

APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

Mayor Rowan called the special meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Rowan, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz, Brenda Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: Jody Bauer, Heidi Donnay, Bonnie Holthaus, Mitchell Moe, Steve Geislinger, Shawny Kramer, Deputy Clerk Sarah Jacobsen-Krone, Clerk Deb Kramer

Jody noted things were going well. The service received a Certificate of Clinical Excellence from the state. The Ambulance Service demonstrated exceptional clinical care in calendar year 2023 and was recognized by the Minnesota Emergency Medical services Regulatory Board on April 10, 2024 for its efforts.

Jody noted things seem to be going better with the billing service. There has been some new staff and changes are being made with the billing process.

Some new legislation may allow the service to apply for a hardship variance to allow other trained emergency vehicle drivers drive the ambulance. As of now, a driver must be a First Responder or an EMT. There was also legislation passed for one-time aid for rural ambulance services. The service would need to apply for the aid by September 16, 2024. Funding would be distributed December 26, 2024.

Jody noted she does get monthly reports from the billing company.

The service has added two new members.

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

Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris Rowan
Mayor