

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the Watertown City Council was called to order, on **Tuesday, January 27, 2009** by Mayor K. J. McDonald at 6:30 PM in the Watertown City Hall Council Chambers.

Upon roll call the following Council Members were present: McDonald, Jodi Martinez, Earline King and Steven Duske. Council Member Rick Mann was absent.

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

Also present were: Jim Wollschlager of Randy's Sanitation, Darrell Hoekstra of Waste Management, Paul Glasser and Deb Gatz of Randy's Sanitation.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council minutes January 13, 2009 meeting
- B. Pay request from Hoff, Barry and Kozar
- C. Pay request from Melchert, Hubert and Sjodin
- D. Pay request from MK Land

Duske asked to have item 3D pulled for discussion. He stated that he would like to get the invoices from MK Land no later than six weeks after the projects are documented. He stated that he would like to see planning services separated from Other Professional Services on the claims roster.

4. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

MARTINEZ MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. OPEN FORUM

- A. Paul Glasser asked the Council if they would be willing to bond for his water/sewer project and assess his taxes for the cost. Wallner stated that he would look into it, but was uncertain if any financial institution would be willing to bond for a project under \$100,000. Wallner stated that he would have information by the next council meeting.

6. CELEBRATE WATERTOWN

- A. Mandt stated that a group of volunteers has put together a Little Grizzlies hockey program for youth ages 4-10 years of age each Saturday at the hockey rink.
- B. Wallner stated that the Watertown Lions Club would be having its annual Super Bowl pancake breakfast Sunday, Feb. 1.

7. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Recommendation to name Waste Management as residential waste hauler. Mandt presented the information on the three proposals received by the city for residential waste hauling. In nearly every category, Waste Management was lower than the other two competitors, Randy's Sanitation and Elite Waste Disposal. The Public Works Committee recommended that Waste Management be named as residential waste hauler for the City of Watertown. Representatives of Randy's Sanitation and Waste Management spoke to the Council. King asked the representative of Waste Management if they would be willing to pick up waste every other week for those with small amounts. He stated that that was not possible at this time, but suggested these people ask for a smaller container. McDonald asked to have the Council table the issue until the entire council could vote. He was interested in hearing more about other options Jim Wollschlager of Randy's had for the city. Duske and Martinez were in favor of moving ahead and accepting the Public Works recommendation. Duske asked Darrell Hoekstra of Waste Management to look into collecting waste every other week for seniors and those who had smaller amounts of waste.

DUSKE MOVED, MARTINEZ SECONDED A MOTION TO NAME WASTE MANAGEMENT AS THE RESIDENTIAL WASTE HAULER FOR THE CITY OF WATERTOWN. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

- B. Approval of 2009 police contract. Mandt stated that city staff presented a draft contract to the Council in December and was directed to set up a meeting with the sheriff. The Finance Committee met with the sheriff Jan. 15, 2009 and made a few major changes, including eliminating the Community Service Officer, reducing the number of patrol deputies from 2.5 to 2.0 and clarification of the billing for squad cars (Verbiage pertaining to billing of a squad car in two separate locations was a typo.). The Finance Committee will review the item of reducing the number of patrol deputies this summer to see if changes are needed. Duske stated that he had one concern about the cost of the patrol vehicle. He stated that \$23,000 is too high and he would be hard pressed to look at anything above \$15,000. King stated that she thought the amount was due to the higher cost of gasoline. Mandt stated that the sheriff would be willing to look at that item for a possible change.

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2009 POLICE CONTRACT WITH THE CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,999. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

9. **CONSULTANTS' REPORTS**

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. McDonald talked about the economic woes and its affect on the City of Watertown. He stated that despite cutbacks from the state, the city would be diligent in providing the best possible services to the residents. He also read an e-mail from Wallner concerning the city's reductions.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Martinez mentioned that a Farmers Market meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 30, 2009.

12. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Administrator

- 1. Mandt informed the Council about a water main break that took place Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 on White Street near Westwood Place.
- 2. Mandt mentioned the calendars presented to the Council with upcoming workshops and meetings. He stated that the goal setting workshop has tentatively been set for Saturday, March 28.
- 3. Mandt stated that the Park Commission has moved its next meeting to Thursday, February 5 instead of Thursday, February 12 due to the lengthy nature of the agenda.

C. Finance Director

- 1. Wallner distributed the Finance Manual to the Council.
- 2. Wallner stated that he would be sending an e-mail to the Council and staff about the effects of the Governor's proposed budget reductions on the city.
- 3. Claims roster.

KING MOVED, MARTINEZ SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS ROSTER. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:35 PM.

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

K.J. McDonald
Mayor