

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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 to the agenda a request from the Lions Club for a temporary on-sale liquor license for July 16th.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the April 13, 2016 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting and April 14, 2016 regular meeting, April 2016 financial report, Resolution #2016-18, Resolution Accepting Donations and delinquent water bills for shut off.

Public Forum-nothing

The Lions Club requested a temporary on-sale liquor license for a bike run event at McCarthy Park on July 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a one day license request.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE LICENSE REQUEST, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO APPROVE THE WATKINS AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reviewed an inspection report for property at 151 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The property owner was sent a letter notifying him that the report would be reviewed at the meeting and invited him to attend the meeting to present any information he might have on the property. The water service is on at the street and base charges are billed each month and the account is current. Council noted there are fifteen photos of the property and fifteen points that outline the fact that is an unsafe, dangerous structure. Council felt the report warranted the need for an interior inspection of the property to determine if there are hazards. The next step would be to request an administrative warrant to inspect inside the property.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT STEP TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reviewed the monthly Sheriff's report. Mayor Eder noted that some residents have contacted him about getting speed bumps in the Glenshire Estates development to slow the cars down. It was noted there is a "Children at Play" sign at the entrance of the development. Council discussed lowering the speed limit to 20 mph.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO INSTALL 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT GLENSHIRE ESTATES, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WIRZ 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 CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Solar Garden Agreement- Kramer noted the Geronimo representative encouraged the city to commit by mid-May as space is filling up. Council questioned where the gardens would be located. Tschumperlin noted there is one that will be built outside of the city. Council agreed to get the formal agreement from Geronimo for the attorney to review and work out the details. Kramer will check with Kurt Seestrom on locations of proposed gardens.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WIRZ TO HAVE GERONIMO SEND FINAL AGREEMENT FOR CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer noted City Hall was contacted about someone blocking a resident's mailbox with their vehicle. The Post Office was contacted and told the person they don't have any regulations on it so he contacted City Hall to see if there were any ordinances on this. Kramer noted there may not be much the city can do about it. If the city is contacted again a letter will be sent to the person blocking the box.

Carlson contacted West Central about a cleanup day and they were booked for May. Carlson suggested a fall cleanup day instead and asking the Fire Department to help pick up items if needed. Kramer will check with West Central to see if September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are available. There is a recycling trailer available year round to dispose of appliances, etc. at no charge to residents. Council discussed doing a city-wide tour again. Residents found to be out of compliance with the city's Zoning Ordinance and other ordinance violations will be notified and given a time line to get in compliance. Council called for a special meeting Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to conduct the tour.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WIRZ TO REISSUE VERIZON WIRELESS LAND USE PERMIT WITH \$500 FEE AND NO PER DAY PENALTY, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

EDA update-The board has approved to order two new "welcome" signs from Darwin Monument at \$6,950.00 each. The city needs to provide the pea rock for backfilling and digging the holes as well as restoration and landscaping. If the signs are placed on private property the city doesn't need to get a permit from MNDOT. The locations suggested for placement of the new signs would be on Mies Outland property if they are agreeable and on the lot the EDA owns on the east side of town. The city

should have a written agreement with Mies Outland and also something for the EDA lot should it sell in the future. Council approved for the city attorney to draft easement agreements for the signs.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON FOR SIGN PLACEMENT AT MIES OUTLAND, IF AGREEABLE, AND EDA PROPERTY, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Director Steve Geislinger noted it appears the field that borders the EDA property is encroaching about 13'. No action was taken at this time.

The Ambulance Service requested to purchase one-day pool passes at a reduced rate to give to the students at the Watkins Elementary School and Holy Cross in Pearl Lake for EMS week.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO CHARGE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE \$2 FOR POOL PASSES TURNED IN, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Geislinger presented quotes for reclaiming and overlaying 667<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Highway 55 up to the railroad crossing. This cost would be shared with Forest Prairie Township. Hardrives, Inc.-\$67,766.25, Knife River Corporation-\$89,711.80, Mid-Minnesota Hot Mix, Inc.-\$94,090.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM HARDRIVES, INC. AT \$67,766.25, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO PURCHASE A NEW CELL PHONE FOR THE POOL MANAGER, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

The pool employee manual was tabled until next month.

The diving board at the pool is cracked and needs to be replaced. Performance Pool & Spa quote for a commercial diving board was \$1,595.00 and an aluminum board was \$2,595.00. Horizon Commercial Pool Supply quote for a commercial board was \$836.98 and an aluminum board was \$1,810.65 plus shipping. Geislinger didn't know if there was any warranty offered.

MOTION MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO PURCHASE A WHITE COMMERCIAL DIVING BOARD FROM HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL SUPPLY FOR \$836.98, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Tax forfeited property at 301 Meeker Avenue North - Meeker County has asked for the city's help in maintaining the lawn. Public Works has cut it once and it took about 15 minutes. If the city were to contract out the mowing, it probably wouldn't be able to recover the charges as the costs already incurred in the cleanup of the property far exceed the proceeds the county will be able to get. Council agreed to have Public Works maintain the lawn.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer noted grants for the garbage cans and flower pots for Central Avenue are still being researched.

City Hall had a complaint on the generator that runs at one of the lots in the Mobile Home Park and a complaint about several cars in the park that have expired tabs which is an ordinance violation. Council

advised to send a letter on the ordinance violation and have Deputy Defries hand deliver it. Council will address the expired tab issue on the city tour.

Virl Liebreinz received his wastewater operator certificate in March and will be attending the certified pool operator course May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Geislinger received a .50 per hour increase each for his water operator license, wastewater operator license and pool operator license. The increases for water and sewer licenses didn't go into effect until January 1 of the next year. The pool operator license increase went into effect after receiving the license.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO INCREASE VIRL LIEBREINZ'S WAGE .50 PER HOUR UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR COURSE EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO INCREASE VIRL LIEBREINZ'S WAGE .50 PER HOUR JANUARY 1, 2017 FOR THE WASTEWATER OPERATOR LICENSE, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

The exterior door on the upper floor of the Village Hall has been replaced.

Barrier Technology has installed the filter press. Geislinger noted the sewer main looks good. Geislinger had quotes to jet and televise the main-about 1,600 feet. American Environmental quoted \$475 per hour, Johnson Jet-Line quoted per foot for a total of \$2,560.00 plus \$300 mobilization (each trip). Geislinger recommended the council accept Johnson Jet-Line's quote. They know the extent of the cleaning to be done. Barrier Technology will reimburse the city for this.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WIRZ TO APPROVE JOHNSON JET-LINE QUOTE, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool manager Ashlee Lundberg reported there were 8 lifeguard applications, 6 water safety instructor applications and 2 concession stand applications received. She has worked with a majority of them in the past and will probably need all of the lifeguards and water safety instructors.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLSON TO AUTHORIZE ASHLEE LUNDBERG TO HIRE AS NEEDED, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

All staff will start at wage approved last month.

The current pool Facebook page needs to be removed. Kramer will check further on this.

Next regular meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder, Mayor