

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Present Mayor: Todd Tongen. Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel, City Clerk: Alan Marohl. Three Residents. Dennis Larson and Richard Enevoldsen.

Bids for 2023/2024 snow removal – **Motion to approve the bid from R-T contractors for a three-year contract by Vogel, 2nd Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.**

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

Add campers to new business.

Motion to approve the agenda with additions by Tongen, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

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

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business:

- Unclaimed Road – Dennis Larson is planning on selling his parcels located around the road. To clear up any confusion of who owns the road, Dennis offered to donate it to the city.

Motion to accept the donation of the unclaimed road from Dennis Larson by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

- Jake Fiscus: Dangerous Dog – Jake Fiscus presented his evidence to support the removal of the dangerous label from his dog named Tobi. Evidence included written statements from individuals who had interacted with the dog. A list of factors that have contributed to the dogs change in behavior. And Jake’s own testimony of why the label is no longer appropriate. After reviewing the information, council agreed that the dangerous dog label should be removed. Alan will have a resolution ready at the next meeting to pass, officially removing it.

Motion to remove the dangerous dog label from Jake Fiscus’s dog Tobi by Tongen, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

- Demolition Bids for 330 2nd St – Council went over both bids that were received last month.

Motion to award the bid to Schoep Contracting LLC by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

- MNBC – Council went through the additional chapters that the MN Basic Code offers. Chapters pertaining to garbage collection, peddlers and solicitors, and commercial amusements will not be included. The utilities, nuisances, and sexually oriented business chapters will be included as decided by council.

New Business:

- Harvest Festival - Next year's harvest festival was set for September 14th. A committee still needs to be created for the festival.
- Campers – Two people are using a vacant lot as a place to camp in town. This is a violation of Watson's zoning ordinance. Alan was instructed to send a letter through the sheriff's office specifying their removal.

Maintenance Report:

- Public Safety Aid – Alan informed council that there is a possible \$7,920 in aid to be certified to Watson. The funds must be used in relation to public safety. One option would be to buy a truck for brush burning. Council will discuss this more once the funds are actually received.

City Clerk Report:

- Insurance – Alan reported that the city's insurance deductible can only be changed as a whole and not for separate items. It is also not possible to change the coverage amount as the city is required to have full coverage.
- Christmas Tree – Alan asked if there is anything specific, he should look for when purchasing a Christmas tree for the community center.

Public Comments:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Alan Marohl