

APPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss wastewater improvements and the state bonding bill and to review details of deputy clerk position and make appointment.

The personnel committee rated the three applicants for the deputy clerk position and interviewed Sarah Jacobsen-Krone and Terri Nohner. Carlson noted the decision was not easy as both candidates were qualified and interviewed well. The committee felt Sarah had a little more experience in office work and made the recommendation to offer the position to her.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO OFFER THE DEPUTY CLERK POSITION TO SARAH JACOBSEN-KRONE, IF SARAH DECLINES THEN OFFER TO TERRI NOHNER, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Sarah would be paid a minimum of 1-hour for EDA meeting attendance. Council agreed to have her work half days (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) in March while the clerk is out of the office. These hours can be adjusted if necessary and a notice will be posted outside.

Council discussed the lift station and force main improvements and the state bonding bill. Kramer has been in contact with Representative Dean Urdahl on this. Kramer informed Urdahl of the project and what the estimated cost is. The engineer will be submitting a facility plan to MPCA by the March 4th deadline to get the project on the 2023 Project Priority List for Clean Water Revolving Loan Funding. Kramer did inform Urdahl of this and that the city would be open to discussion to bond for matching funds should the state consider the project in the bonding bill.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO PURSUE POTENTIAL FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE BONDING BILL FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan, Mayor