

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 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

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

Motion to approve May 10th, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent Accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business

- Town Hall – A contract was presented between the City and Jodi Tongen for her to use the Town Hall for her business. She would be responsible for all utilities and maintenance/upgrades of the building. Council discussed to have the basement and appliances cleaned out at next years clean up day.

Motion to approve contract with Jodi Tongen made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken

Roll Call Vote: Lokken – Yes, Jordahl – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Bjornstad – Yes m/s/p Tongen Abstained

- Removal of Trees by Goose Bar – Council members mentioned they believe the bushes beneath the trees are more of an issue than the trees. Council decided to remove the bushes.
- Update on 421 Park Ave – A complaint was received by the city that bats are flying in and out of the open roof of the home. A letter was sent to the owners to immediately cover the holes and to provide a plan for the property. The Owner's called to say they would like to fix up the property. The city informed them progress needs to be consistently made or abatement charges would be started.

New Business:

- Updated Cooperative Agreement for Small Cities Development Program

Motion to approve agreement made by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously

- Modular Homes in Residential Districts – A resident asked it was possible to bring in a modular home. Discussion followed as there is no mention of this type of home in our Zoning Ordinance. Council directed Nicole to have our attorney put together an ordinance pertaining to modular homes with the state regulations for basement/footings and age.

Maintenance Report

- Street Replacement – Joe Riley Construction has started our Street Reconstruction project. They think the project should be completed within a week or two. One change was made to the original plan – The strip of pavement by the Goose Bar would be completely repaved and not just patches.
- Insurance Claims – Town Hall, Community Center, Pumphouse, Fire Hall – The league is sending out an adjuster to take a look at each building. He is scheduled to be here June 23rd.
- Tree located at 451 Park Ave – A large tree located in the city right of way is completely dead. Residents complained of dead branches falling in their yard and in the street. It will be added to the list of trees to be removed by Broken Limb.
- Trees at the Ballpark – Jeff with Broken Limb had not had a chance to get a quote together. This will be tabled until the city receives one.
- City Mowing – The City hired Scott Winters to do the mowing for the summer.
- Drain Jetted on Corner of 3rd St./Walnut Ave – The drainage pipe needs to be jetted along with a culvert on Highland Ridge. Nicole contacted Lauritsen and Johnson Jet-Line for quotes. Lauritsen charged \$250 for 1st hour and 150-160/hr. after but due to their schedule they did not know when they would be available. Johnson Jet-Line charges \$375/hr. and could be here next week. They also provided a contract proposal for jetting all sewer lines. The sewer lines were last jetted in 2016 and should be completed on a 5-year rotation. In the proposal the company can also televise each line. This would be helpful in determining problem areas and if excess water is entering our system.

Motion to enter a 6-year Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Plan with Johnson Jet-Line made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

City Clerk Report

- City Wide Garage Sale – A property owner asked if the city would consider doing a city-wide garage sale. It was determined to not advertise for one, but residents are welcome to have a sale anytime they please.

City Lawn Mower – Tongen mentioned how adding flex forks to his mower helped with a smoother ride and wondered if we should get them for the city. Vogel said the city did have some but they were damaged during a mowing accident. Council decided to have Nicole check prices for them and order.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen