

**JULY 6, 2022**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The only regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Atwater City Council was called to order on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Mark Olson. Council members present were Brian Carlson, Shane Hagstrom, Deb Mickle, and Sandy Walsh. Visitors at the meeting were residents Adam Dickerson, Dave and Jean Ahl, Jim Norbie, Bryan Martin, and Spencer Johnson from Bolton and Menk.

Representing the city departments were Police Chief Ross Johnson, Fire Chief Chad Busskohl, and Jason Johnson Maintenance Supervisor. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were motioned for approval by Hagstrom second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously.

**BRIAN MILLER FROM MIDWEST METAL – PLANNING AND ZONING VARIANCE**

Walsh explained that the Planning and Zoning had met the previous night with Miller and unanimously approved the variance for the additional 25 feet needed for setback of 50 per Zoning Ordinances. The building will now be 100 x 170 instead of the original 100 x 150. Motion was made by Hagstrom and second by Brian Carlson to approve the Zonings findings and approve the variance. Motion carried with everyone voting in favor.

**2023 NORTHERN STREET PROJECT**

Dickerson asked if the North Side street project was a go. Spencer Johnson responded that the preparation of plans is being done and surveying. After that will be the design phase. Ahl's were concerned if this was the correct time to do a street project with so much financial uncertainty. Some voiced their opinion that they want drive over curbs. Mayor Olson explained that the interest rate is very low and costs are not going to go down. They are worried about access to their property and if 4<sup>th</sup> Street North gets redone, they also felt they shouldn't have tractor and large trucks on the new surface. Jason Johnson said he would order signs and have it posted before the new street is put in. Bryan Martin said the semi traffic is crazy and shouldn't be on such a small road. The next meeting on the project isn't until January of 2023.

**WELLHOUSE PROJECT**

Spencer Johnson explained that the Well house project got good scores on the PPL. Actual results will not be released until August. He explained that if we seal Well #1 our points would go higher. No one on the council was in favor sealing the well. Mayor Olson spoke to Mr. Gratz about drilling for sample well, Olson felt we are in no hurry and could wait until the current crop is out.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chef Ross Johnson read the June 2022 Emergency Service Report.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Busskohl informed the council that there have been grass fires and several car accidents.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Brent Garberich built two pantries “food shelf” and needs help putting them up. He wants to put one up by Centennial Park and another by the Community Center. Motion made by Brian Carlson and second by Deb Mickle to approve the placement of the two pantries. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**MAINTENANCE/PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Jason Johnson informed the council of the vandalism at the men’s bathroom in Centennial Park will be cleaned up; they broke T.P. dispenser and hand towel dispenser. We are currently running both wells and testing for nitrate. Mosquito spraying has been done every Thursday.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Hagstrom advised the council that they need to tweak the camera system at the Centennial Park. Some trees need to be taken down and replaced. The mower guys have been painting fire hydrants. He also wants to replace the safety ground cover in the park.

**CITY CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk Smith asked the council for permission to transfer \$275,000 from the 100 Fund Street Project fund to the 400 “Capital Projects Fund”. Motion to approve was made by Walsh and second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. We turned off two water accounts, one is up to date and back on. Forty-one cleanup letters were sent out, Walsh wanted to schedule a review date – Council decided on July 26<sup>th</sup>. She informed the departments to watch for their budget packets in the upcoming weeks.

**RESOLUTION 2022-14 APPOINT 2022 ELECTION JUDGES**

Clerk Smith added the names Karla Minnick, Gary Tagtow and Dale Tagtow as additional Judges not listed on the original resolution. A motion was made by Brian Carlson and second by Deb Mickle to approve the resolution with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**HANDLEBAR OFF PREMISES LIQUOR PERMITS**

Motion made by Hagstrom and second by Brian Carlson for an off premises liquor permit for the Strong Garage for July 9<sup>th</sup> for a class reunion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**DANCE PERMIT**

Dance permit for Carlos Robeles for a Wedding reception for August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Motion to approve was made by Brian Carlson and second by Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The following verified accounts were presented for payment, upon approval of the Finance Committee; it was moved by Walsh and second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to make such disbursements: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Checks numbers 31101 thru 31144 for \$ 119,884.71). Mid-month bills paid on July 19, 2022 and were check numbers 31145 through 31165 for \$ 13,139.94.

A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Carlson and second by Walsh 8:32 p.m.

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Goldie Smith  
City Clerk/Treasurer