

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Eder, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz, Brenda Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Mayor Eder added Ambulance training expenditure to the agenda.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ABOVE ADDITION, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were: minutes of the May 12, 2016 regular meeting, May financial report, Resolution #2016-19, Resolution Accepting Donations, Resolution #2016-20, Resolution Appointing Election Judges, delinquent water bills for shut off.

Public Forum-Nothing

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF WATKINS AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE \$1,200.00 EXPENDITURE FOR AMBULANCE TRAINING, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

151 First Street- City attorney is working on the search warrant application. A weed violation notice was sent to the property owner today.

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

261 Central Avenue South- Property owner was sent a letter with the deadline of May 21st to repair the exterior. Carlson noted that it appeared that work was progressing on the repairs.

Community Solar Garden Agreement- City attorney is working out the details of the agreement at this time.

Speed limit at Glenshire Estates- This was lowered to 20 mph at the last meeting. After doing more research on it after that meeting it was found that a city cannot just lower the speed limit within its jurisdiction as it is likely set by state statute. The city would have to request MnDOT to perform an engineering and traffic study and the results would determine an appropriate speed limit.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT AT GLENSHIRE ESTATES, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

City cleanup day has been scheduled for September 17th. Kramer will confirm this with West Central Sanitation. Council will firm up details at next meeting.

Planning Commission update- The board will be holding a public hearing on amending the ordinance to allow for solar energy systems.

Walking trail- MnDOT was contacted about putting a trail in highway right-of-way for Glenshire Estates residents. MnDOT does allow trails within its right-of-way, assuming there are no issues (drainage, safety, access, etc.). MnDOT does have some funding for these types of projects. There is a paving project scheduled for Highway 55 in 2018 but it's unlikely the scope of the project could be changed at this point. District 8 usually has about \$600,000 annually to grant and will be soliciting for projects to be constructed in 2021 around October of this year. Mayor Eder noted he is still working on trying to get a path to enter nearby the elementary school. Council discussed the MnDOT grant process. Kramer noted she did talk with the city engineer about this and he would be willing to check into the process more if the city would like him to. Council asked about a playground for the neighborhood. Kramer noted there was not any property designated for a playground in the first phase of the development.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO HAVE THE CITY ENGINEER CHECK INTO MNDOT TRAIL FUNDING PROCESS, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Welcome Sign Easements- The city attorney is drafting the easements.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR WATKINS FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR KRAUT N' WURST EVENT AUGUST 5, 6 & 7 2016, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Wirz noted the Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees is a five member board. Previously only the relief association president, secretary and treasurer could be paid a salary. Legislation passed now allows other board trustees to be paid if the amounts are approved by the governing body. The relief association has approved to pay the two trustees \$100 annually but council approval is also required. This would be paid out of the relief association's funds.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE SALARY OF \$100 PER YEAR TO TRUSTEES, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool manager Ashlee Lundberg has hired Erika Geislinger as assistant pool manager.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPOINT ERIKA GEISLINGER AS ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer noted the Civic Park Board inquired about making improvements to the basketball court which is on St. Anthony Parish property. Kramer advised them that a lease would likely be needed if the city were to contribute to the improvements. Council noted they would be in favor of looking into this.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO TABLE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE PARK BOARD HAS A PLAN, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

There have been some requests from patrons at the pool to use the Wi-Fi there. There is not a guest connection set up at this time. Council agreed if it could be done for a minimal amount to go ahead.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO INSTALL A SEPARATE LINE IF COST IS UNDER \$50.00, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Director Steve Geislinger reported the boiler for the wading pool was installed as well as the new diving board. Geislinger hasn't heard back yet from Johnson Jet-Line on cleaning the sewer line on 4th Street North. Geislinger reported one of the irrigators at the wastewater treatment site is not working properly. There are controllers on eight towers that need to be replaced. Hydro Engineering submitted a quote of \$5,901.40 for the repairs.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO HAVE HYDRO ENGINEERING REPLACE THE CONTROLS, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Carlson noted the Pool Employee Manual has been updated. Copies would be available at the next meeting. Council discussed approving it temporarily to operate under and take final action on it at the July meeting.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE POOL EMPLOYEE MANUAL DURING THE INTERIM, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Wirz noted the Fire Department has the current pumper truck advertised for sale. It was listed at \$99,000.00. There hasn't been any movement so they will be looking at lowering the price. The new truck came in under what was discussed so there is some room to lower the price. It will probably be lowered to \$90,000.00.

Council discussed its findings from the special meeting held June 4th to tour the city for ordinance violations. Carlson noted overall things looked a whole lot better than last year. The mobile home park looks better but there are still issues. Council reviewed the list of residents found to be out of compliance, mostly with exterior storage. Notices will be sent to those in violation allowing 30 days to get in compliance.

Deputy Defries noted he posted a notice to the door of the party who has the generator running 24/7 in the mobile home park as the attempts to hand deliver failed.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 14th at 7 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder
Mayor