

# Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel City Clerk, Nicole Koenen. Sarah and Kevin Norman were also present.

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

Payloader bucket was added to Maintenance Report. Kevin Norman was added after approval of Meeting Minutes.

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

**Motion to approve July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.**

Kevin Norman – Kevin and Sarah were present to discuss a citation that they received from Sheriff's Department pertaining to calls about their dogs running at large. They explained their view of the situation and council asked questions. It was determined to have Nicole check with the Sheriffs Department to clarify where the \$130 fee was determined. The City's penalty for violation of a City Ordinance is up to \$300 for a petty misdemeanor and \$1,000 for a misdemeanor.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances

**Motion to approve monthly claims by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lokken m/s/p unanimously**

Old Business

- Building Permits – This was tabled as the committee would need to schedule a meeting to discuss.
- Bond Closing – The Street Reconstruction Bond was closed on August 3, 2021 and \$275,000 was deposited into the City's Account. Street project will tentatively start in September.

New Business:

- Resolution 8-10-21-1 Approving Tax Forfeited Property for Public Auction

**Motion to approve Resolution 8-10-21-1 made by Vogel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously**

Maintenance Report

- Pump Update – The replacement is delayed and will notify the city once it ships.
- Update on Sewer Counter – Counter was repaired and is back in working condition. Byron confirmed we will be using water totals for June and July as there has been little to no rain.
- Payloader Bucket – Lokken mentioned he could set up to get the piece cut for the bucket and welded back on.

City Clerk Report

- Town Hall Rental – There is a request to rent the Town Hall in November. Council determined to open it up and clean the building before the event. It will be winterized afterwards.
- Harvest Festival – Council discussed whether or not to have a festival every year. It was determined to hold it the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September every year and to form a community club to help with planning.

Public Comments

- Trees in front of the Goose Bar- Discussed complaints of the trees in the right of way between the Goose Bar and HWY 7/59. The trees are obstructing the view of driver's entering the highway. It was determined to move them to the city park. The landscaping was also discussed and a decision was made to ask the Goose Bar if they would like to take over the maintenance for the flower beds. If they decide not to take over, the plants would be moved as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk, Nicole Koenen