

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 8, 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, June 8, 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, Earline King, Rick Mann and Dan Geiger. Council Member Steve Duske was absent.

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.

**2. ADOPT AGENDA**

Wallner asked to have Item 3B (Pay request from MK Land) added to the consent agenda.

**MANN MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Council Minutes for May 25, 2010 meeting
- B. Pay request MK Land Corp

**MANN MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**4. OPEN FORUM**

- A. King stated that there was a bench missing on the trail by the Crow River. Wallner stated that the bench was damaged by the spring flooding and had to be replaced.

**5. CELEBRATE WATERTOWN**

- A. Rails to Trails Festival will be July 23-24. Wallner will have representatives of the Lions come to the next council meeting to talk about the events of the festival.

**6. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing on Issuance of Bonds for the 2010 Road Reconstruction Projects

McDonald recessed the council meeting and opened the public hearing.

There was no comment from the public. The Council discussed the details of the sale of the bonds for the Hwy. 25 and Co. Rd. 20 reconstruction projects. Paul Donna of Northland Securities answered questions of the Council. The plan is to issue fixed rate bonds over a 15-year term requiring debt service structured around the city's

existing debt. The debt service is expected to be paid from property tax debt levy collections. He stated that Moody's confirmed the city has an A1 credit rating.

Following discussion, McDonald closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting.

- B. Approval of Resolution 2010-06-8-1 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for the 2010 Road Reconstruction Projects

**GEIGER MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-06-8-1 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,280,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS, SERIES 2010A AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Approval of Planning Commission recommendation to approve Sign Ordinance

Foust explained the changes to the sign ordinance to be consistent with the First Amendment of the Constitution. McDonald stated that there should be more flexibility for garage sale signs on public property. Mann agreed stating that he heard from several people about signs being taken down during the city-wide garage sales. The ordinance does not allow any signs on public property, easement or right-of-way. Foust stated that the city cannot say that one sign is allowable when another is not. The ordinance provides for consistent and fair application and enforcement of regulations and ensures that the constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech is protected. McDonald stated that he would like to see people be allowed to put garage sale signs on public property for one day. Mann stated that many times people do not take down their garage sale signs and Public Works has to remove them.

**GEIGER MOVED, MCDONALD SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 349, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF WATERTOWN BY AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 48 OF THE CITY CODE REGULATING THE USE OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF WATERTOWN. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

## **8. CONSULTANTS' REPORTS**

- A. City Engineer

- 1. Pay Estimate No. 1 from Wm Mueller & Sons, Inc.

**MANN MOVED, GEIGER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAY REQUEST FROM WM MUELLER & SONS FOR \$122,303.96 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE HWY. 25 ARRA RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT THROUGH MAY 21, 2010. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

- 2. Project Update

Martini gave an update on the County Road 20 project.

- 3. Request for estimate from Xcel Energy

Wallner reported to the Council that Xcel Energy requires \$2,500 for an estimate the city is seeking for rerouting the line away from the roundabout at the "Y" intersection. Mann voiced his disapproval of the cost for an estimate which he believes should be given freely. Wallner stated that if the city agreed to do the rerouting, the \$2,500 would be applied to the project cost. Geiger and McDonald stated that the city should continue with its plan to negotiate with Carver County on sharing the cost of the rerouting. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Mann would like to have a decision made as soon as possible due to the construction going on now in that area. Geiger stated that the electrical rerouting could be done later because it only involves removing one pole from the middle of the roundabout. It was decided to meet with the county on June 15 and proceed from there.

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A. McDonald stated that he had attended the graduation at Watertown-Mayer High School and talked to several seniors. He stated that he is bothered by the huge debt that is being handed to the future generations.

**10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT**

- A. Geiger stated that he attend the Personnel Committee meeting about the administrator position.
- B. King stated that she attended the Watertown-Mayer Community Education Advisory meeting where they discussed a three-year plan. She also received a certificate of service from the group.
- C. Mann stated that there are two trees along County Road 10 that should be moved instead of eliminated. He also stated there were other trees within the project that could be moved as well. Wallner stated that he would have Leif Jensen check on them.

**11. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Administrator's Report

- 1. Discussion on administrator interview process

Wallner stated that there were 59 applications as of the deadline May 28, 2010. Of that number, 24 met the minimum requirements. He and David Unmacht of Springsted went through the applicants and ranked them. Candidate profiles of the top prospects will be given to the council members. A workshop with Unmacht will be held at 5 p.m. June 22, 2010 prior to the next council meeting.

- D. Finance Director

- 1. Request for approval of voucher list/claims roster

GEIGER MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE  
VOUCHER LIST/CLAIMS ROSTER TOTALING \$95,705.05. MOTION  
CARRIED 4-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00  
PM.

ATTEST:

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Steven Wallner  
Clerk-Treasurer

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K.J. McDonald  
Mayor