

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

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

Pump & Curb stop Update was added to Maintenance Report

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

Motion to approve April 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent Accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business

- Removal of Trees by Goose Bar – The council discussed options as the city was unsuccessful in finding a spade to use. It was suggested to offer the trees for free to Watson residents who were interested. They would have to remove them on their own. If no interest, the city would take them out.
- Harvest Fest – It was decided to post pone this year. The council is hoping to have the 145th celebration in 2024 if the city can get enough volunteers to help plan an event.

New Business:

- City Playground – Discussion to upgrade the current city playground. Nicole found an Outdoor Recreation Grant through the MNDNR that does a 50/50 match. The grant closed early this spring but has the opportunity every year. It was decided to get a project planned for next spring and submit for grant approval.
- ATV on City Streets – A complaint was brought to council about 4-wheelers and 3-wheelers doing laps around city streets and disturbing the peace. Discussion followed. Council directed Nicole to send letters to the owners of the ATV's.

Maintenance Report

- Street Replacement – The city was notified that the company contracted to do our project (Riley Bros) has split. They are still taking on our project but a meeting with the new rep will need to take place. They estimate to start at the end of June.
- Trees at the Ballpark – Tongen noticed a few trees that were in bad shape. He had Jeff with Broken Limb take those trees out as they were a hazard. Discussion followed and it was decided to have Jeff continue to take out the entire tree line this year along with grinding down stumps by our wells.

- Burn Compost Site – Council decided to burn Saturday, May 21st depending on weather. Volunteers will take turns watching and controlling the burn.
- Pump and Curb Stop Update – The new pump ordered in February will ship May 19th. The company has not received a response from Berkely on our warranty parts. Byron plans to put the new pump in and hopefully have the warranty parts as back up for our other pump. The curb stop at 630 Co Rd 9 was fixed on Monday with no issues.
- Dust Control will be applied the week of May 16th.
- The chimney on the Firehall needs to come down as it is leaning and falling apart. Tongen mentioned he would bring his scaffolding over and take it down.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen