

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

Mayor Loch called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Loch, Sue Unterberger, Jersey Piccerillo, Melody Gertken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Hesse

Others: City Engineer Kent Louwagie and Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the hearing was to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for the Western Avenue Improvements Project.

A summary of the project was given by Kent. The City completed a street and utility improvement project along Western Avenue, from Fourth Street North (County Road 2) to Luella Street, referred to as the Western Avenue Improvement Project. The project included spot replacement of the existing storm sewer pipe, spot curb repair in areas of settlement or heaving, spot soil correction, and reconstruction of the pavement section between the existing curbs.

**Project Costs**

Original Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$109,900	
Actual Project Cost:	\$88,600	(Decrease of \$21,300)

**Assessments**

Preliminary Assessment Rate:	\$22.00 / Lin Ft	
Final Assessment Rate:	\$18.22 / Lin Ft	(Decrease of \$3.78 / Lin Ft)

Kent noted that the cost decreased due to not going into the Luella Street intersection as planned. It was decided to wait on that until Luella Street was reconstructed. This will increase the cost for Luella Street over what was estimated earlier.

All residents affected by the assessment were sent a letter with the proposed assessment amounts and a notice was published as required. The term set by council for the assessment was ten years at 6% interest.

**Assessment Procedure**

Assessments can be paid in full with no interest within 30 days of adoption by City Council. (Nov. 15, 2014)

If not paid within 30 days, assessments will be placed on the property taxes, to be repaid over 10 years, bearing interest at 6%.

At any time in the future, assessments can be paid in full with interest accrued to December 31 of that year. The payment must be made by November 15 or interest will be charged for the succeeding year.

There were no residents in attendance for the hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GERTKEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-22, RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer,  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch,  
Mayor