

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

Mayor Loch called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Loch, Jerry Hesse, Sue Unterberger, Jersey Piccerillo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melody Gertken

Others: Deputy Josh Case, Steve Geislinger, Randy Kramer, Duane Peterson, EV-W Voice, Tri-County News, Deb Kramer

Mayor Loch added Randy Kramer to the agenda for a water bill issue and Change Order #1 for the Luella Street Sanitary Sewer Extension.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HESSE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS, SECONDED BY PICCERILLO. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Public Forum-Duane Peterson noted that he and a neighbor have been cleaning up the property behind them. There are stumps they would like help with getting rid of. Council advised Peterson this was School District property and he should contact them. Peterson also asked if signs will be put up for parking, etc. for the state baseball tournament. Council advised Peterson to check with the baseball association. Council agreed to have someone from the association attend a meeting in the spring.

Deputy Case presented the Sheriff's report for October. Case noted that he should be involved with the meetings regarding the state baseball tournament. There were 34 calls for service in October. Warnings for winter parking violations were discussed. Past practice was to give a warning each season and then a citation. Hesse felt the city shouldn't be giving a warning each year. Once they get a warning that should be it. Case noted all he would have to do is run the license plate to see if they have been given a warning previously. Council approved from this point on only one warning would be given; not one warning per winter season. Case noted he has received a snowmobile complaint and will be monitoring them.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S REPORT, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Steve Geislinger, Public Works Director, reported storm sewers were cleaned out. Hesse noted some cities have a truck that will pick the leaves up right from the curb and thought the city should check the price on one. Loch noted he had a machine public works could try to see how it works. Steve will follow up on this. Steve noted the lift station should be cleaned out. Faber Building will be replacing the doors that were vandalized at the waste water treatment site. Steve noted it would be helpful to be notified of meetings at the skating rink so they can clear the snow.

Ben Aho was unable to attend the meeting. Kramer noted the ambulance needs to purchase a touch screen laptop for the Ambulance so records can be handled electronically immediately. Patients would be able to sign electronically on the computer. Meeker County's Communication Specialist would need to install the computer. The cost of the computer and installation will exceed \$1,000.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO ALLOW THE AMBULANCE TO UPDATE THE COMPUTER AND INSTALL AT A COST TO EXCEED \$1,000.00, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Once the new ambulance arrives, the computer will need to be transferred over.

Chuck Unterberger was not in attendance.

Cell Tower - Kramer noted there would be a couple ways to handle an amendment to the city's Zoning Ordinance regulating cellular towers. The Planning Commission would need to hold a public hearing on this. Council advised to have the Verizon representative attend the December Planning Commission meeting.

On-sale wine license request for Vinnie's Eagles Nest - Hesse and Unterberger did not see an issue with approving this license. Kramer noted under the Consumption and Display permit beer, wine and spirits are allowed to be brought in.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HESSE TO APPROVE THE ON-SALE WINE LICENSE FOR VINNIE'S EAGLES NEST, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. PICCERILLO VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

No liquor liability insurance is required by the state if the seller does not sell more than \$25,000 in wine sales in a year or \$25,000 in 3.2 beer sales. The city would need documentation annually on this. The city can waive the sales documentation requirement until they have been in business for a year at which time they would need to document.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO WAIVE THE SALES DOCUMENTATION UNTIL JANUARY 2016, SECONDED BY HESSE. PICCERILLO VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

Randy Kramer, water bill issue- Kramer noted a contractor doing some work for him hit a water line with a nail. The contractor turned the wrong valve when checking for a leak. The valve turned on was the one for the well that Kramer uses for irrigation, which is hooked to the city's water supply system. The pressure caused a backflow to the city's water supply and caused the city's meter to run backwards causing Kramer to end up with an \$18,000 water bill. Loch noted the well should not be hooked up to the city's system. Piccerillo noted something had to be done. It cannot be hooked up to the city's system. Council told Kramer he had to cap the line and Public Works needs to verify it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HESSE TO ADJUST THE WATER BILL TO NORMAL USAGE FOR THIS PERIOD AND MAKE SURE THE WELL LINE GETS CAPPED SO IT CAN'T BACKFLOW TO CITY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, SECONDED BY PICCERILLO. MOTION CARRIED.

Council did not make any amendments to the Utility Billing Policy.

The Lions Club has made the final donation to the Skating Rink Fund and is now at a zero balance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-39, RESOLUTION APPROVING CLOSURE OF FUNDS, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

Kuechle Underground requested a change order to the contract for the Luella Street Sanitary Sewer Extension. The contractor requested to postpone paving the wear course until 2015. This would change the completion date to July 1, 2015 and final payment date to August 1, 2015. The contractor would be responsible for all costs associated with postponing certain portions of work until 2015. The original completion date was November 30, 2014.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Kuechle Underground submitted a pay request for the Luella Street Sanitary Sewer Extension in the amount of \$51,718.95.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE KUECHLE UNDERGROUND'S PAY REQUEST, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer asked if City Hall could be closed the afternoon of November 28<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve day. Council approved and advised to post the hours.

Council concerns-Piccerillo noted the warranty is about to expire on the tractor used at the skating rink and asked if the council wanted to see what the cost would be to extend it. Council advised Piccerillo to take it in for service while under warranty and see what an extended warranty would be.

Piccerillo noted he would like to see a motion to front the money for the new building at the skating rink. He doesn't want to see that change with the change in council next year. Unterberger noted she did not see that changing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO CONFIRM THE AGREEMENT WITH THE LIONS CLUB TO LOAN MONEY NEXT YEAR TO BUILD THE BUILDING AT THE SKATING RINK, SECONDED BY HESSE. MOTION CARRIED.

It was noted that two or three homes have been removed from the Watkins Mobile Home Park. There is an abandoned vehicle the manager is working on removing. Council advised Case to continue monitoring this. Hesse also noted a property that has a lot of garbage on it that needs to be addressed.

Staff comments - Steve asked about putting fluid in the loader tires. Duane Peterson noted Mies Outland might have some used fluid. Steve will check out.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HESSE TO PUT FLUID IN THE TIRES, SECONDED BY PICCERILLO. MOTION CARRIED.

Hesse noted the overhead door for the ambulance was left open after they left on a call. Council asked Duane Peterson to bring this to the service's attention to remind them to be sure it gets closed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED, INCLUDING AMBULANCE BILLS, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor