

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 27, 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, April 27, 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, Steve Duske, Earline King, Dan Geiger and Rick Mann.

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 were: Dean Hecksel, Marlin Hecksel, Scott Qualle, Ardis Sexton, Ann Sexton and Cory Mitteness.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Wallner asked to change Item 7B to First Reading of Sign Ordinance 349. He also asked to add Item 11D-1 as Resolution 2010-04-27-2 (Issuance of General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2010A) and change the original Item 11D-1 to 11D-2.

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

3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council Minutes for April 13, 2010 meeting
- B. Council Minutes for April 20, 2010 special meeting
- C. Approval of pay request from City Attorney – Melchert, Hubert, Sjodin PLLP
- D. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes for February 11, 2010 meeting
- E. Approval of Park Commission Minutes for March 11, 2010 meeting
- F. Approval of Planning Commission appointment for Seth Bossert; term ends Dec. 31, 2011
- G. Approval of Second Amendment to the Forest Hills 1st Phase Development Agreement
- H. Approval of Second Amendment to the Forest Hills 3rd Phase Development Agreement

Duske asked to have Items 3G and 3H pulled for discussion.

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

4. OPEN FORUM

5. **CELEBRATE WATERTOWN**

- A. Wallner stated that the annual Watertown Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, May 1

6. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- A. City Building Official Quarterly Update

Scott Qualle of MNSPECT gave the Council an update on issues involving the building permit process.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Planning Commission recommendation on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for 204 Newton Avenue NE

Foust explained to the Council that the City had received an application from Hecksel Machine Inc. for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for property located at 204 Newton Ave. NE. The applicants want to rezone the property from commercial to industrial to allow for future expansion of their industrial business at 608 Carter Street NE. An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan would be required. The request is for an amendment only and will not change the current zoning. A zoning change request can only be made following the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. If approved, the City will make application to the Metropolitan Council for the amendment. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the amendment.

Duske stated that he is concerned that that property was chosen as a site for a new water tower and the City spent money on soil borings, attorney fees and engineering fees for a site search. He stated that he favors a rezoning but would like to see the amount of money spent by the city before making a decision. Foust stated that the City would have to negotiate with whoever owns the property about locating a water tower on the property. Geiger stated that he didn't see any reason to not rezone the property if the city can negotiate with the property owner. McDonald stated that he saw no reason to delay the rezoning.

McDonald recessed the Council meeting to open the public hearing.

There were no comments so McDonald closed the public hearing and reopened the Council meeting.

Duske stated that he still wanted to see the facts and amounts and that Marlin Hecksel may want to see the results of the soil borings.

MCDONALD MOVED, GEIGER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-04-27-1 APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 204 NEWTON AVENUE NORTHEAST AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WATERTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- B. First Reading of Sign Ordinance 349

Foust stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the proposed sign ordinance at several meetings in 2009. Staff had recommended the ordinance be updated to be more consistent with the Constitution and free speech rights. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Sign Ordinance 349. Council members will make recommendations to Foust which will be brought back to the Council at the next meeting.

8. CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

- A. City Engineer
 - 1. Project Update
 - 2. Pay Request

GEIGER MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAY REQUEST FROM BOLTON & MENK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,574.40. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. McDonald stated that he visited with many people on the underpass/overpass situation with the Co. Rd. 20 project.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

- A. Geiger stated that he had attended the Community Park open house and Co. Rd. 20 underpass workshop prior to the April 27 council meeting. He congratulated Foust on doing a great job with the open house.
- B. King stated that she had attended the Watertown-Mayer Community Ed Advisory Council and also did a second walking audit for the Commission on Aging.

11. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Administrator's Report

Wallner gave the Council an update on the city administrator search. He stated that the ads had been placed and six people had submitted applications.

- D. Finance Director

- 1. Resolution for issuance of street reconstruction bonds

Wallner stated that Resolution 2010-04-27-2 gives the Council the authority to sell and issue general obligation street reconstruction bonds for the County Road 20 and Hwy. 25 projects for a total amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

GEIGER MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-04-27-2 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL

OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS, SERIES 2010A FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600,000. THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 25 AND COUNTY ROAD 20 AND PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE BONDS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

2. 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 7:34 PM.

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

K.J. McDonald
Mayor