

# Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel City Clerk: Nicole Koenen. Special Guests Jeremy Gilb and Kevin Enevoldsen were also present.

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

Special Guest David Euerle with Westberg & Eischens was removed. Blight Properties were added to Old Business.

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

**Motion to approve February 8, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.**

Special Guests - Jeremy Gilb and Kevin Envoldsen with Chippewa County Highway Department. County Engineer, Jeremy Gilb introduced himself to the council. He discussed maintenance projects for Co Rd 9 which include crack filling and seal coating. They discussed the type of seal coat they would be using, how long the project would take, and asked for dates to avoid. The city would need to paint parking and handicap lanes. They would be willing to mark where the lines should be and the city would do the rest.

## Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent Accounts were sent disconnection notices.

## Old Business

- Blight Properties – Nicole reached out to the County Auditor to get an estimation on properties projected for tax forfeiture. Blight properties were discussed.

## New Business:

- Resolution 3-8-22-1 Reestablishing precincts and polling locations. The City of Watson is mail in ballot, but residents can vote in person at the Chippewa County Auditors Office.

**Motion to approve made by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously**

## Maintenance Report

- Pump Repair Update & Quote – Dakota Pump & Control are still waiting for warranty components to come in. They mentioned that the vertical alignment grooves cut into the shaft causing it to break. They believe our current Berkley pumps will continue to have this issue. They suggested fixing the pump under warranty but ordering a new Goulds eSV Vertical Multi-stage pump as a backup. After talking with Byron about the suggestion, he

agreed and thought we should move forward with ordering. Nicole placed the order February 23, 2022.

City Clerk Report

- 2022 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Date – The County Assessor has set the meeting date as: April 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00-3:30pm at the County Assessor’s Office.
- Harvest Fest – The City has not received any responses for volunteers yet. Council members mentioned people who have reached out to them in favor of the event and who would like to help. Nicole received a donation of a box of Harvest Fest t-shirts from years past. Ideas such as a street dance, car show, softball tournament, and vendor/craft fair were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk, Nicole Koenen