

**APRIL 1, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING**

The only regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Atwater City Council was called to order on Monday, April 1, 2024, 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 were Brian Hovey Atwater Baseball Association, Dale Tagtow from the Atwater Area Historical Society, Allen Walther from the Atwater Karting Association, Jim Olson, David and Meagan Morrison, lastly Spencer Johnson from Bolton and Menk.

The minutes of the March 4, 2024, regular meeting were motioned for approval by Hagstrom and second by Brian Carlson. Motion carried with everyone voting in favor.

Representing the city departments was Chief Ross Johnson, Fire Chief Chad Busskohl, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Smith, Jason Johnson Head of Maintenance department.

**BRIAN HOVEY AND MIKE KINGERY – ATWATER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

Brian Hovey appeared before the council to request renewal of the annual liquor license for the baseball season. He has already submitted the buyer's card. Motion by Deb Mickle approve the liquor license for the Atwater Baseball Association. Motion was seconded by Brian Carlson. Motion carried with three voting in favor and Hagstrom and Holtz abstaining.

**DALE TAGOW – FROM ATWATER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Tagtow was before the council to request the annual donation to the Atwater Area Historical Society for the fiscal year 2024. They have sign painted and still need to get the heating and air conditioning working. He reminded everyone that membership is only \$30. Motion was made by Hagstrom and seconded by Brian Carlson to donate \$1250 to AAHS. Motion carried.

**ALLEN WALTHER FROM ATWATER KARTING**

Walther was at the council meeting to update the council. Last year he had an average of 77 go-karts a night. They are planning on cleaning up and painting this year. He distributed the 2024 schedule. He asked if Brian Carlson would put up the schedule out to the EMS.

**TIFFANY HINTZ AND HAYDEN ROUSER – ATWATER FESTIVAL DAYS**

Rouser wants to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North and in front of the Community Center on Saturday from 10 to 2pm for the car show. He is expecting 75 to 150 cars to be in attendance. He feels he needs the parking lot and the street to align all the vehicles. The parade will be at 3:20. The events will be condensed down to Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Brian Carlson then made the motion to donate to Atwater Festival Days \$3250 for the fiscal year 2024. Motion was seconded by Deb Mickel and carried unanimously.

Tom Hayden wants to have people walk from the bar to Jiva where they are hosting Ladies Night with vendors who would be selling their wares. The council gave their blessing.

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He then switches topics of the street dance and is requesting blocking Atlantic for 2 days during Festival Days, he is proposing to pull the trailers in on Friday night and the trailer would be gone Sunday at noon.

**SPENCER JOHNSON – BOLTON AND MENK**

Johnson spoke to the council and informed them that the contracts will be executed on April 2, at 10:30 virtually hosted by Bolton and Menk via internet. We are also working on the financing and underwriter. He requested a special meeting with Northland Securities to discuss the \$2.160 million GO Improvement bond on Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. They will discuss the schedule tomorrow with C & L Construction at the contract meet. The final assessment hearing won't happen until fall of 2025.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Johnson read the March Emergency Services Report. He then warned the council that they may need to order new pagers. He is working on an idea. He has a dash cam for the squads, and he is updating the computers for the squad car. He is working on having items on site for August 6<sup>th</sup> for the National Night out.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Johnson thanked people for helping with the heavy snowfall. He had an estimate from Barkers for hooking up the generator. Mayor Olson told him to wait until he had another quote.

**CLERKS REPORT**

Smith had a request from the Atwater Area Help for Seniors for the annual donation. Motion was made by deb Mickle and seconded by Holtz to donate \$6,000 for fiscal year 2024. Motion carried. Next smith read the letter of resignation from Elizabeth Johnson with the last day of March 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion to accept the letter of resignation was made by Deb Mickle and seconded by Brian Carlson with the council voting unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2024-11 JOINT RESOLUTUION FOR AMDAHL ADDITION**

The motion was made by Brian Carlson and second by Mickle to pass Resolution 2024-11, with the motion passing in favor.

**OFF PREMISS LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HANDLEBAR**

The motion was made by Hagstrom to approve the off-premises liquor license for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Strong Garage. Brian Carlson second the motion and the motion carried.

A second off-premises liquor license for April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Community Center for the Fire Department Gala was motioned by Hagstrom and seconded by Deb Mickle. Motion carried unanimously.

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**AMBULANCE WAGES**

Brian Carlson reviewed the Ambulance pay per hour. An ambulance run for an EMT will be \$21.75, for an EMR \$19.00, Ambulance on call will be \$3.00 per hour, and drills will be \$18.00 per hour. The stipend will remain at \$500 per year. He says they really need EMTs in the department and hopes this will attract more members. Motion to accept the increase to the Ambulance wages was made by Holtz and seconded by Hagstrom motion carried. Carlson and Mickle abstained.

**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: April 2, 2024 (Checks numbers 32311-332382 for \$ 48,742.07 and Mid-month bills paid on April 18, 2024, were check numbers 32386 through 32414 for \$ 58,303.20 all approved by the finance committee.

A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Carlson and second by Deb Mickle at 8:40 p.m.

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Goldie Smith  
City Clerk/Treasurer