

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014

Mayor Loch called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Loch, Jerry Hesse, Sue Unterberger, Jersey Piccerillo and Melody Gertken at 7:04 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: Ben Aho, Kelly Kelley, Duane Peterson, EV-W Voice, Tri-County News, Deputy Josh Case, Clerk Deb Kramer

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER.
MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY HESSE.
MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes from the December 12th, 2013 regular meeting, December financial report, Resolution #2014-1, Resolution Accepting Donations, Resolution #2014-2, Resolution Approving Transfers, delinquent water bills for shut off, 2013 Pool Maintenance Fund financial report.

Public Forum-nothing

Deputy Case presented the sheriff's report. There were 23 calls for service in December. The city did receive a formal complaint today regarding snowmobiles driving on Central Avenue. Case noted he would patrol this. He did ask that any information people can give him regarding drivers would be helpful.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S REPORT, SECONDED BY HESSE.
MOTION CARRIED.

Ambulance Service presented its 4th quarter report. Discussion was held on paying bills. Loch noted that no bills can be paid until approved by the council and that two council people need to sign the checks. More discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GERTKEN TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR PREAPPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY BILLS-AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, ARVIG, CENTRAL MCGOWAN, EXPERT T BILLING, GOLD CROSS AMBULANCE SERVICE, JACK'S OF WATKINS, NUCARA PHARMACY, SPRINT, SECONDED BY PICCERILLO. MOTION CARRIED.

Council advised to have this resolution reviewed by the city's auditors to see if it meets requirements.

Loch noted that the financial reports should not show deficit spending. Gertken noted she would follow up with Kelly on this.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE 4TH QUARTER REPORT, SECONDED BY GERTKEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Ben Aho noted that they were having some problems with the turbo boost on the ambulance and had to have it serviced. Council advised to get the problem fixed now and preauthorized payment of the claim.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE TO FIX THE TURBO BOOST AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE VFW PLAYGROUND AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM MIDWEST PLAYSCAPES FOR PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE, WOOD FIBER SURFACING AND COMMUNITY BUILD INSTALLATION AT A COST OF \$19,411.00, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-3, RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2014 APPOINTMENTS, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2014-3
CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2014 APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, *The City Council of the City of Watkins does hereby approve the attached list as the appointments for 2014.*

This foregoing resolution was adopted on a motion by Piccerillo, seconded by Hesse. Motion Carried.

Adopted this 9th day of January, 2014.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Deb Kramer, Clerk/Treasurer

Dennis Loch, Mayor

2014 MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Acting Mayor – Jerry Hesse

Street Commissioner – Jerry Hesse

Water Commissioner – Melody Gertken

Sewer Commissioner – Scott Piccerillo

Police Commissioner – Sue Unterberger

Shade Tree Commissioner – Scott Piccerillo

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

Prosecuting Attorney – Meeker County Attorney

Election Clerk – Deb Kramer

Weed Inspector – Dennis Loch

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

Watkins Economic Development Authority:

Fred Struzyk – Term to expire 1-1-2020

Watkins Board of Adjustments:

Marc Wirz – Term to expire 1-1-2017

Watkins Planning/Zoning Commission:

Scott Piccerillo – Term to expire 1-1-2017

Mike Grunewald – Term to expire 1-1-2015

Jason Laumer – Term to expire 1-1-2017

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-4, RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN MONTHLY BILLS, SECONDED BY GERTKEN. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2014-4
CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN MONTHLY BILLS

WHEREAS, the City of Watkins receives certain monthly utility and service bills in between regular city council meetings; and

WHEREAS, these monthly bills must be paid before the next regular meeting to avoid late payments and penalties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Watkins City Council does hereby approve the clerk to pay these monthly utility, service and employee insurance bills before the next regular meeting.

This foregoing resolution was adopted this 9th day of January, 2014.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor

Debra S. Kramer, Clerk

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

The Lions Club requested a temporary on-sale liquor license for a bocce ball event at the skating rink facility on February 15th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GERTKEN TO APPROVE THE LIONS CLUB REQUEST FOR AN ON-SALE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FEBRUARY 15TH, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Council concerns-Piccerillo asked about late charges on water bills that were due December 25th. City Hall was closed December 24 and 25. He had two complaints that the city charged the \$5 late penalty on December 26th because the payments were not received by the 25th. He felt this was preposterous that the late fees were charged when City Hall was closed those two days. The monthly due date is the 25th of every month per city policy. It will be noted next December on the bills what days City Hall will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

Piccerillo asked what the policy was for snow plowing on the weekends. Piccerillo asked why Mayor Loch was helping Steve move snow when Virl should have been. Mayor Loch noted he spoke to Virl about this and it was taken care of. Piccerillo went on to say that Loch was taking hours away from Virl and trying to run the entire town.

Hesse asked about rental of the skating rink building and the city's liability. Kramer noted she has contacted the city's agent regarding this.

The electronic sign outside City Hall has a few panels out. This will be fixed by Scenic Sign as soon as conditions allow.

Steve Geislinger and Viri Liebrez requested to attend MRWA conference in St. Cloud March 4-6th at a cost of \$200 each.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE FOR STEVE GEISLINGER AND VIRI LIEBREZ TO ATTEND THE MRWA CONFERENCE IN ST. CLOUD MARCH 4-6TH, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

A request was made to rent the Village Hall for a half day. Someone would like to rent it for a wedding and come back the next day to clean up instead of that night. The rental price is \$75 per floor per day. Council approved to rent it for a ½ day at a fee of \$35. The key must be returned to the hall manager by noon. If the hall is already booked for an event the following day they must have it cleaned up that night.

Kramer requested to take vacation March 6-14th. Council approved to change the March council meeting to March 20th.

Sanding private parking lots was discussed. Council agreed the fee will be current cost of material and time and done at the discretion and availability of the Public Works Department and availability of product.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS, INCLUDING AMBULANCE FUND BILLS, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY PICCERILLO. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor