have rates vary based on a rolling average each year with no guaranteed what the percent would be.

Motion to enter the 5-year Tostenson contract with a rolling percentage every year by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business:

- New Meter Reader – Karen explained a new web-based meter reader called Neptune 360. The software can be placed onto any device and all information is stored on Neptune's database. There is a set up and training fee as well as an annual fee for the reader software. There will also be a fee from Banyon for switching systems. Council is considering a phone or tablet to put the software onto.

Motion to move forward with purchasing the Neptune 360 Software by Tongen, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

- Fire Hall – Council discussed what the city should do with the firetruck in its possession. They are considering selling the firetruck. Council may also buy equipment to renovate the city pickup to use for when the compost site is burned. Alan was asked to get prices on equipment for fixing the pickup, and the possible revenue from selling the firetruck.

New Business:

- Resolution 12-13-22-1 Interim Use Permit Renewal

Council discussed whether Ed Lipinski was following a proper drainage procedure. Alan mentioned council can retract the permit if they see fit and require Ed to adhere to more specific regulations before granting the permit again.

Motion to approve Resolution 12-13-22-1 on the condition that the applicant properly drain and control surface water runoff by Tongen, 2nd Lokken m/s/p Vogel Abstained

- Resolution 12-13-22-2 Certification of Unpaid Water Charges to Property Tax Roll

Motion to approve Resolution 12-13-22-2 by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

- Resolution 12-13-22-3 Final Tax Levy

Motion to approve Resolution 12-13-22-3 by Tongen, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

- Fee Schedule – Items to be updated are the Off-Sale Liquor license to \$200, Remove the Town Hall renting fees, and change the returned Check fee to current costs.
- Coyote Concerns – A resident had their pet attacked by a coyote. Alan was asked to use Facebook to notify the town of the potential danger.

Maintenance Report:

City Clerk Report:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Closed Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Alan Marohl