

APPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

Mayor Loch called the special meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at City Hall.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Hesse

Others present: Public Works Director Steve Geislinger, City Engineer Kent Louwagie and Fred Strzyk with Hilltop Health Care Center

Purpose of the meeting was to review and act on quotes for the Luella Street Sanitary Sewer Extension project and review and act on Northland Securities Financial Planning Agreement.

Kent recapped the June 30th special meeting- Council rejected the quotes submitted and re-quoted the project. The completion date was extended to September 19, 2014 hoping this would bring in some lower quotes. Four re- quotes have been submitted but the amounts were in the same range. Kent noted the contractors are busy and felt this was reason for the quotes coming in higher. Hilltop is looking to have occupancy in February, 2015. Kent noted the low quote would probably negotiate his quote if the completion date could be delayed. Kent noted this contractor started his own business this year after working in the business for several years . Piccerillo asked if any of this falls on to Hilltop at all. Loch and Gertken noted the city was extending the sanitary sewer to the property line. There was no available sewer to hook up to for the new addition. Kent will contact the contractors and see if any are willing to negotiate the price if the completion date is pushed out further.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO TABLE THE QUOTES FOR THE LUELLA STREET SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION UNTIL THE AUGUST 14, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Fred noted that Hilltop has always paid its water/sewer bills on time and never complained about the rates or the amount of property taxes they pay. They have spent money locally by purchasing gift certificates to give to their employees to give the local economy a boost. They are trying to be competitive with other facilities that are non-profits.

Council reviewed the financial planning services agreement with Northland Securities. This would be for services performed for the tax abatement assistance request from Hilltop Health Care Center for its expansion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATKINS AND NORTHLAND SECURITIES, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Per the city's tax abatement policy, the business requesting the assistance is responsible for fees associated with the abatement project.

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

Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor