

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

Present: Mayor: Todd Tongen (via: phone) Council Members: Carter Lokken, Todd Vogel, Cheryl Bjornstad, Jonathan Koenen, City Clerk, Nicole Koenen. Resident, Howard Flinn was also present.

Acting Mayor Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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

Motion to approve August 11th Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously.

Howard Flinn- Plans for Building

Howard was present to present his plans for building a shed on his property located on Highland Ridge. He apologized as he did not know a building permit was needed in order to build a shed. After looking through the zoning ordinance, his building plans did not fit within the guidelines due to the fact he does not have a dwelling(house) on the same lot he will be building. The lot is zoned for residential use. His next option would be to apply for variance and hold a public hearing in accordance to variance instructions. Howard asked if the public hearing could be held as soon as possible so he can complete his shed. The council agreed to volunteer their time to hold a special meeting with a public hearing. They also agreed to allow a payment plan for the variance fee.

Maintenance Report

- Maintenance Position- The City has received 3 application for the maintenance position and one bid for snow removal. It was decided to set interviews for Tuesday, September 15th and make a final decision on contracting or hiring a full-time employee again.
- Date to Burn Compost Site- It was decided to burn the compost site on September 26th with a few council members volunteering to watch the fire through out the day.
- Waste Water Counter- It was repaired and is back in working condition
- Back up Acting Mayor- It is possible that both Tongen and Vogel will not be present at our next meeting. Koenen volunteered to be the Acting Mayor if that happens.

Financial Report

- Cash Balances

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

New Business:

- Liquor License for Salty Heifers

Motion to approve liquor license pending final purchase of store and insurance by Vogel, 2nd Koenen m/s/p unanimously

- Resolution 9-8-2020-1 Preliminary Tax Levy

Motion to set the preliminary tax levy to \$105,271 by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously

- AMKO Advisors Proposal- A representative for AMKO Advisors stopped in the office and presented a proposal to refinance our USDA Water & Sewer Loan. It could possibly save the city up to \$400,000 total. They are asking the City to allow them to request information from the USDA pertaining our loan repayment so they can get the exact numbers.

Motion for AMKO to move forward with getting information from the USDA made by Vogel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously

City Clerk Report

- Cameras – After ordering the cameras and trying them in the shop, it was determined they would not work without WIFI connection there. They were sent back except for one that is being used at the City Office. Other options were discussed.

Motion to allow Nicole to purchase a game camera up to \$250 by Vogel, 2nd Bjornstad m/s/p unanimously.

- Playground – Ten Spin Update - The estimated ship date is October 7th. The City was able to purchase it in orange.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen