

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None. One council vacancy exists.

Mayor Eder called the special meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at City Hall.

Purpose of the meeting is to work on the Greater MN Transportation Alternatives Solicitation application for a pedestrian and bike trail in the city and to adopt any necessary resolutions for the application.

It was noted that the Lions Club and VFW Club have made a verbal commitment to support funding the trail project but it is not known at this time how much. This will be noted in the application.

Council agreed that the city will guarantee the 20% match and expenses that are not eligible for TA funding by budgeting for it in upcoming years.

Operations and maintenance of trail – Council agreed that the city will obtain equipment needed to maintain the trail year-round, either by lease or purchase. The city will budget over the life of the trail to maintain it by seal coating it when needed, snow removal, etc. User accommodations such as benches, waste receptacles, tire repair stations will be considered in the future.

Council agreed that if the trail gets funded the city shall be responsible to maintain the trail. The trail would be in highway right-of-way and there would be some driveways in the area that will need to be restored. Some signage may also be needed along the trail, i.e., “non-motorized trail only”.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-32, RESOLUTION AGREEING TO MAINTAIN FACILITY, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan, Mayor