

APPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Rowan, Tootz Tschumperlin, Marc Wirz, Sue Unterberger. Brenda Carlson arrived at 7:14 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: Bruce Walz, Rob Pederson, Breanna Walz, Mitch Moe, Shawny Kramer, Jody Bauer, Steve Geislinger, Deputy Clerk Sarah Jacobsen-Krone, Clerk Deb Kramer, Deputy Sandstrom

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

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

Items on the Consent Agenda: minutes of June 13th special and regular meeting, June financial report, Resolution No. 2024-20, Resolution Accepting Donations, Resolution No. 2024-21, Resolution Approving Transfer of Funds, delinquent water bills for shut off, Resolution No. 2024-22, Resolution Appointing Election Judges, and updated Data Practice Policies for Data Subjects and Members of the Public.

Public Forum – none

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

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE AMBULANCE SECOND QUARTER REPORTS, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE UPDATED AMBULANCE ROSTER, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Bruce Walz requested to make a curb cut to widen a driveway on Meeker Avenue North. Geislinger viewed the property and didn't see any issues.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE CURB CUT TO WIDEN THE DRIVEWAY, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Rob Pederson requested to make a curb cut on the SE corner of his property. He plans to build a shed and would like to drive back to it. Geislinger viewed and didn't see any issues. It would be close to the neighbor's property.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE PEDERSON'S CURB CUT REQUEST, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

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

550 Western Avenue N water intrusion issue – Kramer noted the developer is working with his engineer to get as-builts.

National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 6th from 5-7 p.m. at McCarthy Park. Mayor Rowan noted the Lions Club may want to block off 2nd Street North in front of the park from about 4:30 to 7 p.m.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO BLOCK OFF 2ND ST N, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Railroad crossing replacement – Kramer noted there has been a lot of concern about the condition of the crossing on Central Avenue. CP Rail asked if the city would want to cost-share in replacing the crossing. CP would provide the labor and the city would be responsible for materials, detour and asphalt. The estimated cost for the city would be \$50,000. Council did not feel this should be an expense to the city. No action was taken.

Council agreed to wait until the following Monday if water service disconnects fall on a Friday.

Carlson arrived at this time.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE AN ON-SALE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ST. ANTHONY PARISH FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Clerk Jacobsen-Krone updated council on law changes for earned sick and safe time (ESST). Volunteer firefighters and ambulance services were exempted. Discussion followed. Policy will remain as is.

There will be a public hearing for small box discount store regulations July 24th at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Council agreed to have agendas with rules set out. The developer will have an opportunity to speak and then open up the floor for comments/questions. Council requested Deputy Sandstrom be present. Guests will be allowed 3 minutes to speak. Comments must be to the point and respectful.

Council agreed to wait until next year to stripe the city parking lot.

Public Works Director Geislinger noted someone parks across the street from the post office drop box on 2nd Street making it difficult for the adjacent business owners to get in and out. Council advised to paint over the marking.

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

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 8th at 7 p.m.

Council approved for pool staff to enter a unit in the Kraut N' Wurst parade. The last day for the pool season will be Friday, August 23rd. Council approved a refund could be issued at the pool if the person is there less than 15 minutes and the reason is weather related.

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

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan
Mayor