

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel City Clerk, Nicole Koenen.

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

Perfect Paws Contract was added to Old Business, Payloader to Maintenance Report, Ordinance 2021-02 and Resolutions 4-13-21-1 under Storage Container Update, and telephone under City Clerk Report.

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

Motion to approve March 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

Old Business

- Storage Containers Update
 - Ordinance 2021-02

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02 made by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously

- Resolution 4-13-21-1 Authorizing Publication of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Portable Storage Containers

Motion to approve Resolutions 4-13-21-1 made by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously

- Property at 421 Park Ave – The council discussed recommendations from the City Attorney. It was decided to table until next month to see what the property owners plan to do with the home.
- Town Clean Up – The County has decided to schedule a collection day for May 26, 2021. This year they are only collecting appliances and electronics. Options for the City to hold a clean-up day in coordination with them was discussed. In an effort to provide time that works for all residents it was determined to schedule it Saturday, May 22, 2021. If this did not work with the County then it was decided to have it on Wednesday, May 26th.
- Town Hall – Tongen had the Town Hall checked for insulation. They determined there was absolutely no insulation in the building. It was suggested to get a quote to have it insulated. Updates that need to be done and looking into finding grants were also discussed.
- Perfect Paws Contract

Motion to approve impound contract with perfect paws made by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously

New Business:

- Chippewa County Fair Board Request for Donations

Motion to donate \$500 to the Chippewa County Fair made by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously

- Montevideo Fire Contract – The fire contract was updated to \$25,000 for truck fund from \$20,000 that is allocated between all covered entities.

Motion to approve Montevideo Fire Contract made by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously

- Street Light Charges – Council looked over the Ordinance pertaining to street light charges as a suggestion of charging all properties within the city for street lights was proposed. The Ordinance states that all developed properties within the city limits are to be charged a street light utility fee. It was decided to not make any changes to our current Ordinance.
- Small Cities Development Program
 - Income Reuse Plan

Motion to approve Income Reuse Plan made by Tongen, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p Vogel Abstained

- Fair Housing Plan of Action

Motion to approve the Fair Housing Plan of Action made by Tongen, 2nd Lokken m/s/p Vogel Abstained

Maintenance Report

- Street Replacement – Tongen and Vogel met with two street replacement companies to discuss options. One bid has been received. Nicole asked Amko Advisors to provide estimated numbers for possible funding based off this bid. Council discussed but decided to table until more bids were received.
- Dust Control & Gravel – Dust Control and the need for Gravel were discussed.

Motion to approve applying dust control made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

Motion to have R-T Contractors provide and fill gravel were needed made by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p Tongen Abstained.

- Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicle Update- All residents that were left from last month have contacted the City Office and will be removing or licensing their vehicles.
- Compost Site – Signs need to be updated.
- Mowing – Lokken mentioned he had talked with someone who has a lawn service to possibly do the city mowing. He mentioned he would ask them for a quote. It was also suggested to get the word out that if someone would like to do the mowing, it would be \$12/hr and about 20-25 hours a week. Sentence to Serve was also discussed. Nicole mentioned she contacted them before winter and they are willing to help we just have to call and get on the schedule. Council discussed jobs they could do including clean up the lot on Highland Ridge, clean up garbage, and possibly paint the town hall. The City would also have to provide dumpsters, trailers or any other equipment needed to get the projects done.
- Old Payloader – Discussed putting it up for sale for \$12,000.00. Nicole will take photos of it and get it listed.

City Clerk Report

- Telephone – Nicole requested to get a new phone for the office that has the “do not disturb” option. Currently when residents are in the office and the phone rings she has to answer or let it go to voicemail. This becomes an issue as the conversation is heard or the voicemail is heard out loud as its being recorded.

Motion to allow Nicole to purchase a new phone made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen
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