

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

Mayor Rowan called the special meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Rowan, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger. Marc Wirz arrived at 6:55 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Carlson

Others: Justice Walker with Mid MN Development Commission and Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss pool operations, review applications for pool staffing and review city code and zoning ordinance updates.

Council discussed staffing at the pool. The city advertised again for a manager and lifeguards but there was no response. At this time, there is only one application for manager and the person works a full-time job and only 3 lifeguard applications. One of the guards will be gone for a week in early June also. After discussion, council agreed to advertise again for a manager, assistant manager and lifeguards in the surrounding area papers.

Council discussed reimbursing lifeguards for the recertification course. Council felt they should be reimbursed the same for that as the certification course – one-half after the first season of employment and the other half after the second season of employment.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO REIMBURSE LIFEGUARDS FOR RECERTIFICATION COURSE, ONE-HALF OF COST AFTER COMPLETION OF FIRST SEASON AND THE OTHER HALF AFTER COMPLETION OF SECOND SEASON, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer will check with Red Cross and League of MN Cities on lifeguard staffing requirements and recommendations.

As there was no further discussion on pool matters, Mayor Rowan recessed the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Rowan reconvened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Justice Walker with Mid-MN Development Commission was present to review proposed ordinance amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and city code.

Right-of-Way permit applications were reviewed. These would go before the city's engineer for processing and the fees would be passed along to the applicant. There would be an exemption in the proposed excavation section for private property, but anything deeper than 24" would require a permit. Placing items outside for sale or free will have a 3-day limit with no more than 7 days total in one month. Exterior building material in the B1 Business District was discussed. Council would like to regulate the use of sheet metal in this district, i.e., it can't be continuous sheet metal. Justice suggested the council think about it and discuss at the May meeting and let him know the results.

Once all the proposed amendments have been completed, a public hearing will be set to get public comment.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan
Mayor