

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Mayor Eder called the special meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Eder, Tootz Tschumperlin, Marc Wirz, Jason Laumer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Unterberger

Purpose of the meeting was to review and act on the 2021 proposed levy and budget and review and act on a Development Agreement with Watkins Leased Housing LLC.

Council reviewed the 2021 proposed budget. Council approved to budget \$15,000 in capital outlay for City Hall improvements. Council discussed levies for the General Fund, EDA and debt service. Concerns of LGA being cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. Keeping the General Fund levy the same as pay 2020 at \$315,231, the proposed revenue for the General Fund for 2021 is \$705,209. Proposed expenses are \$685,109. Council agreed to lower the amount levied for the EDA from \$20,000 to \$10,000 and increase the G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A debt service levy \$10,000. As the special assessments keep decreasing each year and end in 2027 there will be a need to increase the levy to cover the debt service and possibly use water and sewer utility revenue as well to pay the annual debt. Council agreed to keep the proposed General Fund levy at \$315,231 with concerns of LGA cuts. The proposed levy must be certified by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The levy can always be decreased but not increased after the preliminary certification.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-20, RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED TAX LEVY, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2020-20  
CITY OF WATKINS  
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED TAX LEVY

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Watkins, Meeker County, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2021, upon the taxable property in the City of Watkins, for the following purposes:

General Fund	\$ 315,231.00
Economic Development Tax Abatement-Hilltop Health Care Center	\$15,196.00
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$10,000.00
\$4,050,000 G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A	\$175,200.00

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Meeker County, Minnesota.

This foregoing resolution was adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 by the City Council of the City of Watkins.  
ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Frank Eder, Mayor

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Debra S. Kramer, Clerk

MOTION BY LAUMER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-21, RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED BUDGET, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

The Development Agreement with Watkins Leased Housing LLC wasn't finalized yet as of meeting time.

Council discussed the CARES Act funds as part of the budget discussion.

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

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer  
Clerk

ATTEST:

Frank Eder  
Mayor