

JUNE 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING

The only regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Atwater City Council was called to order on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mark Olson. Council members present were Brian Carlson, Shane Hagstrom, Deb Mickle, and Sandy Walsh. Visitors at the meeting were residents Jan Johnson, Lee Mickle from the Splash Pad committee, Tiffany Hintz from Atwater Festival Days Committee, Brian Hovey from the Atwater Baseball Association, 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 May 2, 2022 were motioned for approval by Hagstrom second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. Prior to the council meeting the entire council did the annual clean up tour from 4 p.m. until 6:20.

JANET JOHNSON – 205 PLEASANT AVE - CURB AND GUTTER

She received the notice about the public hearing and street assessment. Mayor Olson explained if we need to replace the water main down Minnesota Ave then we would have to tear up the street. If we can save your curb and gutter we would try. If it needs to come out then we would adjust your special assessment accordingly. Olson wasn't sure if they are going to touch that side of the street. There will be more meetings before the final project is let for bids.

LEE MICKLE – SPLASH PAD COMMITTEE

Resolution 2022-12 was submitted in order to accept the donation of \$17,000 from the Atwater Lions Club for the Splash pad to complete the project. Motion was by Deb Mickle and second by Hagstrom to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. The new feature has been ordered, a sidewalk needs to be put in yet and the two new picnic tables have arrived.

TIFFANY HINTZ – ATWATER FESTIVAL DAYS – SAM SCHULTZ

Sam from the Handlebar explained that they will be using the same layout as in previous years. Stage will be set up Saturday morning and the band will play until 12:30. A DJ will play Friday night. Motion to have an off-premises liquor licenses on June 17, 18 and 19 was motioned by Hagstrom and second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously. Handlebar asked for an off premises dance permit for June 17, 18, and 19 was motioned by Hagstrom and second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously.

HANDLEBAR OFF PREMISES LIQUOR PERMITS

Motion made by Carlson and second by Deb Mickle for post license for June 3rd, 2022 to serve at the Atwater Baseball Association Kingery ball field. Motion carried unanimously. Second was an off premises liquor permit for the Atwater Community Center for June 27th was motioned by Brain Carlson and second by Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.

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BRAIN HOVEY – ATWATER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Brian Hovey asked for a strong beer licenses for the Baseball Association. Motion was motioned to approve the upgrade to strong beer was made by Walsh and second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. Then another motion was made by Walsh and second by Deb Mickle to approve the Handlebar an off-premises liquor permit for June 10th to make sure they can have alcohol at the game. Motion carried unanimously.

SPENCER JOHNSON – BOLTON & MENK – UPDATE

Mayor Olson spoke to Gratz regarding test drilling on his land. He was not opposed but did have some questions. He wants to know if he can farm over the site and how much water will be used. Spencer said he could farm right over and explained there wouldn't be very much water used, meaning the crop won't be flooded.

MAYOR REPORT

Olson informed the council that the spec sheet for the exterior is a cement product that will go over the stucco on the West Side only. The costs are adding up quickly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Busskohl informed the council that the fire department is getting ready for festival days. They will be doing a house burn in Kandiyohi.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chef Ross Johnson read the May 2022 Emergency Service Report. He reported a criminal damage report was settled for \$30 which the city should be receiving from the people who caused the damage.

MAINTENANCE/PARKS DEPARTMENT

Jason Johnson announced that the mosquito spraying has begun this week. There are issues at the brush site. There is lots of illegal dumping tires and garbage. He has also had to pull boards out of the burn pile with nails in them. The other problem is that people from outside of Atwater are using the brush site. Do we need to have an attendant on the days that are open?

Johnson was concerned that the lawn mower is now 12 years old and is in serious need of being replaced. John Deere gave a trade in value of \$9400 on a \$49,500 machine with attachments giving a balance of \$40,345. (The lease option will be 5.75% for 6 years.) A monthly payment of \$ 771.59. Second quote was from Haug-Kubota of Willmar for \$ 43,900 with a trade in value of \$5,000 difference in trade was \$38,900. (They would only do a 36 month lease) A motion was made by Brian Carlson to purchase the John Deere at \$ 46,296.32 machine from Haug Implement of Litchfield. Motion was second by Walsh and carried with everyone voting in favor.

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PARKS DEPARTMENT

Hagstrom told the council that he has hired Carlson Borchert and Jonas Morrison for the parks department. He has no agreement with the School District regarding any of the ball fields. Calab Peterson will be doing an Eagles Scout project on the bridge on the south side of the park. Mayor Olson asked if we need to replace more stuff in the park bathroom. Jason Johnson said it will work for another year.

CITY CLERKS REPORT

Clerk Smith asked on behalf of the Library to purchase three new chairs for them at \$239 each. Motion was made by Brian Carlson to purchase the chairs and was second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously. She spoke to West Central Technology to address the problem of not having a fire wall or on line security. The bid had two HP Desktop ProDes 400 for \$1032.75each, a WatchGuard firebox for 1,093.18, an eight port modem and a WatchGuard wireless access point for \$275.26. A motion was made by Carlson to purchase the Watch Guard box, modem and wireless access point for \$ 1559. Motion was second by Deb Mickle and was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-13 ACCEPT PARK BENCH

A motion was made by Brian Carlson and second by Hagstrom to approve the park bench donated in Memory of Riley Shea by the class of 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

DANCE PERMIT

Dance permit for Teresa Benirrelli for a Wedding dance for July 15th at the Community Center. Motion to approve was made by Hagstrom and second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following verified accounts were presented for payment, upon approval of the Finance Committee; it was moved by Hagstrom and second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to make such disbursements: June 7th, 2022 (Checks numbers 31030 thru 31067 for \$ 40,223.70). Mid-month bills paid on June 15, 2022 and were check numbers 31070 through 31098 for \$ 44,617.80.

A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Carlson and second by Deb Mickle at 8:47 p.m.

Goldie Smith
City Clerk/Treasurer