

APPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

Acting Mayor Tschumperlin called the special meeting to order at 6:45 pm at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Acting Mayor Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger, Stephanie Eder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Chris Rowan, Brenda Carlson

OTHERS: Jody Bauer, Bonnie Holthaus, Heidi Donnay, Deputy Sandstrom, Deputy Clerk Sarah Jacobsen Krone, City Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss ambulance operations with officers.

Bauer noted that she has been reviewing all runs since the discussion on billing at the last quarterly meeting. September runs are still being worked on, as that month there were computer issues. Almost half of the Accounts Receivable are sitting in the Medicare/Medicaid system, the remainder are made up of commercial and some self-pay. She is monitoring as best she can.

Bauer also informed the council that one of the members had a driving violation and, while still able to go on calls and work in the back of the ambulance, cannot drive for 90 days. This was reported to the state as required.

Postcards will be going out in the mail next month to recruit members. A full roster would be 24 members, although Bauer pointed out that 30 members would be appropriate for the current call volume. The service is only at 15 members right now.

Ambulance service is going to be hosting a class in Watkins, so there will be some significant expense associated with that.

Clerk informed Bauer that the Fire Protection meeting is scheduled for February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sarah Jacobsen Krone, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan, Mayor