

**OCTOBER 3, 2022
REGULAR MEETING**

The only regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Atwater City Council was called to order on Wednesday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 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 Deputy Eric Tollefson, Krista Wallin, Glen Hovey and Spencer Johnson from Bolton and Menk.

Representing the city departments were Police Chief Ross Johnson, Fire Chief Chad Busskohl and fire fighter Mike Smith, and Jason Johnson Maintenance Supervisor. The minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2022, were motioned for approval by Shane Hagstrom second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY ERIC TOLLEFSON KANDIYOHI COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT

Deputy Tollefson appeared before the council to answer questions from the council regarding any changes to the current agreement with the Sheriff department. He doesn't see any reason to change what is working. If they can balance both home and work life, he doesn't see a need to change it. He also wants to be more physical seen in the future.

KRISTA WALLIN AND GLEN HOVEY – MANHOLE REPAIR

Mayor Olson reviewed the Voss quote from September 8th of \$31,000. Wallin explained it was frozen in the pipe, a PVC pipe was put in the inside the original service line when it was found that the original pipe was broken. It causes a back up and then freezes in the house line. The pipe was broken by Minnegasco when they drilled in the gas service. She did not seem in favor of an assessment. When it freezes Wallin must fill the sump pump twice a day to keep the water flowing. Council discussed the assessment procedure. They weren't sure if the project could be done before winter. If it can't be done before winter, we would insulate the manhole.

SPENCER JOHNSON – BOLTON AND MENK

Spencer Johnson explained that he Mayor Olson, Jared Voge, and Jason Johnson from Maintance department meet and discussed the Pacific Lift station. They are going to replace the impellers with larger ones which will increase the pressure head of the pumps by ten feet and then there should not be any problems anymore. Bolton and Menk will be paying the parts and installation.

North Side Project and Well project they got a draft Indented Use Plan from PFA they have well and water treatment plant under immerging contaminate. It is looking promising for some funding. The bonding bill hasn't passed yet for any funding for streets. This is the first step through PFA for any funding.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Ross Johnson told the Council there were no problems with Octoberfest. He has two officers who want to apply to the department. Zack Lueders and Ross Schebbie, he

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wouldn't be on patrol. Motion to hire October 11th by Brian Carlson and seconded by Deb Mickle. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Chad Busskohl informed the spaghetti feed is Tuesday and the kids from school will be coming down during the day. They are still working on the by-laws for the fire department. They are revamping the hiring process for the department also.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Hagstrom informed the council that the Baseball Association is meeting to get some project ideas such as the grand stand, scoreboard and back stop. He wants to see the road through the park to get tarred. Hagstrom said all the trees in the park will be gone in three to five years due to Emerald Ash Boar. Tree and Turf came and gave an estimate for treating the trees. The cost is \$200 a tree, for over 50 trees in the park. No decision was made pending confirmation of the pest.

MAINTENANCE/PARKS DEPARTMENT

Jason Johnson asked the council for permission to purchase a dump trailer (7x14 with lift) for the maintenance department. It would be used for leaf clean up, tree removal and hauling lawn mowers. He especially like the part where it has a tarp to cover the trailer. The price is \$10,995 from Brinkman's Inc. from Delano. Motion to purchase the trailer was made by Brian Carlson and second by Walsh. Motion carried.

JJ had an estimate for two patches – one on Washington near the park and the other on Garfield and Ramsey where there was a water main break. Cost from Jet-Black was \$6,832. Another contractor was contacted but did not want to bid the small project. Motion was finally made by Brian Carlson to have Jet-Black for \$6,832 second by Walsh. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Deb Mickle did JJ six-month performance review. Mickle made the motion to take him off probation and Shane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATWATER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

They will be having a new renter in the EDA building.

508 FOURTH STREET SOUTH

Council reviewed the ad for the sale of 508 Fourth Street South. Council agrees that \$10,000 starting bid would be okay.

WELCOME SIGNS

Hagstrom presented a new quote for an updated from \$12,423 from Quick Signs to

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replace the Welcome sign on the West end of town. (LMCIT proceeds were \$11,266) He said if we waited until spring, they would reduce the cost by \$ 800. He also wanted to start using the new logo. Making the signs match would cost an additional \$1633 for the East side. Total cost would be \$14,056. Brian Carlson made the motion to replace and update the Welcome signs at \$14,056. Motion was seconded by Deb Mickle and was carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-16 ACCEPTING DONATION FROM ATWATER FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Deb Mickle to accept the donation of \$ 3710.71 for the new equipment for the Fire Department approve at last meeting, Hagstrom second the motion. Motion carried with everyone voting in favor.

ROSSELL AND HOVEY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 700 BLOCK OF MINNESOTA

Walsh explain that they are intending to put up two patio homes. Walsh made the motion to accept Planning and Zoning recommendations to approve the conditional use permit for residential housing in a Highway Business zone. The motion was seconded by Brian Carlson. Discussion was that we need more new housing in the area, and this does fit the surrounding neighborhood. Motion caried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following verified accounts were presented for payment, upon approval of the Finance Committee; it was moved by Brian Carlson and second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to make such disbursements: October 4th, 2022 (Checks numbers 31293 thru 31212 for \$ 13,798.51). Mid-month bills paid on October 20, 2022 and were check numbers 31316 through 31345 for \$ 41,398.50.

According to the upcoming meeting list January's first meeting would be held on January 2nd which would be New Year's Day observed holiday. Council decided to move the Meeting to January 4th.

A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Carlson and second by Walsh 9:22 p.m.

Laurie Torkelson
Billing Clerk