

APPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

Mayor Loch called the special meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Loch, Jerry Hesse, Sue Unterberger, Melody Gertken, Jersey Piccerillo

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: Mike and Chickie Lease, Jeff Geislinger, Bruce Geislinger, Bryan Landwehr, Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the special meeting was to draft a joint powers agreement between the city and the Watkins Baseball Association regarding the baseball park.

The city cannot give any funds directly to the association. Its participation will be directly to a vendor. The city needs to be assured that the association has sufficient funds to complete the building of the grandstand. Another quote will be needed for the materials. All improvements will be owned by the city. A letter of credit to cover the rest of the costs for the grandstand will need to be provided as well as two quotes for the material.

Mike Lease asked if the joint powers agreement could be as simple as possible. The association will continue to do the work it does at the field. Someone could attend council meetings quarterly to keep the council updated on the project. The association would continue maintenance as it has been and the city could continue to cut the grass as it has been. The city would continue to provide insurance. The association would continue to do field maintenance, purchase mowers, etc. Loch thought the agreement should be reviewed every two years. The association was agreeable to this.

Discussion was held on a joint board or someone from the council on the association's board. Piccerillo and Gertken volunteered to serve on the association's board. The agreement will include language that two current council members sit on the association's board.

Landwehr noted he could attend council meetings monthly during the construction of the grandstand to update the council. After construction, someone will attend quarterly meetings.

Jeff Geislinger noted that the some work needs to be done immediately this spring in order to play ball there for the regular season. Bruce noted that Watkins will host the amateur regional tournament in August so it will be a trial run for the state tournament on a smaller scale.

The following will be addressed in the joint powers agreement: The baseball association will continue to do day-to-day maintenance within the confines of the fence and also the buildings. Two city council members will sit on the association's board. Someone will attend monthly council meetings during construction and quarterly thereafter. The city will continue to mow as it has been, provide insurance at the park and provide the water for irrigating the field. Any future improvements over estimated to be \$5,000 or more will need to come before the council for approval.

Hesse asked if a sign could be placed noting "Watkins Community Ball Park- Home of the Clippers". The association agreed that could be done. Landwehr noted that a sign listing all the donors was also going to be put up.

Bruce noted the high school provides chalk and two loads of agri-lime each season and every two years has work done on the scoreboard. The high school team helps with some of the field work as well.

The association will need to submit its funds to the city for the purpose of the grandstand.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GERTKEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch  
Mayor