

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen Council Members: Carter Lokken, Todd Vogel, Cheryl Bjornstad, Jonathan Koenen, City Clerk, Nicole Koenen City Maintenance, John Groothuis.

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

Added Online Bill Pay and Chairs to City Clerk report and Don Cary with Watson Firefighters after Guest, Shane Augeson (Watson Honkers Association.)

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

Motion to approve January 14th Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously.

Shane Augeson with Watson Honkers Association- Shane was present to in form council of their plan to install outdoor lighting at the Ball park. He provided a diagram of where each light pole will go and discussed options for the service box to be placed. Service for the lights would be placed outside the south side of the fence underneath the scoreboard. Power for the concessions will be tied in with the pumphouse. The City would be responsible for billing the Association for service of the lights. It was decided to have Nicole contact Xcel to get things moving forward.

Don Cary with Watson Firefighters- Don provided council with a key to our building and reminded council that they need to be present if we ever need to enter the building.

Maintenance Report

- Generator at the Pump House is not starting automatically. John has had to manually start it, but it starts and runs fine. Discussion followed about possible electrical problems with the automatic timer. He will continue to monitor and start manually.

Financial Report

Monthly Claims were passed around for signatures.

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

Old Business:

- Corner Store Options- The City Attorney informed us that we do not have the authority to purchase and operate the gas station and provided an option of providing financial incentives for someone else to buy and operate it. Nicole then asked if the city could purchase the building and convert into a Municipal Liquor Store. He stated that we can but would have requirements that need to be followed in order to start. These requirements include waiting a year after publishing intention to open as a municipal liquor store (no other private business can have an off-sale liquor license), pass resolution of amendment to our current ordinance, and remove and seal all under ground fuel tanks. Discussion followed. Tongen suggested that Nicole reach out to the State Auditor and get answers as to why we can not operate a gas station.
- USDA Grant – Replacement Loader Options- Council was provided 5 options of possible replacement payloaders. After discussion it was decided to send John to St. Charles to look at the 2012 Case 621F and 2016 Komatsu. Nicole will submit the application with the amount

requested of \$80,000.00. It was also suggested to have John talk with the County to see if we could store our equipment in their shop.

Motion made to send John to look at payloaders by Tongen, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously

New Business:

- Personnel & Redevelopment Committee
Personnel- Todd Vogel, Carter Lokken
Redevelopment- Todd Tongen, Jonathan Koenen
- Resident request to vacate ROW- The property owner at 550 Walnut Ave would like the City to consider vacating the ROW on the east side of their property. Discussion followed. If approved the city would have to hold a Public Hearing next month and approve a resolution. It is also suggested that the property owners pay the filing fee of \$46.00.

Motion to move forward with vacating the ROW adjacent to 550 Walnut Ave by Vogel, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously

- Small Cities Development Program Policies and Procedures
 - Anti-Displacement & Relocation Plan – Resolution 2-11-20-1 Adopting Anti Displacement Plan

Motion made by Tongen, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p Vogel Abstained.

- Commercial Rehabilitation Plan

Motion made by Vogel, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously

- Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Plan

Motion made by Tongen, 2nd Koenen m/s/p Vogel Abstained.

- Excessive Force

Motion made by Bjornstad, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously

- Drug Free Workplace

Motion made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously

- Income Reuse Plan

Motion made by Bjornstad, 2nd Koenen m/s/p Vogel Abstained

- Section 3 Plan

Motion made by Koenen, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p Vogel Abstained

City Clerk Report

- Online Bill Pay- Nicole provided council with another option that was received after last months council meeting. This option allows the fee for paying online to go directly to the customer. There is a one time set up fee of \$199.00. After discussion the council decided against it.
- Chairs- Nicole asked if council would like her to provide options to purchase new chairs for council. She will provide them at our next meeting.

Mayor Tongen adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen