

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 25, 2008**

**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, March 25, 2008** 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, Steve Duske, Earline King, Dan Geiger and Rick Mann.

The following staff members were present: City Engineer David Martini, City Attorney David Hubert, City Administrator David Mandt, City Finance Director Steven Wallner, City Planner Crystal Foust and Public Works Supt. Doug Kammerer.

Also present was: Judy Vanderlinde.

**2. ADOPT AGENDA**

Staff asked to have Item 3H (Utility Budgets and Rates) added to the agenda. Staff asked to have Items 9C (Tub grinding quote) and 13A (Carver County proposal for ACCEL) pulled from the agenda.

**MANN MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes for March 11, 2008 meeting
- B. Pay request from City Attorney
- C. Pay request from MK Land
- D. Recommendation to approve grant submittal
- E. Recommendation to approve amendment to Kings Highland Development Agreement
- F. Fire Department recommendation to hire new fire department member
- G. Claims roster
- H. Utility Budget and Rates

Duske asked to have Item 3G pulled for discussion.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

**GEIGER MOVED, DUSKE SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**5. OPEN FORUM**

**6. CELEBRATE WATERTOWN**

- A. Mandt stated that the City will see a savings from Waste Management during the city-wide clean up due to the upcoming expiration of analog televisions. Waste Management will be accepting electronics for a reduced rate from last year. In addition, Carver County will be increasing its share to the city.

**7. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of upcoming 2008 goal setting workshop. The City Council/Commissions/Staff goal setting workshop has been set for 8 a.m. Saturday, April 5 in the Community Center.

**8. CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Public Works Committee recommendation to award low bid for 2008 crack sealing project. Price quotations from three contractors were lower than expected when compared with the cost of \$1.38 per foot for 2007. Bargaen Inc. had the lowest quote of 68.5 cents per foot. Fahrner Asphalt's quote was 72 cents per foot and Hardline Asphalt's quote was 77 cents per foot. The quotes received from the contractors were for 7,400 feet of crack sealing. Kammerer contacted Bargaen Inc. about the possibility of increasing the quantity at the quoted price. Michael Eperson from Bargaen responded that an increase in the quantity would not change the cost per foot. The Public Works Committee on March 20, 2008 determined that the project should be increased to include the entire street system at that cost. The city has budgeted \$70,000 for 2008 for seal coating and crack sealing. The projected seal coating project should be under \$50,000.

**DUSKE MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TO AWARD THE CRACK SEALING PROJECT TO BARGEN INC. FOR 68.5 CENTS PER FOOT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- B. Recommendation to approve 2008 seal coating project low bid. Staff received quotes from two contractors with a closing date of March 21, 2008. The quotes were \$43,910.50 from Pearson Brothers Inc. and \$73,736.50 from Allied Blacktop Co. The City plan details seal coating streets in seven year intervals. Staff will work with the Public Works Committee and Council on an annual basis to determine which streets need to be seal coated.

**DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE SEAL COATING PROJECT FOR 2008 TO PEARSON BROTHERS, INC. FOR \$43,910.50. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**11. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Project updates. Geiger asked about the Co. Rd. 20 sewer crossing. Martini stated that there is an issue regarding the sanitary sewer that crosses Co. Rd. 20 that will need further investigation this spring. Duske asked Martini for the date that the City took over the sewer crossing and to make sure the City follows up on the issue. Martini stated that he didn't see any concerns at this point. Geiger asked Martini if the grading has been finished along Paul Avenue. Martini stated that this is on the punch list of remaining items that includes bituminous wear coarse, final pavement markings and trail construction on the north end. Martini stated that a meeting will be held in April involving Xcel, Carver County, the City of Watertown and the developer to determine the trail extension to the intersection and how it will tie into Paul Avenue. King asked Martini about making a wider turn onto Paul Avenue because it is difficult now for the buses. Martini stated that radius is being investigated. Geiger stated that he would like to see the turn lanes on Paul Avenue eliminated and shoulders installed for a wider turning radius. Duske disagreed, stating that the turn lanes are necessary to allow through traffic. Martini stated that he was comfortable with the way the street is now with the turn lanes but would be willing to look into any suggestions. Geiger stated he would like to see Paul Avenue line up with Forest Hills and have a boulevard connecting the two. King asked Martini if there were plans for an underpass on Co. Rd. 20 from Paul Avenue into Forest Hills. Martini stated that his vision would be to set up a storm water treatment system and abandon the existing pond when the area west of the elementary school develops. Then at that point look at installing an underpass.
- B. Pay request.

**GEIGER MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PAY REQUEST FROM BOLTON & MENK, INC FOR \$6,546. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**12. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**13. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT**

- A. Geiger stated that the Carver County Commissioners did not approve a ¼ percent sales tax increase.

**14. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A. Mandt stated that a sewer and water easement agreement for Watertown-Mayer School District will be coming to the Council at its next meeting.
- B. Mandt stated that the City expressed its displeasure with the phone company about its system. The phone company has worked out some issues with the city's system and will be giving the City a quote on a new system.

**15. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**16. PLANNER REPORT**

- A. Foust stated that the collaborative meeting with the City, Watertown Township and Carver County, will be held April 2. The meeting is being held to discuss Hwy. 25 and Co. Rd. 10.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:34 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Wallner  
Clerk-Treasurer

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K.J. McDonald  
Mayor