

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Carlson

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

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were minutes of September 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes and September 19, 2017 special meeting minutes, September financial report, Resolution #2017-32, Resolution Accepting Donations and delinquent water bills for shut off.

Nothing for public forum.

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

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE THIRD QUARTER REPORTS, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE 2 A.M. LICENSE RENEWAL FOR GORDIES BAR, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-33, RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES TO 2018 PAYABLE TAXES, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-34, RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS FOR 2018 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Council discussed 261 Central Avenue South. The owner informed the city attorney in July that he planned to have the roof done by winter. The attorney reached out to him with available housing loan programs and told him the city did not manage these programs so it was up to him to pursue. There has been no visible progress on the exterior of the house to date. The city would have an option of making the repairs to the house at the city's expense and assess the costs to the property taxes with his consent. The other possible route would be to start enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance's minimum

housing code section. Council discussed the option to repair it and assess costs. Kramer was advised to get more information on this process. Council also advised to see if legal fees can be assessed.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO TABLE ACTION UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Fall newsletter was reviewed. Meeker County would like to include its Broadband/Internet initiative information in the newsletter and include a message about it on the October water bill cards. Council approved.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE NEWSLETTER WITH ADDITION OF BROADBAND INFORMATION, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON WATER AND SEWER RATES UNTIL FULL COUNCIL IS PRESENT, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

EDA update- Tschumperlin noted the board is still exploring housing development options. The board is also looking at options for the old Schlangen property on Central Avenue.

Planning Commission update- Wirz noted there will be a hearing October 23<sup>rd</sup> for Bob Flaschenriem's variance application for a garage. The board will also be reviewing the current land use permit fees for possible increases/changes.

The city's Code of Ordinances get updated every 5 years. It is due to be updated in 2017. The quote for the update was \$300 to \$800 plus shipping and handling. This would cover all ordinances adopted since 2012.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE UPDATE, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Kramer noted that CP Rail has approved a \$2,500 grant to the city for a new warning siren.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reviewed an updated AWAIR program policy.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE UPDATED AWAIR PROGRAM POLICY, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO AUTHORIZE KRAMER TO ANNUALLY APPROVE THE SAFETY PROGRAM POLICIES, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Council discussed the RV that has been parked on streets throughout the city for the past few weeks. No action was taken.

Council discussed cars parking on Veterans Drive and putting up no parking signs on the south side. Council agreed they should be allowed to park on the street side in front of their homes but parking on both sides is a safety issue. It will be a problem for the snowplow this winter as well.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO INSTALL NO PARKING SIGNS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF VETERANS DRIVE FROM CENTRAL AVENUE SOUTH TO SCHOOL AVENUE SOUTH, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder  
Mayor