Watseka City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Allhands at 6:55pm. Present were Aldermen Barragree, Marcier, Cahoe, Miller, Anderson, Muench, & Alderwoman Rohlfs. Alderwoman DeLahr via phone.

A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Anderson to Approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28th, 2023. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Comment-None

Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements & Proclamations

• Resolution 2023-6- Approving a Third 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

- Resolution 2023- Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code
- Ordinance #2698- Amending Title 5, Health, Sanitation and Environment, by Adding Chapter
- 9, Defaulted and Vacant Property Registration, of the Watseka City Code

• Ordinance #2697- Granting a Variation to Allow A Second Accessory Structure on the Property Commonly Known at 110 W North St, Watseka Illinois.

Consent Agenda

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A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier to set the Consent Agenda removing Ordinance #2698. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Barragree to accept the Consent Agenda removing ordinance #2698. Motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance #2698-Alderman Cahoe asked if this could be tabled for 30-45 days so it can be redone. This was tabled no action was taken.

Standing Committee Reports

• Finance, Legal and Audit

A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Anderson Claims in the amount of \$928,619.69. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Anderson Accept and place on the file the November Treasurers report. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Rohlfs TIF 3 Reimbursement to Heritage Woods \$51,022.35. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Rohlfs Transfer \$41,805 from 30-50-8000 (Water Fund) into 61-10-9000 (2019 Bond Repayment Fund). Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Rohlfs Transfer \$41,805 from 30-60-8000 (Sewer Fund) into 61-10-9000 (2019 Bond Repayment Fund). Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Miller Transfer \$176,716 from 36-10-1000 (Infrastructure Fund) into 63-10-9000 (2022A Bond Repayment Fund). Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Marcier, seconded by Anderson Ruder Audio Recording System in Council Chambers \$7,235.00. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Barragree, seconded by Rohlfs Ruder CCTV Monitor Installation City Hall & Police Side \$3,886.00. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Rohlfs Purchase 3 monitors not to exceed \$3500.00. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Works/Water Wastewater

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier Zack Tobeck pay rate increase to \$20/hour effective 1/1/2024. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Miller Order 200 radios for water meters at a cost of \$28,000. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Safety

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier Look to purchase a new Heavy Rescue/fire truck in the \$450,000 to \$700,000 range. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Anderson Increase wellness gym benefit for Police Department to \$40/month. Motion passed 8-0.

Code Enforcement

A Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Barragree Lee Farms Excavating aggregate bid of \$74,450 for 120 Brown St, 304 E Elm St 426 E Elm St, 560 N 4th St, 546 N 5th St, 418 W Park & 420 W Park Ave. Motion passed 8-0.

Executive Session-Police Union Contract Negotiations A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Marcier to go into Executive Session at 7:08pm. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Marcier to return to the regular City Council Meeting at 7:11pm. Motion passed 8-0.

Miscellaneous Business

A Motion was made by Cahoe, seconded by Andeson Ratify Police Union Contract. Motion passed 8-0.

The mayor shared that a special called meeting maybe be needed for the old KFC they need the money to go forward, he will let everyone know of the meeting.

A Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Cahoe to adjourn at 7:13pm. Motion passed 8-0.

Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk