

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting January 19, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Watertown City Council was called to order, on **Thursday, January 19, 2006** by Mayor K.J. McDonald at 5:00 PM at the Watertown City Hall, Council Chambers.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Mayor K.J. McDonald, Council Members, Steven Duske, Dan Geiger, Earline King, and Rick Mann.

The following staff members were present: City Administrator David Mandt; and Finance Director/Clerk-Treasurer Steven Wallner.

Others present were: Jeanne Ray, Ed Salonek and Jim Bart.

2. DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER SECOND INTERVIEWS

The council conducted a second round of interviews with the three candidates for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Following the interviews, the council discussed the candidates and decided on offering the position to Ed Salonek.

3. PARK

Mandt presented information to the council regarding the possible purchase of the property on the west side of Paul Avenue for the purpose of creating a community park.

Mandt requested that the council authorize staff to hire a real estate broker to work on the purchase on the city's behalf. He recommended Francis Condon.

Mandt further requested authorization to have City Engineer Dave Martini assist in the process of filing applications for DNR Grants.

Wallner requested council authorization to begin working with Paul Donna of Northland Securities, Inc. on financing options for the purchase of the park land.

DUSKE MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO HIRE FRANCIS CONDON AS A REAL ESTATE BROKER, HIRE DAVID MARTINI TO ASSIST WITH DNR GRANT APPLICATIONS AND HAVE STAFF BEGIN WORKING WITH PAUL DONNA OF NORTHLAND SECURITIES ON FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PAUL AVENUE PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:50 PM. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

K.J. McDonald
Mayor