

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023

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

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

Add Neptune 360 to old business.

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

Motion to approve February 14th, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

Stephanie Weik was unable to attend due to weather, she is scheduled for the April Meeting.

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent balances were cleared for special assessed accounts.

Old Business:

- Neptune 360 – Ferguson Waterworks reached out to Alan to continue the integration of the Neptune 360 software. Information on what device to use with the software was provided by Ferguson Waterworks as well. Council instructed Alan to purchase an iPad for reading the meters. Alan was also asked to check that the annual fee from Banyon will not be paid twice.

Motion to have Alan spend up to \$800.00 to buy an iPad by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

New Business:

- Resolution 3-14-23-1 – An updated Joint Powers Agreement and Court Amendment was requested by Nelson Oyen Torvik so that they can continue the handling of criminal prosecution for the City of Watson.

Motion to approve resolution 3-14-23-1 by Tongen, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

- MNDOT Street Sweeping – MNDOT is offering reimbursement for the cost of sweeping the highway. Before making a decision, council asked Alan to find out if Montevideo would sweep for the city or rent out their equipment.
- City Clean Up Day – Council would like to have the city's clean-up day a week before the county has theirs. Alan will look for what the county has scheduled and report at the next meeting.
- Southwest Initiative Foundation Donation – Council does not think Watson has enough businesses to justify donating to SWI this year.
- Water Charges for disconnected houses – Alan wanted to confirm how an individual should be charged if their water was disconnected. The decision was made that if water is turned off at the

street, no fees associated with water will be charged. The individual will still however be charged the sewer fees.

Maintenance Report:

- Alan reported that the generator will have some maintenance done, costing about four thousand dollars. Hawkins also dropped off chemicals for the water and sewer systems, costing three thousand dollars.

City Clerk Report:

- MCFOA Schedule – Alan informed council of the sessions he will be attending at the MCFOA conference.

Public Comments:

Tongen mention that if the firefighters are unable to completely clean the fire hall, the city should withhold a portion of its rent to be returned and that maintenance might have to be done before it is rented again. Tongen suggested to have some research done on the fire trucks that the city owns to come up with a selling price.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Alan Marohl