

## Watseka City Council Meeting

December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Allhands at 6:30pm. Present were Aldermen Barragree, Marcier, Cahoe, Garfield, Miller & Alderwoman Rohlfs. Absent was Alderwoman Musk.

Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Barragree to Approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Safety: Promote Kyle Puleo, Curtis Marcott and Mark Harris to Sergeants effective 12/20/2022, Recognize retiring officers: John-Lee Hall, Scott Muench and Bill Stanley. Swearing in of new officers: Josh Douglas, Jason Forbes, and Alex Corriveau. Nita Dubble shared they have interviewed a new officer candidate.

Public Comment: Scott Anderson addressed the council that he is running unopposed for 4<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman a 2-year term he shared with the council why he should be appointed. Dale Strough addressed the council he is seeking 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman he also stated why he should be appointed, and that the council should appoint Scott Anderson to the vacant seat. Both men thanked the council for their time.

Levi Sowers parking on E. Mulberry St.-He was not in attendance.

### Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements & Proclamations

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- **Ordinance #2772**- Abating the 2022 Tax Year Debt Service Tax Levy for the \$1,551,645 General Obligation Bond, Series 2022A, of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County.
- **Ordinance #2773**-Authorizing the Acceptance of a Donation of Real Property Located at 213 E Walnut St. Watseka Illinois.
- **Resolution #2022-6**- Approving a Second Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the City of Watseka and The State of Illinois, By and Through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, For the City of Watseka Flood Hazard Mitigation Project

## Consent Agenda

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## Standing Committee Reports

- **Finance, Legal and Audit**

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier to pay claims in the amount \$1,450,030.64. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Cahoe to Accept and Place on file the November Treasurer Report. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Miller Transfer \$51,483 from water Fund 30-50-8000 into 2019 Bond Repayment Fund 61-10-9000. Motion passed 6-0.

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A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Garfield Transfer \$179,110 from Infrastructure fund 36-10-1000 into 2022A Bond Repayment Fund 63-10-9000. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Garfield Transfer \$107,041 from General fund 1-10-8000 into Liability Fund 8-10-9000. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Miller Transfer \$25,890 from general Fund 1-10-8000 into Audit Fund 9-10-9000. Motion passed 6-0.

- **Public Works/Water Wastewater**

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Barragree Replace Actuators and 16-inch Valve Assembly at mulberry St. Lift Station-from Metropolitan for \$75,000. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier Peerless Midwest Well Drilling for new well behind City Hall \$200,000 that is under engineering review and without Competitive Bidding. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Garfield Core and Main piping for new well to connect the new well to wells 9 and 10 \$17,744.00. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Barragree Purchase a Non-potable Pump from Xlyem for \$12,000. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Garfield Purchase 2 RAS/WAS well pumps for a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Motion passed 6-0.

- **Public Safety**

We did this after approving the regular meeting minutes.

- **Code Enforcement**

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Marcier Façade Grant to Center Street Productions for \$1500. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Barragree 502 W Jackson St-demolish accept bid from Lee Excavating bid for \$8600. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Cahoe 508 N 2nd St-demolish accept bid from Lee Excavating bid for \$9400. Motion passed 6-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Cahoe Hire Bill Walver as full time Code Enforcement at \$24.00/hour. Motion passed 6-0.

- **Personnel Committee-None**

- **Miscellaneous Business**

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Barragree RFP's Consultant Groups-Carlile Group \$30,100. Motion passed 6-0.

Purchase 3 properties: J C Penny Building, Wood Shake Building, Empty lot on Walnut St. for \$45,000-discussion and possible action. City Attorney Cainkar will prepare the ordinances for the next meeting. Some discussion was had on the Historical District, Alderman Garfield asked if the roof would be fixed first, Mayor Allhands stated whatever the architect feels is the best route to go is most likely how it will be done and in sections. Mayor Allhands read to letters from the Mayor of Kankakee and the City of Lockport on the Historical District and the pros of having this district.

Salon Liquor License Discussion-No action was taken the salon was not in attendance.

Eric Brandt gave a quick Flood Mitigation update the Resolution for the DNR had been stopped for a few months, the governmental agreement was not renewed, this was due to an issue with the state it should be back soon.

Keith with Robinson Engineering gave a quick update he did not hear back from IPC so not update on the traffic signals. Keith then shared the 2 projects with EPA loans (Low interest loans) Kay St. is the sanitary Sewer project and Elm is the water main project, the project plan is good for 5 years wit the EPA the city has 4 years left on this. Keith feels the city should go with the water main project since it could benefit the community now and it will be low interest by doing this a 12 inch main will be added so that a section can be isolated if we have a break. Keith and Mayor Allhands also shared they got an email on the Martin Ave. extension it is a go this is a 2.35-million-dollar project this is an early Christmas gift to the City.

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

Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk