

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016

Mayor Eder called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Eder, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz, Brenda Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the July 12, 2016 emergency meeting, July 14, 2016 regular meeting, July 28, 2016 special meeting, July financial report, Resolution #2016-27, resolution accepting donations and delinquent water bills for shut off.

Public Forum-nothing

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE WATKINS AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool manager Ashlee Lundberg reported the average attendance is 45-46 people a day, which includes the free swim days. Excluding the free swim days it's about 41.5 per day. The pool was closed 8 days this summer due to weather. To date there has been a total attendance of 2,786. There were 313 students in lessons this season along with ten private lessons and four semi-private lessons. Ashlee noted the season has gone pretty good and has an idea of what she will need more of next season. Three lifeguards have said they will be taking a water safety instructor course for next season. Ashlee noted it has been working well with Public Works handling the chemical and maintenance side of the pool. Wirz noted she was doing a good job as far as he could see. Ashlee did ask to close the pool for the season August 19th. College starts for herself and others August 22 and there won't be anyone that is at least 18 years old to supervise things. Council approved to close the pool August 19th. This will be advertised on the city sign and website.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ACCEPT THE POOL REPORT, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S REPORT, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Improvements to the basketball courts behind City Hall will be delayed until spring.

City Cleanup Day-After discussion council agreed to wait until spring.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO TABLE CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP UNTIL NEXT SPRING, SECONDED BY WIRZ.
MOTION CARRIED.

Planning Commission Update- A public hearing was held August 3rd on opting out of the temporary health care dwellings law. There wasn't anyone from the public in attendance at the hearing. The planning commission recommended the city opt-out of the legislation and see how it goes for those cities that have not opted out.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2016-4, AN ORDINANCE OPTING-OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 462.3593, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER.
MOTION CARRIED.

St. Anthony Parish has requested a 3.2 malt liquor license for its festival on September 11th. This will be on church grounds.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO GRANT A 3.2 MALT LIQUOR LICENSE TO ST. ANTHONY PARISH FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2016, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reviewed the summer newsletter and decided to wait until fall to send one out.

CenterPoint Energy is planning to install another gas main through town. It would run parallel to the existing one. There would not be any new above ground structures installed with the project. Council approved.

151 First Street- The city attorney is waiting for some information on the search warrant process to move forward on this dilapidated structure.

Council discussed the properties that were sent letters regarding ordinance violations back in June. One letter was returned undeliverable. This will be reissued and hand delivered by the Deputy. Property at 261 Central Avenue South had damage from the tornado and will be contacted about their intentions with the property including issues prior to the storm. Letters will be sent to those that have not complied at 230 Central Avenue South and 241 Western Avenue South that a public hearing will be held at the next council meeting on the matter. Council advised to send a letter to the mobile home park owner regarding Lot 1 and also some branches that are a hazard in the mobile home park.

The city attorney continues to work with Geronimo on the Community Solar Garden agreement.

EDA update- Carlson noted that Matt Faber has submitted his resignation from the board. The board has recommended council accept it.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ACCEPT MATT FABER'S RESIGNATION FROM THE EDA BOARD, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Andy Donnay has applied to serve on the EDA board and the board has recommended his appointment to council.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPOINT ANDY DONNAY TO THE EDA BOARD, SECONDED BY WIRZ.
MOTION CARRIED.

Easements for the new city welcome signs should be ready by the September meeting.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer noted there were three quotes for tree and stump removal from McCarthy Park and Veterans Park. Affordable Tree Service quote was \$2,600.00. Charlie's Tree Removal & Stump Service quote was \$1,850.00. Meierhofer Tree Service quote was \$1,800.00.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM MEIERHOFER TREE SERVICE FOR \$1,800.00, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Director Steve Geislinger reported there are some rocks surfacing in the EDA property by Glenshire Estates. This is causing equipment problems for the person who cuts the grass. Geislinger asked if the city should have them removed or mark them and go around. Mayor Eder suggested checking what it would cost but Geislinger noted it would probably need to be done before the September meeting. Geislinger will check into it more.

Wirz asked about allowable fencing material. The Zoning Ordinance is not real specific on this. Next time an amendment is done this should be addressed. It was noted that swimming pools do need a land use permit.

Next regular meeting will be September 8 at 7 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO CLOSE THE MEETING FOR STAFF PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS PER MN STATUTE §13D.05, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was closed at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO REOPEN THE REGULAR MEETING, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was reopened at 8:28 p.m.

Steve Geislinger, Viri Liebrenz, Jeanette Neidhardt and Deb Kramer were given performance evaluations. Council agreed all staff was doing a good job.

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

Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

Attest:

Frank Eder, Mayor