

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

Mayor Eder called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: Duane Peterson, Jeff Hilsgen, Jody Bauer, Bonnie Holthaus, Steve Geislinger

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

MOTION BY LAUMER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes from December 12th public hearing and regular meeting, December financial report, Resolution #2020-1, Resolution Accepting Donations, Resolution #2020-2, Resolution Approving Transfer of Funds, Resolution 2020-3, Resolution Making Appointments for Authorized Signers, Resolution #2020-4, Resolution Approving Payment of Certain Monthly Bills, delinquent water bills for shut off.

Public Forum – none

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE WATKINS AMBULANCE SERVICE 4th QUARTER REPORTS, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Duane Peterson requested approval for the ambulance service to purchase a new pressure washer for \$1,729.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PRESSURE WASHER, SECONDED BY LAUMER. MOTION CARRIED.

Jeff Hilsgen requested an on-sale temporary liquor license on behalf of the Watkins Lions Club for an ice bocce ball event on February 15th at the skating rink facility.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-5, RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2020 APPOINTMENTS, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

2020 APPOINTMENTS

Acting Mayor – Kathleen Tschumperlin

Street Commissioner – Kathleen Tschumperlin

Water Commissioner – Jason Laumer

Sewer Commissioner – Marc Wirz

Police Commissioner – Sue Unterberger

Depositing Bank – Farmers State Bank of Watkins
Northland Securities

Animal Control Officer – Meeker County Sheriff's Office

Emergency Management Director – Meeker County Sheriff's Office

Official Newspaper – Tri-County News, Kimball MN

City Attorney – Daniel Zimmermann and Boe Piras– Willenbring Law Office

Prosecuting Attorney – Meeker County Attorney

Election Clerk – Deb Kramer

Weed Inspector – Frank Eder

The appointed Water Commissioner, the City Clerk and the Public Works Director shall also serve on the Eden Valley-Watkins Joint Water Commission Board.

Watkins Board of Adjustments – Sue Unterberger: 1/1/2020 to 1/1/2023

Marc Wirz: 1/1/2020 to 1/1/2023

Watkins Planning Commission – Jason Laumer: 1/1/2020 to 1/1/2023

Sara Krippner: 1/1/2020 to 1/1/2023

Watkins Economic Development Authority – one vacancy exists

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-6, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE STAMPS FOR MAYOR AND ACTING MAYOR, SECONDED BY LAUMER. MOTION CARRIED.

The annual fire protection meeting will be Wednesday, February 12th at 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Council approved to advertise for the EDA board vacancy.

MOTION BY LAUMER TO APPROVE THE PAY EQUITY REPORT, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A COLORED PRINTER FOR CITY HALL, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Council approved for Forest Prairie Township to hold their election and annual meeting at City Hall on March 10th.

Kramer reported the Workforce Housing Grant application was submitted in December. Award announcements should be in March-April.

MOTION BY LAUMER TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 13th at 7 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder
Mayor