

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014

Mayor Loch called the special meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Loch, Jerry Hesse and Sue Unterberger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jersey Piccerillo and Melody Gertken

Others: City engineer Kent Louwagie, Public Works Director Steve Geislinger and Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the special meeting was to review quotes for the Luella Street Sanitary Sewer extension for the Hilltop Health Care Center addition.

Council reviewed the 3 quotes. Loch asked why the quotes were so much more than the estimate. Kent noted it was probably due to the small job and that contractors are busy now. Kent noted he solicited eight quotes and three responded. Kent put July 31<sup>st</sup> as the deadline for completion of the work as he thought Hilltop wanted to proceed as soon as possible. All 3 quotes received were in excess of the engineer's estimate. Timeline was discussed. Kent noted that Hilltop's engineer contacted him asking if they could install their sewer prior to the city installing its sewer. Kent told them it would be allowed as long as they understand it would be at their own risk should any unforeseen conditions arise once the city starts. Kent did advise Hilltop to install their sewer six inches higher than the elevations shown on the city's plans to allow some wiggle room in case something unforeseen comes up. Kent has not heard back from their engineer on this. Hesse noted the city could probably wait a month and the ground could be dried up and the city could save some money. Loch asked if the deadline to reply could be extended. Kent noted another option would be to extend the completion time. The completion date was July 31<sup>st</sup>. This could be extended to mid-September if there is no immediate rush. Doing soil borings was discussed. Kent estimated that would run about \$1,500.00. Council agreed to start the process over and extend the completion date to mid-September.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HESSE TO REJECT ALL QUOTES AND REQUOTE WITH A COMPLETION DATE OF SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Financing was discussed. When the project was first discussed it was decided to pay for it from the Sewer Fund. If the quotes still come in around the same as they did the first time, Council agreed to take the estimated amount from the Sewer Fund and the balance from the Sewer Utility Replacement Fund and also from the General Fund if needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer,  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor