

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

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, February 9, 2010** 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, Rick Mann, Steve Duske, Earline King and Dan Geiger.

The following staff members were present: City Engineer David Martini of Bolton & Menk, Inc., Senior Planner Crystal Foust, and Acting Administrator/City Clerk-Treasurer and Finance Director Steven Wallner.

Also present was: Chris Lund and Fire Chief Wade Stock.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

GEIGER MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council Minutes for January 26, 2010
- B. Approval of revised City Administrator job description
- C. Approval of peddler permit – Christopher Lund, Edward Jones

KING MOVED, GEIGER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

4. OPEN FORUM

5. CELEBRATE WATERTOWN

- A. McDonald stated that the Metropolitan Arts Council had provided a \$5,000 grant to the River City Theater.

6. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Tuscany Village Agreement

A sub-committee of Steve Duske, Rick Mann, Steven Wallner and Kim Kozar of Hoff, Barry and Kozar, met with Marc Kruger, attorney for Lakeland Construction Finance, to finalize an agreement in connection with Tuscany Village.

MCDONALD MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TUSCANY VILLAGE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- B. Approval of 2010 Fee Schedule

The Council discussed the fee schedule at a workshop prior to the council meeting and made changes which were part of the Ordinance agreed upon in the motion.

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 347 (2010 FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF WATERTOWN). MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

C. Discussion on County Road 20 project

Mann expressed a number of concerns he had with the project, particularly the round about proposed for the area of the "Y" where Territorial Street intersects with County Roads 10 and 20. He stated that he had residents asking him who is driving this project and why there has to be a roundabout at the "Y". He stated that the residents of Watertown need to have input on the project and there should be an alternative plan. He stated that the roundabout is not designed right and is a detriment to the fire department and waste haulers. He does not want to jeopardize the excellent response times of the fire department with the arrangement planned for the access routes for the fire department.

McDonald stated that he shared Mann's concerns. He stated that the project seems to be driven by the county since they are paying for most of the project and it fits into their timeline. He believes there hasn't been enough public input and suggested a town hall meeting be held with information on project costs and any tax increases for property owners. Wallner stated that he has a meeting with the bond consultant about structuring the bond to maintain the debt level at its current rate so there will not be a tax increase.

Stock stated that the fire department does not like the access to County Road 20 as it is currently designed. He stated that they will be losing parking stalls and there will be more traffic problems with firefighters arriving and trucks leaving on a call. He stated that he likes the traffic flow the way it is now. Stock stated that the size of the roundabout is not adequate to allow rescue vehicles to get by other vehicles without going on the surmountable curb. He also believes the roundabout will not solve the traffic problems at the "Y".

Duske stated that the Council has had opportunity for input into the project and chose a roundabout at the "Y" instead of a T design. He stated that he didn't realize how the design of the project will affect other people than those living adjacent to the project. He stated that the Council needs to listen to the people of our town whether it is right or wrong. He made a motion to have the city engineer reconsider the design at the "Y" from a roundabout to a T-design. There was no second to the motion. McDonald stated that he was not sure the roundabout was right for the "Y" intersection. Mann stated that if the roundabout is built and doesn't work, it doesn't allow room for changes. He stated that if the T-design doesn't work there is more room to make adjustments.

Martini stated that 95% of the plan has been submitted to the state. He stated that every effort was made to work out a design from the input given. He stated that the full construction season (from June until the ground freezes) is being used in this project. He stated that if changes are requested, the county will need to be involved.

Geiger stated that Stock has points that need to be addressed, but to completely change the design is ridiculous. He stated that a lot of time has been spent with input from many people on the design. He stated that he can't believe the Council is thinking of changing the traffic flow at the "Y" from a roundabout to a T-design. He believes the engineers (city and county) who have worked on the project have designed the project so that traffic movements will work.

It was agreed to have a town hall meeting focusing on the "Y" intersection. Mann stated that he did not think a town hall meeting was necessary. It was decided that McDonald and Wallner will decide on the day and time of the meeting and that Wallner and Martini will have a conference call with county representatives on Wednesday, February 10.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Approval of Park Coordinator position

Wallner thanked Steve Duske for volunteering his time the past few years as park coordinator. Duske announced he is stepping down from his volunteer position. The Personnel Committee met and agreed to offer a stipend of \$2,500 for a park coordinator. Duske assisted in coming up with duties for the position. The Council also agreed to submit a letter to the Carver County News acknowledging Duske for his service to the community in the position as park coordinator.

KING MOVED, GEIGER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR THE POSITION OF PARK COORDINATOR AND OFFER A STIPEND OF \$2,500 PER YEAR. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

8. CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

A. City Engineer

1. Project Update
2. Pay Request

DUSKE MOVED, GEIGER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAY REQUEST FROM BOLTON & MENK, INC. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

- A. King commented on the monthly sheriff's report.
- B. Geiger thanked the Public Works crew for their excellent job of snow removal.

11. STAFF REPORTS

D. Finance Director

1. Request for approval of voucher list/claims roster

KING MOVED, GEIGER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER LIST/CLAIMS ROSTER. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:54 PM.

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

K.J. McDonald
Mayor