

Watseka City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

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

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Marcier to Approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24th, 2023. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Comment-Terry Pence of Pence Oil Co. was in attendance to thank the administration for allowing his family to have a business for 58 years in Watseka. Going forward he made the decision to sell this business to Heritage FS and he feels that they will be as business and community oriented as Pence Oil was, they took all their assets and keep their employees' business will carry on.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements & Proclamations

- **Resolution #2023-5**-Approval of Parade Route and Street Closure (Ratification)
- **Resolution #2023-5**-Approval of Parade Route and Street closure (Amendment)
- **Ordinance #2693**-Amending Title 12, Rezoning, Chapter 12, Off-Street Parking Requirements, Section 12-12-2, Design of Parking Area of the Watseka City Code.
- **Ordinance #2694**-Rezoning the Property Commonly Known as 323 E Walnut St Watseka Illinois from "R-4" Multi Family Residential District to "B-2" Central Business District.
- **Ordinance #2695**-Levying Taxes for General Corporate and Other Purposes for The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024, for the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, Illinois.
- **Ordinance #2696**-Levying Taxes for Library Purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024, for the Watseka Public Library, Iroquois County, Illinois.

Consent Agenda

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A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Marcier to set the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Muench to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 8-0.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Finance, Legal and Audit**

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Miller to pay claims in the amount \$918,241,23. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Anderson to Accept and Place on file the October Treasurer Report. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by DeLahr Employee Gift cards from Berkot's for \$75. Alderman Miller made a Motion to Amend the amount to \$100, seconded by Muench. Motion passed 6-2 with Alderwoman DeLahr and Alderman Anderson voting no.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Barragree Transfer \$126,000 from general fund 1-10-8000 into the liability fund 8-10-9000. Motion passed 8-0.

- **Public Works/Water Wastewater**

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier Metropolitan Pump Company Alarms for Lift Stations & Wells \$24,850.00. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Anderson Alta Equipment Company for a Durapatcher discussion and possible action. Discussion was had on this Loren Public Works Director shared that if the city purchases this today or within the next week or so they will remove \$2000 of the freight cost or if the city agrees to commit to this purchase in February with a 10% down payment they will remove \$1000 of the freight cost, the 10% deposit will need to be made now with the cost becoming \$89,978.50 meanwhile they will continue to see the grant for this. Loren shared that the warranty start day will be April 1st, 2024.

Motion passed 8-0.

Keith from Robinson handed out 2 handouts from Gallagher. Some discussion was had. Loren suggested putting bids out sooner for better pricing and that he would like to see this work started earlier in the summer. Loren was asking the council for some guidance on mill and overlay or chip and seal with fog coat or heat and recycle with fog coat. The council gave Loren and Keith the ok to reach back out to Gallagher seeking bids on this going forward.

- **Public Safety**

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Anderson Add Andrew Johnson to the Auxiliary Roster. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rohlf's Add Andrew Walton to the Fire Department Roster. Motion passed 8-0.

- **Code Enforcement-None**

- **Miscellaneous Business**

Health Insurance Discussion-There was none no action was taken.

A Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by DeLahr to Adjourn at 7:01pm. Motion passed 8-0.

Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk