

APPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mayor Rowan called the special meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. at City Hall.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Unterberger

Others: Jody Bauer, Heidi Donnay, Shawny Kramer, Julie Hilsgen, Bonnie Holthaus, Kent Louwagie, Deputy Sandstrom, Deputy Clerk Sarah Jacobsen-Krone, Clerk Deb Kramer, Public Works Director Steve Geislinger.

Purpose of the meeting was to meet with Ambulance Service officers to discuss operations.

Chief Jody Bauer felt everything was going well. She noted Dr. Ho has been a huge advocate for the service. There was an occurrence with a member and Dr. Ho was consulted. The member was spoken to and they are moving forward. Dr. Ho does attend some meetings, either in person or virtually.

Jody noted the state is pushing out more reporting changes. The service has a contract with CentraCare for this and CentraCare had to hire someone to tweak their software to comply with the changes. The annual contract fee was \$2,800 and will now increase to \$3,650 annually.

Discussion was held on allowing city employees that may be a certified First Responder to be allowed to take time off work occasionally to drive the ambulance without having to clock out. Wirz will check with the Fire Department to see if any members have an interest in becoming a First Responder to help out with driving the ambulance. This would help when they are short members when responding to a call.

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

Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan  
Mayor