

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Mayor Loch called the special meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Hesse

Others: Laurie Schultz, Clerk Deb Kramer

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss and act on the 2015 proposed levy and budget, review a street repair project, review financing for the Luella Street Sanitary Sewer Extension and discuss bills for a water main break on Luella Street.

Council reviewed the proposed 2015 budget.

Kramer noted there is a bad spot on 667th Avenue that Forest Prairie Township would like to repair yet this year. In the past, the repairs on this street have been split between Forest Prairie and the city because it abuts to city limits (Glenshire Estates). At this time, only one quote has been received.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO REPAIR THE STREET WITH THE LOWEST QUOTE AND PAY ONE-HALF THE COST, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion continued on the budget.

Gertken left the meeting at 8 p.m.

Kramer will check with the Public Works Department to see if the water used to keep the pool filled throughout the season can be metered separately to eliminate sewer being charged on that portion. Council will try to increase the annual amount contributed to the Equipment Replacement Fund an additional \$3,500 at the annual fire protection meeting in 2015.

Council increased the proposed budget by \$38,526 over the 2014 final budget. The proposed levy increased from \$323,070 for 2014 to \$342,621 proposed for 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-28, RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED LEVY, SECONDED UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2014-28
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 2015, upon the taxable property in the City of Watkins, for the following purposes:

General Fund	\$342,621.00
\$1,035,000 G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2007B	\$45,000.00
\$4,725,000 G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A	\$165,200.00

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 24th day of September 2014 by the city council of the City of Watkins.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PICCERILLO TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-29, RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED BUDGET, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2014-29
CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: The city council of the City of Watkins, Meeker County, Minnesota, hereby adopts the proposed budget for the year 2015 as presented at the September 24, 2014 special council meeting on a motion by Councilor Piccerillo, seconded by Councilor Unterberger. Motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNTERBERGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2014-30, RESOLUTION RESCINDING LEVIES, SECONDED BY PICCERILLO. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2014-30
CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION RESCINDING LEVIES

BE IT RESOLVED: The city council of the City of Watkins does hereby approve to rescind the levies for the following debt service funds for taxes payable 2015:

G.O. Improvement Bonds of 2004

G.O. Tax Increment Financing Refunding Bonds of 2003

This foregoing resolution was approved this 24th day of September 2014.

Council agreed to pay cash for the Luella Street sanitary sewer extension and not finance it. Kramer noted that Hilltop Health Care Center contacted the city about the bill sent to them for repairing the curb from the water main break. Kramer noted she advised Hilltop to attend the October 9th council meeting to discuss this further with the council.

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

Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST:

Dennis C. Loch, Mayor