

Special Called Meeting

Watseka City Council

Thursday, July 1st 2021

The Special Called City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor John Allhands at 7:00pm.

Present were Aldermen Cahoe, Rushbrook, Marcier, Miller, Barragree along with Alderwomen Ulfers
Absent were Alderwoman Musk and Alderman Garfield.

Public Comment: none

Mike Lynch with MSL Benefits to discuss and take action on Employee Health Insurance. Mr. Lynch stated that he gave copies to Cathy to hand out to all of the council. Mr. Lynch went through the handouts and explained both options from United Healthcare & BlueCross BlueShield. Mr. Lynch explained that switching to BCBS is his recommendation and that there will be a 4% decrease the council did ask a few questions. A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Cahoe to switch to BCBS with the initial premium being \$154,942.68 annually. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Ulfers, seconded by Barragree To pass a Resolution to appropriate the amount of \$415,000.00 in Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from 5/1/21 to 4/30/22 with four streets being Mulberry St.-5th St. to 7th St., Ralph St.-Grant St. to Lincoln Ave., Elm St.-4th St., to 8th St. and 10th St., -Porter Ave. to Mulberry St. (The resolution covers the estimated construction cost, the construction engineering cost, the material testing cost (Geocon) and allows for a construction contingency. This only means appropriating the money for use, it does not mean that entire amount will be spent. The actual amount spent will be predicted on the actual bid and the final construction cost. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Miller To execute an engineering agreement with Robinson Engineering for the Construction Engineering for this year's MFT project. Motion passed 6-0.

Alderwoman Ulfers shared that everyone involved with the float for the parade need to meet at Public Works at 9am, she mentioned that the float can be torn down on Tuesday morning or evening whatever works best for everyone. Alderwoman Ulfers shared that the new Fire Chief Kenny Baier started today and that the Fire Dept. is also having a float in the parade. Mayor Allhands told Monna good job on getting the flags organized.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Barragree to adjourn at 7:28pm. Motion passed 6-0.

Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk