

Watseka City Council Meeting

December 21st 2021

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Allhands at 7:50pm. Present were Aldermen Barragree, Marcier, Cahoe, Garfield, Rushbrook, Miller & Alderwoman Musk. Absent was Alderwoman Ulfers

Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Garfield to Approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23rd 2021 & Minutes from the Kay Street Storm Sewer Separation Project Public Meeting on November 23rd, 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment: None

Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements & Proclamations

- **Ordinance #2631**-Abating the 2021 Tax Year Debt Service Levy for the \$3,027,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, Illinois
- **Ordinance #2632**-Abating the 2021 Tax Year Debt Service Levy for the \$1,535,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, Illinois
- **Ordinance #2633**-Abating the 2021 Tax Year Debt Service Levy for the \$1,633,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, Illinois

Consent Agenda

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A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Garfield to set the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Musk to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Finance, Legal and Audit**

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Miller to pay claims in the amount \$735,147.51. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Musk to Accept and Place on file the November Treasurer Report. Motion passed 7-0.

Ruder Proposal for Video in Council Chambers \$8,198.00 Mayor will get more bids no action was taken.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Miller Gift Cards for 63 Employees \$50 each from Berkots \$3150.00. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier Nextsite Proposal \$8000 per year for 3 years discussion and possible action Mayor shared that everyone got a copy of the proposal. Motion did not pass Alderman Marcier, Barragree, and Cahoe voting yes, Alderman Rushbrook and Alderwoman Musk voting no, and Aldermen Miller and Garfield abstained.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Garfield Transfer \$109,647 from General Fund 1-10-8000 into Liability Fund 8-10-9000. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Garfield Transfer \$23,993 from General Fund 1-10-8000 into Audit Fund 9-10-9000. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Miller Transfer \$310,000 from General Fund 1-0-8000 into Police Pension Fund 40-10-5001. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Miller Transfer \$52,075.63 from Water Fund 30-50-8000 into General Fund 1-10-8000. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Rushbrook, seconded by Musk Transfer \$52,075.6 from Sewer Fund 30-60-8000 into General Fund 1-10-8000. Motion passed 7-0.

- **Public Works**

Kingdon Project-IPC/Marquis Tree Service Discussion & Action-No action was taken.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Garfield Kay Street Storm Sewer Project STU Funds 8th St. start application process for \$84,934 plus \$9,342.79 total \$94,277.00 Kay St. under railroad tracks \$204,436.50 with additional cost with the railroad use ARPA or COVID Relief Funds. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Cahoe Robinson Engineering Water main Projects & Engineering of Roads discussion and possible action Railroad at North St. Motion passed 7-0.

- **Public Safety**

None

- **Code Enforcement**

Motion for Attorney to Draft Ordinance fo252 N 2nd St. Robert Smith Variance. No action was taken.

- **Water/Wastewater Report**

None

- **Miscellaneous Business**

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Rushbrook to Appoint Roger Dittrich to Hospital Board for a 3-year term. Motion passed 7-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Barragree Appoint Kate Mueller to Zoning Committee 7 year term. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports from Officers- None

Alderwoman Musk asked about city employees being off with COVID and getting paid, several employees have been off stating they have COVID or had been exposed and they are still getting paid while they are off with no documentation being provided. Alderwoman Musk said that no documentation is being obtained is it acceptable to ask for these type of documents for these employees discussion was had going forward that all city employees will need to use sick time, vacation time, FMLA, etc. Proof of a negative COVID test should be provided before an employee returns to work City Attorney Cainkar is going to look into this and he will email the Council tomorrow.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Garfield to Adjourn at 8:18pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk