

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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

Mower spindles were added to Maintenance Report.

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

Motion to approve April 13, 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

- Property at 421 Park Ave – Discussion over the condition of the property. It was decided to send the property owners a letter giving them a time line to clean up the debris and remove the storage container.
- Town Clean Up – It was decided to push back city clean up as the city office had computer issues. The utility billing was not sent out on time to notify residents. The council decided to host a clean-up day separate from the county on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 8:00am-2:00pm in hopes to accommodate more residents. The charges will be higher for appliances and electronics as it will not be in conjunction with the county.
- Sentence to Serve Update – Nicole called to get on their schedule. Tongen heard back that they are having a hard time getting people to work because of covid 19 restrictions.

New Business:

- Contract Mowing & Spraying – It was suggested that we should consider contracting mowing and spraying for next year. The City could save on mower repair, capital equipment (replacing mower), and costs for chemical for weed control. The city will obtain a quote before our budget meeting this year.

Maintenance Report

- Street Replacement – Tongen, Vogel and Nicole went over the three bids that were submitted to the city. They recommended that we move forward with Riley Bros out of Morris MN. AMKO Advisors gave an estimate of our annual payments for 15- and 20-year Bonds. It was determined to go with a 20-year Bond with payments being around \$20,000. The next step in the process will be to contact our Bond Attorney and see if a Public Hearing is required.

Motion made by Vogel to move forward with Riley Bros, 2nd Lokken. Roll Call Vote as follows: Lokken – Yes, Jordahl – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Bjornstad – Yes, Tongen – Abstained.

- Spindles for Mower – Vogel explained how our mower has spring loaded spindles and when sudden stops are made it shaves the grass. He suggested we switch to straight spindles. Tongen mentioned he didn't think it was problem as Gary has become more familiar with the mower.
- Playground

- Ten Spin – Volunteers are needed to help dig a hole and pour cement to set the post for the new Ten Spin. Discussion over what equipment and supplies will be needed. It was decided to start May 22 at 8:00am depending on weather.
- Pea Rock – Discussed the need to fill in the around the other playground equipment with pea rock as it is getting low.
- Basketball Court – Discussed the need to cut out drain and level out the cement.

City Clerk Report

- Old Payloader – Nicole can take photos and get it listed. It was determined to list at \$15,000.
- Request to rent Community Center – Yes, it can be rented as long as they follow the CDC guidelines for Covid 19.
- Complaint about go-carts on Highland Ridge tearing up the gravel that was just placed and not paying attention to vehicles. It was decided to send them a letter stating council's concerns for everyone's safety and to be respectful of city streets.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen