

Watson City Council Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

Present: Mayor, Kylene Olson Council Members: Todd Tongen, Carter Lokken, Todd Vogel, Tara Harwick City Clerk, Nicole Koenen. Also present were 3 residents, and special guest, Dennis Larson and Shane Augeson.

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

Added Budget Meeting under Clerk's Report, Shane Augeson after Dennis Larson, Toni Baldwin time sheet and proposal under new business, Maintenance position and Richard Larson's storage under Clerk's Report.

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

Motion to approve July 10, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes by Vogel, 2nd Harwick m/s/p unanimously.

Dennis Larson- Old Depot

Dennis Larson was present to present a proposal for the Old Depot. He mentioned he would put money into purchasing the materials for restoring the Old Depot if the community of Watson will put in the work. The building needs shingles, paint, and a support beam. On September 7th and 8th the building will have a marker for the Yellowstone Trail painted on the side. Olson suggested adding something in with the utility bills to see if we get any interest from the community.

Motion made by Olson to add to utility bills, 2nd Vogel m/s/p unanimously.

Shane Augeson- Update on Lights for the Ball Park

The Baseball Association purchased lights from Dawson, but before they can put them up they need a few things addressed. The power lines on the North side of the field will have to be under ground or eliminated if at all possible. May need to hook the new lights in through the pump house temporarily to get the lights up and then have Xcel replace with LED.

Motion made to have Nicole call Xcel to get a price of taking out the poles and power line, 2nd by Harwick m/s/p unanimously.

Discussion continued about removing the tree line for the adjacent farmer. It was decided that Nicole get ahold of him before the next meeting so we can move forward.

Reimbursing the Honker's Baseball Association \$42.24 for purchasing the paint used to paint our picnic tables.

Motion made by Olson to reimburse the Honkers, 2nd Tongen m/s/p unanimously.

Financial Report:

4 Disconnection Notices were sent out for the month of July.

Monthly Claims for July and August were passed around for signatures.

Motion made to pass the claims by Olson, 2nd Harwick m/s/p unanimously.

Old Business:

- Vacating Platted Roads- The previous Resolution was approved last month but we needed to add who the vacated roads now belong to.

Motion to pass Resolution 6-12-18-1 by Vogel, 2nd Harwick m/s/p Olson and Tongen Abstained.

- Fire Department Contract- Brandon Coil left a message on the answering machine stating that he would like to change charging the residents of Watson \$600.00 to charging them \$0. Don Cary was present but didn't have anymore information. Olson stated that we should be focused on getting the Fire Hall Lease complete before we make a decision on the Fire Contract. It was decided to table the Fire Contract until next week where the council will have a meeting to complete the Fire Hall Lease. Nicole will get a hold of Brandon Coil and let him know.

New Business:

- Water Storage Tank Clean & Inspection Proposal- Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group sent Vogel a quote for inspection, clean out, and repair needed totaling \$12,325.00. This will need to be done every 3-5 years.

Motion made to approve quote and proceed by Olson, 2nd Tongen m/s/p unanimously.

- Next Step with Wellhead Protection- Amanda Strommer with the Minnesota Department of Health will be stopping by at our next meeting September 11, 2018 to discuss more about the wellhead protection plan and to answer any questions from the public.
- Toni Baldwin Proposal- Worked another 15 hours landscaping by the Goose Bar and is interested in mowing for the City next year. If the City hires a full-time maintenance position they would be doing all landscaping and mowing, but if they do not fill the position they will keep her in mind.

Motion made by Vogel to pay Toni for 15 hours of landscaping, 2nd Lokken m/s/p unanimously.

City Clerk Report:

- Water Meters- The City received 14 new meters in July and they were all replaced and sent back July 31st. Ferguson stated that this will be a quicker process from now on.
- Water Charges- Discussion of when the City should stop charging base fees on properties that are abandoned.

Motion made to stop charging after vacancy of two years by Vogel, 2nd Harwick m/s/p unanimously.

- Elections- 3 Residents filed for council; Cheryl Bjornstad, Allen Buchanan, and Jonathan Koenen. Todd Tongen filed for Mayor.
- Budget Meeting- Scheduled Budget meeting, Fire Hall Lease and Fire Contract for August 21st at 6:30pm.
- Maintenance Position- The City has not received any applicants. Suggested the City have a Facebook page to advertise jobs, for sale items, and to post information. Decided to change closing date to "until filled," and to change Class B to "have or obtain."
- Richard Larson Storage- Richard Larson has personal items stored in the Elevator. It was decided to send him a notice to have them removed within two weeks.

Motion made by Olson to send Richard Larson a letter with a 2-week deadline, 2nd Harwick m/s/p unanimously.

Maintenance Report:

- Street signs- Need 3 new posts. Nicole will order them.
- Lawn Mower- Discussion over what the lowest offer the City will take.
- Snow Plow- Vogel provided 3 different quotes from Farmers Union Oil Company.

Motion made by Olson to go with 8'2" V-DXT Steel, 2nd Lokken m/s/p Vogel Abstained.

- Gravel- Ordering gravel the 1st or 2nd week in September
- Lipinski Drainage- Discussion over having his sump pump go down the alley instead of county road 9. It was decided to leave it the way it is.

Discussion over County Road 9 and the signs that still need to be put up. It was decided that Nicole contact Steve Kubista and let him know our concerns.

Meeting adjourned by Olson at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk, Nicole Koenen