

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

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

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

Ed Lipinski's drainage tile was added to Old Business.

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

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

Maintenance Report

- Council discussed the need to patch potholes on paved roads with Quikrete. Also discussed the need to repair and lower water and sewer clean outs. Painting of town hall windows needs to be completed as well.
- Maintenance Position – Council discussed the status of our Maintenance position as John has been out of work due to a back injury. Questions on whether or not he can continue to perform all job requirements of the position were discussed. Options of contracting out snow removal and water and sewer operations were brought up. Council decided to table until next meeting. Vogel will continue to help with water, sewer, and Toni will continue to Mow.
- Lot on Highland Ridge
 - Evergreen Tree- Tom Bowler asked if he could have an Evergreen that is located on the lot. Vogel proposed we allow him to take the tree if we can get a couple scoops of black dirt from him. Council agreed.
 - Volunteer Brush Clean up- Gary Rodeberg volunteered to help clean up brush around the tree line of the lot. Discussion of who and when the city would have the time to complete that task as we don't have a maintenance employee at the moment. An idea to reach out to the county to see if they still do 'Sentence to Serve' was mentioned. Nicole will reach out to them.
 - Level lot with Black Dirt- The lot needs to be leveled out with black dirt. Tongen mentioned he could help level it with his equipment.
- Street Maintenance Savings- Discussion as to how we should start saving more each year for street repair and possibly complete one side of town at a time.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Two Payment Plans were submitted to council

Motion to approve each payment plan by Vogel, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously.

Old Business:

- Security Cameras- Options were provided to council from Blue Sky Security. The first quote included 5 cameras, equipment, and labor. The second quote included additional cameras for our pump house. Discussion followed. It was decided to table until next month and have all camera options again to make a decision.

- City Clean Up Information- Nicole reached out to Tostensons for prices on items they accept. The county will not be doing a clean up day this year so the prices are not reduced. It was decided to wait until next year if they have it again.
- Ed Lipinski's Drainage Tile- Council discussed having Nicole get a hold of Ed to see if he is making progress on a solution to the drainage tile on his property. He mentioned last year he would start or complete his plan in the spring of 2020.

New Business:

- Southwest Initiative Foundation sent a letter requesting the City consider donating.

Motion made by Vogel to donate \$200.00, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously

Mayor Tongen adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen