

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

Mayor Eder called the public hearing to order at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Eder, Sue Unterberger, Tootz Tschumperlin, Brenda Carlson, Melody Gertken

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others: City engineer Kent Louwagie, Art Hesse and Laurie Schultz with EV-W Voice

Purpose of the hearing was to consider the making of Luella Street improvements.

Kent Louwagie presented the attached improvement hearing handout and preliminary assessment roll and reviewed the information. Art Hesse questioned why the sanitary sewer was extended all the way to Luella Street along his rear lot line in 2007. Kent noted it was probably done to allow easier access to the manhole for city staff. Art questioned if a business pays a higher assessment rate than residential since they have frequent truck traffic that causes more damage to the street. Kent noted everyone pays the same rate. The city's assessment policy does not differentiate by land use. The city's policy does have a provision regarding corner lots. For street improvements, the short side is assessed the actual front footage. The long side is assessed one-half the actual side footage or 75 feet, whichever is greater. Art also questioned the footage of his property listed on the preliminary assessment roll. Kent noted the footages listed were obtained from boundary surveys and plats and they should be correct. Kent will review the plat and verify the footage. If incorrect, he will enter the correct footage on the final assessment roll.

Mayor Eder closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder, Mayor