

**MAY 2, 2022
REGULAR MEETING**

The only regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Atwater City Council was called to order on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:03 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 Steve and Jessica Graham, Cecila Curtz, Lee Mickle from the Splash Pad committee, 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 April 4th, 2022 and Board of Review date April 7th, 2022 were motioned for approval by Hagstrom second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously.

SPENCER JOHNSON – BOLTON & MENK – NORTH STREET PROJECT AND WELLHOUSE

Spencer Johnson from Bolton and Menk explained that he is finishing up the PFA application and is due on Friday to Minnesota Department of Health. Update for the Well house project is that Mayor Olson needs to talk to the property owner to get permission to drill test wells.

Jason Johnson explained that Well #1 was worth the money to make a backup. The nitrate is going up and might need to be replaced. We are at 8 but there will be problems when we reach 10. The test drilling would be a 4 inch drill for 300+ feet to water vein.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chef Ross Johnson read the April 2022 Emergency Service Report. He reported that Inselman's property is about the same and Dowdell's house and business is still an eye sight. He was hoping to arrange a church group to help them with clean up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Busskohl says it's been quiet, one grass fire in Grove City and another fire in Kandiyohi.

LEE MICKLE FROM SPLASH PAD COMMITTEE

Lee updated the Council on the progress, the canopy showed up in November for the picnic area. They would like to add a cascade loop that would be inclusive for small children or wheelchair occupants. Cost is \$11,429 US dollars from Vortex. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Carlson and second by Walsh. Motion carried unanimously. There is a little bit of concrete work near the picnic area and need to install the shade.

MAINTENANCE/PARKS DEPARTMENT

Jason Johnson updated the council that the J & R Jetting service is almost done. The line in front of Jennie-o was really bad and was shortly going to be totally clogged. They didn't find

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any broken spots in sewer pipes. Lots of tree roots! The hydrants have been flushed and were needed, Johnson explained most were the color of butterscotch pudding. Both wells did well in keeping up the water level on the water tower. Henkelman is concerned about vendors using our generator for Festivals days and is worried about liability issues with 75,000 volts. He also reminded the Council that East Road/Washington corner still needs to be addressed.

Johnson looked at the ditch by Midwest Metal and the city does not have the equipment to clean out the ditch. There are very large trees that need to be removed. It is also too deep for our equipment. Bathroom are up and running in the park.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Hagstrom proposed getting a front deck mower with a compact tractor, he is getting quotes. He requested hiring two people part-time for the parks mowing position. They would have to clean park bathroom along with mowing and weed eating. Motion was made by Carlson to hire two part-time parks personal for 30 hours a week each for 10 weeks (min wage is \$10.33 – a total of \$3,099). Motion was second by Deb Mickle and carried with everyone voting in favor.

Mayor Olson told the council he was approached by the class of Riley Shea to put a memorial bench by the Community Center Park. The city would need to put a cement pad in otherwise the bench is already paid for. No one had an objection.

WAYNE KLEMA – ATWATER THRESHERS – NEW SHED

Klema appeared before the council to approve him putting up a new shed on the Atwater Threshing Site. It will be stick built 20x24 feet with 8 foot wall height on a concrete slab. Motion was made by Walsh to approve the site for the building and second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. He thanked the council for their time.

CITY CLERKS REPORT

We need a date for the cleanup tour – council decided that June 6th at 4pm we would begin. West Central Sanitation clean up days is June 4th from 8 am to noon. Burns days were set for all Saturdays in May. A dance permit was submitted for July 9th for the Class of 1987 at the Strong Garage. Motion was made by Hagstrom and second by Carlson. Motion carried.

Lisa Schultz informed Goldie that there are two tables missing from the Community center since the first weekend of May. Smith requested a 2 inch water meter for the \$ 939.06 Baseball field to keep track of the water used for the DNR report. Motion made to purchase the meter by Carlson and second by Hagstrom. Motion carried.

On May 21st the HandleBar requested using the sidewalk for overflow in front of the bar. They have a large band scheduled for that night. Chief Johnson didn't see a problem. They will be fencing off the sidewalk. A formal motion was made by Walsh and second by Carlson to allow the fencing. Motion carried

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DEDUCTIBLE – WORKERS COMP

Clerk Smith brought before the board an option of changing the deductible. Motion was made by Carlson to leave it at the \$500 level with a second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried.

SEWER CAMERA CHARGE

Johnson brought up again we need to set a fee for having the sewer camera used at a resident's house. Motion by Hagstrom to set the price at \$125 plus tax, and was second by Walsh. Motion carried.

CECILA KURTZ – CONCERNED ABOUT MOSQUITO SPRAY

Kurtz asked the City to consider purchasing a less evasive mosquito spray. She handed out a pamphlet to the Council members.

RESOLUTION 2022-11 ADOPT KANDIYOHI COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A motion was made by Hagstrom and second by Carlson to adopt the Kandiyohi County All – hazard mitigation plan updated in 2020. Motion carried, the resolution will be forwarded to Emergency Management in Willmar.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following verified accounts were presented for payment, upon approval of the Finance Committee; it was moved by Carlson and second by Mickle. Motion carried authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to make such disbursements: May 3rd, 2022 (Checks numbers 30974 thru 30995 for \$ 17,467.14). Mid-month bills paid on May 17, 2022 and were check numbers 30996 through 30971 for \$ 37,942.29.

A motion was made to adjourn by Carlson and second by Hagstrom at 8:19 p.m.

Goldie Smith
City Clerk/Treasurer