

## Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen. Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, City Clerk: Alan Marohl. One Resident.

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

Add Fire Hall to old business and Meander Donation to new business.

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

**Motion to approve January 10th, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.**

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances – \$10,000 for Capital Outlay and \$13,000 for Park Improvements are to be put into savings when LGA is received.

**Motion to approve monthly claims by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.**

- Utilities – Delinquent accounts were sent disconnection notices. Two new households have had their water shutoff due to frozen pipes and a voluntary disconnection.

Old Business:

- Harvest Festival – Alan reported that Watson was established in 1879 making the City's age 144. Council will verify this number and if correct, attempt to hold a 145<sup>th</sup> Harvest festival event next year.
- Fire Hall – Council is considering who the fire hall should be leased to once the Watson community fire fighters have left. Some of the interested individuals are R-T contractors, Ed Lipinski, and Clean Site LLC. The fire fighters also still need to clean the building and it is uncertain when they will be completely out. The fire truck that the city owns was mentioned, but no decision was made in regards to selling or keeping it.

New Business:

- Official Clerk/Treasurer Appointment and Pay Rate

**Motion to officially hire Alan Marohl as city clerk/treasurer appointed at a pay rate of \$18.00 an hour, effective August 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lokken m/s/p unanimously.**

- Resolution 2-14-23-1 4M Transfer of Funds

**Motion to pass resolution 2-14-23-1 4M Transfer of Funds by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.**

- MCFOA Conference – Alan is requesting to be sent to the MCFOA Conference to attend sessions and workshops to learn more about his position as clerk/treasurer.

**Motion to send Alan Marohl to the New City Clerk Orientation and MCFOA Conference for three nights by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.**

- Meander Donation – Council decided not to donate to meander this year.

Maintenance Report:

- Truck Equipment – Alan presented a few different fire skids and hose reels to be used for when the compost site is burned. Council thought the fire skids would be a good option, but lacked the water capacity needed and would require additional tanks. Tongen mentioned that the hayrack had new wheels installed and is now a more reliable option. Council agreed and thought it best to wait on purchasing any new equipment.

City Clerk Report:

- Appreciation Dinner – Alan informed council that they were invited to a township appreciation dinner for the Montevideo Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk, Alan Marohl