

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Present Mayor: Todd Tongen. Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel, City Clerk: Alan Marohl. Jordan Smith with Westburg and Eischens. Two Residents.

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

Motion to approve April 11th, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

Motion to approve April 19th, Closed Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

Westburg & Eischens to Review 2022 Audit – Jordan Smith gave an overview of the city's checking and savings accounts. Each fund is able to support its expenses for one and a half to two years. Council may want to purchase bonds with the extra cash available, depending on what the rates are.

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business:

- Street Sweeping – Council decided to have Montevideo sweep the entire town.
Motion to move forward with the street sweeping for the whole town by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.
- City Clean Up Day – The county has set their clean-up day for May 25th. With the date being so close, Watson will have its own clean-up day. The date is set for July 22nd but may change. Alan will send out flyers notifying residents of the county's date and also that Watson can help move appliances.
- Fire Truck Repairs – Council wants to move forward with selling the fire truck without putting any repairs into it. Further research on its model and year will be done to better determine its value.

New Business:

- Review of Dangerous Dog – The attorneys have made an outline of what Jake Fiscus would need to do in order to remove the potentially dangerous designation from his dog. The first step is to receive a written request along with evidence to support the removal of the designation. Council will then uphold the designation or remove it at a following meeting through resolution. A copy of this information was sent to Jake Fiscus.
- Chippewa County Fair Donation – Watson has donated \$500.00 the previous two years to the fair.

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Chippewa County Fair by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

Maintenance Report:

- Speed Bumps – Alan compiled a few speed bumps to choose from. Options ranged from rubber or plastic with varying sizes and styles. Council chose a six-foot rubber speed bump for both Highland Ridge and 2nd street.

Motion to purchase at least seven speedbumps with end caps and installation kits for Highland Ridge and 2nd street. by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

- Watch for Children Sign – Caution children sign requests have been received due to the increase in kids and traffic in town. Council agrees and thinks signs should be placed on Park Avenue and near the city park. Two signs will be purchased now and it will be decided later if more are needed.

Motion to purchase slow children signs by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

City Clerk Report:

- Alan followed up with the bank to check on rates for card processing, no benefit would be made to switching to a different company.
- The firehall is now on the City's Insurance costing an addition \$1,895.00 premium. Council asked Alan to find out how that premium was calculated.
- Alan went through a few items from each of his classes that he attended at the MCFOA conference.

Public Comments:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Alan Marohl