

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017  
7 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tootz Tschumperlin

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the April 12, 2017 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting and April 13, 2017 regular meeting, April 2017 financial report, Resolution #2017-17, Resolution Accepting Donations, delinquent water bills for shut off.

Public Forum – Chris Troll questioned if seal coating was going to be done on Cedar Avenue North by his residence. He has been there five years and nothing has been done to the street. Public Works Director Steve Geislinger noted he has talked with Meeker County about adding a few more streets. Geislinger noted Third Street North from Central Avenue to Cedar Avenue, Cedar Avenue North from Third Street North to dead end and Service Road should have been included in the original plan. He needs to get quantities to Meeker County. Geislinger noted it shouldn't be a problem to add those areas.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE EXTRA AREAS FOR SEAL COATING, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

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

EV-W School Superintendent Mark Messman reviewed the upcoming \$12 million bond funding request. Mark explained the various components of the bonding request for all three district buildings as well as athletic facilities. The election will be held Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 8 p.m. Precinct 1 will be at the High School cafeteria. Precinct 2 will be the Watkins Elementary. Absentee voters can go to the District Office to vote. There will be one last public meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Eden Valley Elementary.

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

Diffley property- Mr. Diffley was unable to attend the meeting but informed City Hall that the roof should be ready for shingles after the weekend. He is in the process of getting funding for siding and windows. Council noted the dumpster had been removed and that work had started on the roof. Council will continue to monitor progress.

Council reviewed three quotes for rebuilding two shelters and band stand at McCarthy Park. Bruce Walz Construction quote was \$93,428. Faber Building quote was \$94,800. Vossen Bros. Construction quote was \$102,043. Walz Construction had the apparent low bid. Council agreed work needed to be done before Kraut N' Wurst in August.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM BRUCE WALZ CONSTRUCTION FOR \$93,428, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE ON-SALE, OFF-SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES TO BUD'S BAR, GORDIES BAR AND RED GOAT BAR & GRILL; CLUB ON-SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES TO WATKINS LEGION CLUB ROOM; OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO WATKINS LIQUOR WAREHOUSE; 3.2 ON-SALE, WINE ON-SALE, SUNDAY ON-SALE AND STRONG BEER LIQUOR LICENSES TO KEEKS, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE THE WATKINS FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KRAUT N' WURST AUGUST 4, 5 & 6<sup>TH</sup>, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mobile Home Park street ownership was discussed. Mayor Eder spoke with Joe Nistler, Sr. the original owner of the park. Nistler said the curb was put in by the park and the city owned the streets. Nistler did all the prep work for blacktop. It was noted that Annandale's was private and the City of Eden Valley owns the streets and maintains them in the park there. It was noted there was not enough budgeted for the improvements to be done this year. The city has been patching and maintaining the streets. Kramer noted in 1997 there was work done on a street in the park. Duane Peterson noted he thought the streets were gravel and only tarred once. Council agreed more research needed to be done. Geislinger noted if the improvements are done at some time, the curb would probably be kept and only do spot replacement where needed.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO TABLE SPEED BUMP REQUEST UNTIL THE CITY DETERMINES OWNERSHIP OF THE STREETS IN THE MOBILE HOME PARK, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reviewed a Procurement Policy relating to federal awards. The city's auditors recommended the city get a policy in place.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO ADOPT THE PROCUREMENT POLICY RELATING TO FEDERAL AWARDS, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Pool manager Ashlee Lundberg reported she had 14 of 17 staff returning for the season. She will be adding one more concession staff person. She has 5 lifeguards that either have or will be WSI certified. Lundberg recommended that all staff returning, except the assistant manager, get a .25 per hour wage increase. Lundberg recommended a .50 per hour increase for the assistant manager. Lundberg questioned if the city wanted to increase daily swim fee which is currently \$4 per day. Lundberg also asked about increasing private lessons. Currently a private lesson (one on one) is \$55. A semi-private (2 students in same level with one instructor) is \$65. These are 8 – ½ hour sessions. Last season there

were 10 private sessions and 2 semi-private sessions. Council discussed and agreed to increase the fees for private lessons.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO INCREASE PRIVATE LESSONS (ONE ON ONE) TO \$75 AND SEMI-PRIVATE (TWO STUDENTS-SAME LEVEL/ONE INSTRUCTOR ) TO \$85, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE WAGE INCREASE RECOMMENDATIONS, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Council agreed to stay at \$4 for open swim fee for the season. The pool is scheduled to open Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m.

City-wide cleanup day is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 10 a.m. at McCarthy Park. Unterberger and Carlson will work at the park.

Kramer asked about getting some donations for some garbage containers on Central Avenue. Unterberger will attend the next Lions meeting to request a donation. Lundberg noted the concession stand could use a fan as most times it is hotter in there than outside. Wirz noted the fire department has an old industrial box fan that is not used any more. He suggested Geislinger take a look at it and see if it could be used at the pool. Lundberg also noted a few more picnic tables would be nice in the fenced eating area. Lundberg will attend the VFW and Legion meetings and request donations for tables. It was also noted the local 4H club will be planting trees at the VFW Park May 20<sup>th</sup>. The club will continue to water them throughout the summer.

Public Works Director Steve Geislinger presented three quotes for shingling the pool building. Bruce Walz Construction: \$7,225. Faber Building: \$7,400. Best Exteriors: \$8,095.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE FROM BRUCE WALZ CONSTRUCTION WITH THE OPTION TO REPLACE 3 WHIRLY BIRDS AT ADDITIONAL \$240, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Geislinger reported the walls at the reservoir building leak when it rains. The roof should be fixed before the problem becomes worse. He presented two quotes to repair the roof. West Central Roofing: \$3,210.97. Forcier/Marty's Roofing: \$6,538.00.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM WEST CENTRAL ROOFING, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Seal coating is expected to be done mid-June. No parking signs will be put out.

Geislinger noted the wastewater ponds are getting high. He spoke to Hydro Engineering about putting an end gun on two of the irrigators. Each gun would put out an additional 300 gallons per minute. Geislinger didn't think a booster pump would be needed as the pressure is at 62 PSI and 40 PSI is needed. Hydro Engineering quoted a price of \$1,870 per gun, installed and would give a 10% discount if the city purchased two.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF END GUNS ON TWO IRRIGATORS, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Geislinger also noted that 911 signs should be installed at various city properties. He will get prices from M & R Signs and Meeker County Highway Department.

Council reviewed a letter from the Meeker County Attorney's Office regarding criminal damage caused by an ATV at McCarthy Park back in February. There is an Evidentiary Hearing July 17<sup>th</sup>. An Affidavit of Restitution can be submitted to claim any loss the city might have incurred. Council will look at the area and discuss at the next meeting if anything can be submitted for restitution. Council felt the most important thing was the defendant is punished for his actions.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder  
Mayor