

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020  
7 P.M.

Mayor Eder called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. via teleconference due to the COVID-19 crisis.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Frank Eder, Jason Laumer, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger

ABSENT: Marc Wirz

Others: Mary Loch, Steve Geislinger, Jody Bauer. Clerk Deb Kramer was present at City Hall.

Mayor Eder added Resolution #2020-12, Resolution Approving Premises Permit, to the agenda.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITION, SECONDED BY LAUMER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LAUMER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and May 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting, May financial report, Resolution #2020-11, Resolution Appointing Election Judges.

Public Forum – none

Council considered a resolution allowing the Watkins Baseball Club to conduct lawful gambling at Gordies Bar.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-12, RESOLUTION APPROVING PREMISES PERMIT, SECONDED BY LAUMER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LAUMER TO APPROVE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

The city is the holder of 2 mortgages on Mary Loch's property for housing rehab loans that were issued to her in 2013 and 2016. Mary is trying to refinance due to the low rates now and the lender is asking the city to subordinate on both. These loans are forgiven after 10 years as long as the person continues to live at and own the property. The total principal balance on the 2013 loan is approximately \$6,954. The principal balance on the 2016 loan is approximately \$2,975. The mortgage would be for \$95,000.

The appraisal done in May, 2020 had a value of \$160,000. Mary noted this would be a 15-year mortgage with a balloon payment and she could refinance at that time.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE SUBORDINATION ON THE LOANS, SECONDED BY LAUMER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Council discussed current operations at City Hall. The door is still locked and staff has been alternating work days. The Governor's peace-time emergency is set to expire June 12<sup>th</sup>. Laumer noted he heard the Governor was going to ask the Legislature to extend it another month. Kramer noted a Preparedness Plan has to be adopted by the council by June 29<sup>th</sup>. However, the state has until June 15<sup>th</sup> to update the requirements for the plans. Council discussed holding a special meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to act on this. Council approved to continue to keep the door locked until the special meeting and for staff to continue alternating until then.

Planning Commission update – Eder noted that Flaschenriem's have applied for a variance to put an addition on their commercial building on Veteran's Drive. The public hearing will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

MOTION MADE BY TSCHUMPERLIN NOT TO WAIVE THE CITY'S MONETARY LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL TORT LIABILITY ESTABLISHED BY MN STATUTES 466.04, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens Bank will now be charging a monthly fee of \$24.95 for the ACH agreement for water bill payments.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE ACH AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

The Fire Relief Association has requested a temporary on-sale liquor license for Kraut N' Wurst for July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will decide in mid-July if it will be held. Holding the event will be dependent on what the Governor does regarding outdoor gatherings. Tschumperlin didn't know if a parade could be planned in that short of time. Council felt the parade would not happen this year.

MOTION BY LAUMER TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Ertl will be retiring from the Watkins Fire Department effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom has served on the department for 23 years.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ACCEPT TOM ERTL'S RESIGNATION, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Council thanked Tom for his service throughout the years.

The School District would like to put another sign on the population sign recognizing 2020 FFA State Champs. The school has been in contact with MNDOT also. There is one sign recognizing the 2019 FFA State Champs on the population sign now. Council asked if there would be a way to get it all on one sign. Kramer will check with the school.

Coordinated Business Systems has submitted a proposal for a copier/printer for City Hall. The current lease with Marco is up in October. The monthly rate would be less and they would give the City a \$1,300 check to buy out the current lease with Marco. Kramer noted she has contacted Marco to see how many prints the city has in a month and what the buyout would be. The proposal from Coordinated is good through June. Council agreed to wait to hear from Marco and review at the special meeting.

Kramer noted there is an issue with the meters at the school and baseball field again. Geislinger doesn't think the low side of the irrigation meter is working properly. Discussion followed on the amount of water used at the baseball field and council felt there should be a discussion with the Clippers regarding this and also some kind of agreement for payment for the water use. Council thought the agreement between the city and the baseball club required them to attend council meetings twice a year. Eder noted he would talk to manager Matt Geislinger.

Kramer noted the men's softball league plans to start up next week. Council didn't see any problems with it.

Geislinger noted the City of Eden Valley held the hearing on Part II of the Wellhead Protection Plan on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the council did adopt it. Geislinger has made some calls to get someone out to look at the water tower concrete foundation and the wastewater treatment site inlet manhole. Black dirt was hauled in around the pool and grass planted where it was dug up during repairs last fall. Geislinger noted they are planning to start up the heaters at the pool to be sure they work and check the piping to be sure there are no leaks.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY LAUMER. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The Board of Adjustments public hearing and meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be held via phone as well as the special council meeting.

MOTION BY LAUMER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: LAUMER, TSCHUMPERLIN, UNTERBERGER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder, Mayor