

# Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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

Compost site and wastewater counter were added to Maintenance Report. Watson playground was added to New Business.

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

**Motion to approve July 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koenen m/s/p unanimously.**

## Maintenance Report

- Maintenance Position- Council members Lokken, Bjornstad and Koenen discussed options for this position during the budget meeting. They decided to list the position and also request bids for snow removal for 2020/2021 winter season.
- Battery Tender- Vogel suggested the city purchase a battery tender for the dump truck as something keep draining the batteries.

**Motion made by Tongen to purchase a battery tender up to \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koenen m/s/p Vogel Abstained**

- Battery Back Up for Disposal Plant- Vogel described the need for a battery back up at our disposal plant so the alarm system can call out when the power is out.

**Motion by Lokken to purchase a Battery Back up for Disposal Plant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koenen m/s/p unanimously**

- Gravel and Dirt Supplies- a few residents decided to help themselves to black dirt without asking permission. Discussion over putting security cameras in the area followed.
- Compost site- The site needs to be burned again this fall. Council asked Nicole to create a sign-up sheet for volunteers to watch the burn through out the day.
- Wastewater Counter- Vogel explained how the counter is not working properly. He called the company to come take a look at it. We need this to be working properly as it tracks the amount of waste we send to Montevideo.
- Sentence to Serve- Nicole reached out to 6W corrections. They do have the program still in place. The City would request tasks to be done and if approved they would complete them.

## Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

## Old Business:

- Security Cameras- Council went over all options from the past few meetings. It was decided to go with 4 Cameras to try out and get more if approve of how they work.

**Motion to purchase four Goowls Security Cameras from Amazon by Koenen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously**

- Ballpark Lights- The Lights have been installed and need to be added to our insurance coverage. Based on the estimated value it would be an extra \$1,200.00 a year to our policy.

**Motion made by Tongen to add coverage for the lights, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koenen m/s/p unanimously**

New Business:

- Watson Playground- The merry go round is broken. Instead of repairing it again Nicole suggested the City purchase a new one. Options were provided and discussed by council.

**Motion to purchase a Ten Spin from Miracle Playground Equipment made by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lokken m/s/p unanimously**

Mayor Tongen adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk, Nicole Koenen