

APPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

Mayor Rowan called the special meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Rowan, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz, Brenda Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: Jody Bauer, Deputy Clerk Sarah Jacobsen-Krone, Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the meeting was to act on an agreement with Meeker County Sheriff's Office for medical director services for the Watkins Ambulance Service.

Both the League of Minnesota Cities risk attorney and city attorney reviewed the agreement. The city attorney had concerns regarding the indemnification language. He noted a public entity is supposed to avoid blanket, limitless indemnification provisions. The Meeker County board approved the agreement on April 4th. The city attorney reached out to the county, and was told that since it was already approved, they were not in a position to amend it. The current medical director will be done April 10th, which doesn't leave a lot of options for the city in appointing a new medical director. The city could approve the agreement, then if things seem to be going well, approach Meeker County about amending the language in a few months.

Wirz asked Jody Bauer about the costs. Jody noted Dr. Ho's fee would be \$35 per hour through the county. Watkins Ambulance would assume the cost of wages and benefits for his services here. Jody estimated he would be out here about 8 times the first year, each time being 3 to 4 hours. Watkins Ambulance will be charged 25% of the malpractice insurance premium from the county.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Council will follow up in six months to see if the indemnification language can be amended.

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

Adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan
Mayor