

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 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, August 25, 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, Rick Mann, Jodi Martinez, Steve Duske and Earline King.

The following staff members were present: Senior Planner Crystal Foust, City Engineer David Martini, Public Works Supt. Doug Kammerer and Acting Administrator/City Clerk-Treasurer and Finance Director Steven Wallner.

Also present were: Carver County Attorney James Keeler

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Wallner asked to have Items 3E (Request for River Rumble and Watertown Fire Department Relief Association for temporary signage), 3F (Request for River Rumble to block off parking lot at Riverside Bar), 3G (Temporary compensation for the acting administrator) and 5A (Deputy Greg Gowan presentation) added to the agenda.

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

3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council minutes for August 11, 2009 meeting
- B. Pay request from City Attorney – Melchert, Hubert, Sjodin
- C. Pay request from City Building Inspector – MNSPECT
- D. Forest Hills pavement correction acceptance
- E. Request from River Rumble and Watertown Fire Dept. Relief Association for temporary signage
- F. Request from River Rumble to block off parking lot at Riverside Bar
- G. Temporary compensation for the acting administrator

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

4. OPEN FORUM

5. CELEBRATE WATERTOWN

- A. Watertown Deputy Greg Gowan informed the Council and residents of recent vandalism that he asked for their help in solving. Gowan stated that juveniles had been stealing or breaking into items or vehicles. He advised residents to lock their vehicles, move valuables out of their vehicles at night and call when they see juveniles out and about late at night. He stated that persons have been using

Saran Wrap to place it across streets by putting it around trees and buildings, thus causing potential danger for motorists. He also stated that persons removed blocks from the retaining wall on Territorial Street and put them on the street to cause danger for motorists.

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO OFFER A \$250 REWARD FROM THE VANDALISM REWARD FUND TO ANYONE WHO HAS INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT VANDALISM IN THE CITY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- B. Wallner mentioned that the River Rumble, sponsored by the Watertown Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, Sept. 12.
- C. Wallner mentioned that the Watertown Fire Department Relief Association will have its annual chicken dinner fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 13.

6. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Carver County Attorney 2010 Prosecution Contract

Carver County Attorney James Keeler presented information about the 2010 prosecution contract for the City of Watertown. The 2010 rate for the City of Watertown will be \$3739.37, which compares to \$3,441.12 for 2009.

MARTINEZ MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2010 PROSECUTION CONTRACT FROM CARVER COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Planning Commission recommendation to rezone community park site.

Foust stated that in 2007 this property was rezoned PUD-W when there was a preliminary plat proposal for residential houses under the name Woodfield. The developer did not proceed with the development and the plat expired. The City acquired the property for a community park in 2008 through a donation by the new owner. Staff and Planning Commission recommended amending the zoning map by rezoning the property to park open space facilities (P-1).

MARTINEZ MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 343 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY BY REZONING CERTAIN LAND FROM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-WOODFIELD (PUD-W) TO PARK OPEN SPACE FACILITIES (P-1). MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

8. CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

- A. Engineer's Report
 - 1. Project Update
 - 2. Pay request

DUSKE MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAY REQUEST OF BOLTON & MENK, INC. FOR \$37,754.50. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. McDonald stated that the Council would be informed soon by Wallner of the city's projects for the first half of the year.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Martinez stated that the Council had received a letter from Wallner thanking Darlene and Steve Duske for cleaning inside buildings at Highland Park prior to the inspection by the Minnesota Department of Health. She also thanked the Duskes.
- B. King stated that she had attended the recent Watertown-Mayer Community Education Advisory Committee. She reported that a new director has been hired.
- C. Duske reported on the contract meeting at the Carver County Sheriff's Office. He stated that there would be no salary increases next year.

11. STAFF REPORTS

- D – 1 Budget process

Wallner encouraged residents to attend upcoming budget workshops or to contact him with comments about the budget.

- D – 2 Request for approval of voucher list/claims roster

MARTINEZ MOVED, KING 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