

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, March 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Johanningsmeier, Knopp, Calhoun, Robinson, Radtke, Pearson and Feitlich were present.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Radtke motioned to amend the minutes under Executive Session to include "to discuss open legal matters." Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as presented. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor's Report - Nothing

Request for Consideration

Shawn Ajazi with Progressive Energy discussed the upcoming electrical aggregation load bid. He is recommending a 48-month term with Dynegy Energy at this time but will return for the April meeting for a final vote. Ajazi will also put together a proposal for solar energy panel installation.

Alex Whitely discussed his Eagle Scout Community Project. He would like to build a Gaga Ball Pit at one of Waterman's parks. The board approved the idea unanimously. Trustee Knopp will reach out to discuss specifics.

Correspondence – Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson saved a choking juvenile.

Amy Nykaza – We are working to get bids on a new website, looking into laptops for board members to run meetings, and pricing cell phone plans for employees.

Attorney Neveu – Will update in executive session.

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Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson

Trustee Pearson updated on the February 22, meeting. We discussed the utility service deposit fee policy and implementing a rotating equipment replacement plan. The WWTP generator needs to be replaced. Clerk Pool updated on the implementation of the new utility billing software.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier - Nothing

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke - Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Kyle Knopp

Trustee Knopp updated on the March 3, 2022, meeting. There was discussion of adding a t—ball backstop at Garfield Park. We received the mold test results and there is mold, but not at a dangerous level. We are looking into replacing the carpet and other ways to increase the air quality in Village Hall.

Trustee Knopp presented the amended Memo of Understanding for Waterman Summer Recreation. There was discussion of who would be responsible for the cost of the lime for the baseball fields. WSR will provide the seasonal schedule to reserve the Lions Park baseball fields. Trustee Knopp tabled approval until amendments have been completed.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the purchase of a playset for Garfield Park. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0. We will organize a community build day to install and we will obtain bids for mulch.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the purchase of a Knaack box to store the equipment at Garfield Park. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Knopp motioned to reopen “Approve Agenda” to amend Buildings and Grounds item i to Update on March 3, 2022, meeting. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Feitlich advised we are preparing the FY23 budget, and all committee chairs should submit their portion as soon as possible.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke

Trustee Radtke advised we have received a lease agreement with BNSF Railroad for the downtown parking lot. We will vote at the April meeting.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke

Chastain completed the new zoning map and we have it posted at Village Hall.

Planning Commission – John Ecker - Nothing

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Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker - Nothing

Public Comment

A resident spoke regarding their opinion of the political flags with profanity in town. Chief Swanson advised that profanity is a form of protected speech. The Village cannot require them to take the flag down.

A resident spoke regarding their opinion of the recent newspaper articles related to Waterman and the Village President. She pointed out how the Village is paying the Village President at the same time as being in a lawsuit and requested that Village President Robinson resign from his position.

Old Business

At the direction of Attorney Neveu the Village opened a new account to hold the retirement reimbursement funds until an agreement is made with everyone.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to amend the Finance and Personnel meeting minutes from May 17, 2021, to include "Trustee Radtke motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Section 2c (11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal matters." Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Feitlich, Radtke, and Pearson voting.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to amend the January 12, 2021, Regular meeting minutes to include "Trustee Radtke motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Section 2c (11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal matters." Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Feitlich, Pearson, Radtke, and Johanningsmeier voting.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to amend the May 11, 2021, Regular meeting minutes to include "Trustee Radtke motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Section 2c (11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal matters." Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Feitlich, Pearson, Calhoun, Radtke, and Johanningsmeier voting.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to amend the December 14, 2021, Regular meeting minutes to include "Trustee Pearson motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Section 2c (11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal matters." Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0 with Feitlich, Pearson, Calhoun, Radtke, Knopp, and Johanningsmeier voting.

On May 11, 2021, Trustee Radtke motioned to add "Adopt Ordinance 2021-06: Zoning Map Changes to the agenda prior to approving the agenda. This addition did not meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Feitlich motioned to reconsider the Adoption of Ordinance 2021-06: Zoning Map Changes that was originally adopted at the May 11, 2021, Regular meeting. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Feitlich, Pearson, Calhoun, Radtke, and Johanningsmeier voting and Knopp abstaining.

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New Business

Trustee Feitlich motioned to reappoint John Ecker as the Regional Planning Commissioner. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Radtke abstaining.

Trustee Knopp motioned to appoint Radtke, Calhoun, and Feitlich to the Special Hiring Committee to hire a full-time officer. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed. 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the GW Associates agreement to complete the FY19-FY21 audits. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Executive Session


Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Section 2c (11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal matters. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Attorney Neveu provided an update on open legal matters.

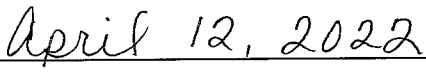
Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday April 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Pool



Approved