

## **Watson City Council Meeting Minutes**

September 13, 2022

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen Council Members: Carter Lokken, Nathan Jordahl, Cheryl Bjornstad, Todd Vogel. City Clerk: Alan Marohl. Nicole Koenen

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

Add Watson Fire Department to new business, Ben Schrupp to old business, Yellowstone Trail Sign to new business.

**Motions to approve agenda with additions by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vogal m/s/p unanimously.**

**Motion to approve July 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.**

Financial Report:

- Cash Balances

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

- Utilities – Delinquent Accounts were sent disconnection notices.

Old Business:

- Small Cities Grant Update – The small cities grant is being extended to September 30, 2023.
- Hunting Stand – Council decided to not take action against Charlie for the hunting stand unless complaints from other residents arise. Council members have already warned Charlie about discharging a firearm in city limits and do not think it is necessary to send any letters.
- Draft Modular Home Ordinance – Council reviewed the draft and decided not to make any changes. A final draft will be looked at next meeting.
- Edibles Update – Council agreed to have the attorney create a license to sell edible cannabinoids. The fee for the license will be decided next December.
- Ben Schrupp – Schrupp is looking for councils' approval on extending his garage. Schrupp would have to pay for a variance and go through a public hearing before continuing his project.

New Business:

- Resolution 9-13-22-1 Preliminary Levy

**Motion to approve Resolution 9-13-22-1 by Tongen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.**

- Alan Bank Approval

**Motion to allow Alan to be on the bank account by Vogal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.**

**Motion to allow Alan to pay bills before a meeting that would otherwise be late by Vogal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordahl m/s/p unanimously.**

**Motion to allow Alan to be a notary by Vogal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lokken m/s/p unanimously.**

- Speed Limit sign on Highland Ridge – A resident had asked for an additional speed limit sign to be placed closer to the apartment building. A no outlet sign was also asked to be installed for the dead end on 1<sup>st</sup> street. Council was not apposed to either.

**Motion to install speed limit sign on Highland ridge and a no outlet sign on 1<sup>st</sup> Street by Bjornstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vogal m/s/p unanimously.**

- Yellowstone Trail Sign - Cheryl Bjornstad presented a street sign for the Yellowstone Trail to be put up. The trail currently runs along the highway that goes through Watson. Council discussed what spot would be best for the sign and what to put it on, but made no final decision and would continue to look into different options.
- Resident Letter Vehicle, Mowing, Garbage – The resident has mowed their lawn but the vehicle will be checked to see if it is licensed. If not, a tow will be called for the vehicle to be removed. The resident will be notified that leaves can be dumped at the compost site.
- Shed Addition – The council wants to first confirm that Elliot has enough land to expand his shed. He would then have to pay for a variance and have a public hearing to have his plan approved.
- Fire Department – The Watson fire department is closing on April 15<sup>th</sup>. By contract, the Fire Department owes rent money for all of 2023. Council considered only charging rent for the months they actually used the building. Possible uses for the vacant building and any trucks in the city's possession were also talked about.

**Maintenance Report:**

- Johnson Jet Line – The sewer line by highland ridge was revealed to have another company's line going through it. Byron will present pictures next meeting and decide if any repair work needs to be done.
- Seal Coating Update – Seal coating was finished September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Waste Water Repair – The insurance check was received and will cover the costs of the new parts and the charge for the electrician.
- MNDOT Snow Removal – Council did not see any reason to partner with MNDOT as the city is able handle its own snow removal.
- Speed bumps – Council decided to wait until spring to purchase speed bumps.

**City Clerk Report:**

Goose Bar Shrubs – Alan asked what the city would be doing with the trees and shrubs outside of the Goose Bar. The mayor said if he had time, would at least cut the trees down.

Controlled Burning – Council thought about asking the DNR to do a controlled burn for the city to clear up some overgrown land.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk, Alan Marohl

