

AUGUST 07, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

The only regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Atwater City Council was called to order on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Atwater City Hall by Mayor Mark Olson. Council members present were Brian Carlson, Shane Hagstrom, Anthony Holtz and Deb Mickle. Visitors at the meeting was Spencer Johnson from Bolton and Menk.

Representing the city departments was Police Chief Ross Johnson, and Jason Johnson of the maintenance department.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2023, was motioned for approval by Deb Mickle second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

SPENCER JOHNSON – BOLTON & MENK - UPDATE

Spencer explained we are still waiting for funding information, notice from PFA still hasn't happened. Council requested having a workshop in September to (maybe a Wednesday) see financing and schedule is going to be handled.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ross Johnson reviewed the July 2023 Emergency Services Report. National Night out was a success.

FIRE/AMBULANCE REPORT

Brain Carlson presented Allan Wather as a new firefighter for council approval. He has been recommended by the department, passed his Fire Fighter 1 and EMT needs to be recertify both. He was part of the Grove City Fire Department. Motion was made by Hagstrom and second by Holtz to approve Wather. Motion carried with everyone voting in favor.

Carlson then presented a quote from Excel Overhead Door for \$ 2420 and American Door Works for \$2847.50. Motion made to hire Excel Overhear to replace the 2 door openers was made by Hagstrom and second by Deb Mickle. Motion carried by all voting in favor. There may be additional charges for electrical wiring. The ambulance needs the power inverter in the rear of the ambulance looked at by a repair service.

MAYORS REPORT

Olson updated the council that the stucco on the west side is being done but the studs on above the window have rotted. There will be another change order or replace them. A pay request #4 for \$87,324.95 to Project One Construction for work done at the Community Center. A motion was made by Holtz and second by Carlson to pay the request and carried by all voting in favor.

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MAINTENANCE/PARKS DEPARTMENT

Jason Johnson submitted for the council's approval from Electric Pump for repairs on Pacific Lift station of \$6,566.50 to replace the stator and cable, review the shaft, check the impeller. Second bid from Electric Pump for \$8,826 to replace pump in end of Second Street Lift. Motion by Carlson and second by Holtz to have the work done. Motion carried unanimously.

Currently we are pumping 90,000 gallons of water a day out of the water tower. A notice from Mn Department of National Resources dated August 4th, the State Drought plan is to go into effect, and we need to lower our water usage to 50% of January usage (2.140 million) or 1.070 million gallons per month. Council decided to change the hours of operation on the Splash Pad to 11 am to 6 pm and turn the sprinklers off at the baseball field.

Johnson proposed leasing a Bobcat T76 CTL with two buckets, grapple for tree removal, snow blower and pallet fork frame. A 60-month lease would be \$1478.50 per month (\$17,742 a year) with a maximum of 1250 hours a year. Motion to approve was made by Carlson and second by Holtz to lease the Bobcat for 5 years. The new Sterling plow has a pin hole in the radiator and is going into Hennes to be replaced.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Hagstrom reported to the council that 254 kids participate in summer rec. During this summer they have taken down 13 or more trees and are hoping to plant new ones to replace them around the playground. Hagstrom met with Ryan Buer to get a quote on outside lights and additional signs. He will bring them to the next meeting. He also wants to put lawn curbing in around the splash pad. He had a verbal bid from Nick Bessner for 600 feet at \$8.00 per foot. Motion to do the curbing was made by Holtz and second by Mickle. Motion carried by all voting in favor.

CLERKS DEPARTMENT

Clerk Smith has entered the city data into the League of Minnesota Cities for the annual compensation/benefit survey. She shared the flyer from newsletter from the Willmar Area Community Foundation listing the different originations they had donated to for 2022-2023. Reminded the council that on August 9th the Township Fireboard will meet to go over the 2024 budget for the Fire Department at 7 pm. Council also needs to the date for the public hearing for the 2024 budget. Council decided on the regular December 4th meeting starting at 7 pm.

PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING

After review of the Planning and Zoning meeting held on July 11th for Deven and Sabrina Current to open a tattoo shop at 306 Atlantic Ave West. It is not stated in the zoning guide as a "permitted use" and thought it fell under Personal service and repair shops (section 16.02 Section B) to side on safety side we held the public hearing to make everyone had a chance to voice their

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opinion. Only the petitioners attended the meeting. Motion was made to approve the use for a tattoo shop by Carlson and second by Hagstrom – with everyone voting in favor, motion passed.

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: August 3, 2023 (Checks numbers 31882-31914 for \$ 120,117.15. Mid-month bills paid on August 23, 2023, were check numbers 31915 through 31937 for \$ 14,081.09.

A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Carlson and second by Deb Mickle at 8:28 p.m.

Goldie Smith
City Clerk/Treasurer