

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 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, September 8, 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, Steve Duske and Earline King. Council Member Jodi Martinez was absent.

The following staff members were present: City Engineer David Martini and Acting Administrator/City Clerk-Treasurer and Finance Director Steven Wallner.

Also present were: Andrew Hatling, Abbey Arthur, Jamison VanOosbree and Robert Scarlavai.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Wallner asked to have Items 4A (Vietnam Vet Robert Scarlavai) and 5A (Youth Commission report) added to the agenda.

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

3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council minutes for August 25, 2009 meeting
- B. Pay request from City Attorney – Melchert, Hubert, Sjodin
- C. Pay request from City Attorney – Hoff, Barry & Kozar
- D. Recommendations to approve Fire Relief Association annual report

Duske asked to have Item 3C pulled for discussion.

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

4. OPEN FORUM

- A. Steve Duske introduced Robert Scarlavai, who is visiting from Michigan and served with Duske during the Vietnam War. He spoke about the comparisons of his community and Watertown.

5. CELEBRATE WATERTOWN

- A. Andrew Hatling, Abbey Arthur and Jamison VanOosbree of the Youth Commission spoke about the successful event they held for area youth in Riverpointe Park Sept. 4. The event was attended by 80 to 100 youth. Other events are being planned for the future.

- B. Wallner mentioned that the Chamber River Rumble would be Saturday, Sept.12 and the Watertown Fire Department Relief Association chicken dinner would be Sunday, Sept. 13.

6. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Moratorium on body art establishments Ordinance 335

Duske had asked city staff to look into an ordinance that would help to regulate these type of establishments. City staff is working with Carver County on a county-wide ordinance. Ordinance 335 would give the city time to look into this issue and possibly draft an ordinance regulating these establishments. Duske stated that he is concerned about licensing, health and parental permission associated with these establishments. He said the City of Minneapolis has an ordinance that should be researched.

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 335 ESTABLISHING A TIME-LIMITED MORATORIUM (12 MONTHS) PROHIBITING THE GRANTING OF LICENSES AND APPROVAL OF PERMANENT BODY ART AND/OR TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN ANY ZONING DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF WATERTOWN AND TO DIRECT THE STUDY AND REVIEW BY CITY COUNCIL OF A DRAFTED ORDINANCE FOR BODY ART AND/OR TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Joint meeting with Park and Recreation and Council Sept. 10 at Madison/Green and Highland Parks

8. CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

- A. Engineer's Report

- 1. Highway 25 easement agreements

Martini stated that temporary easements will be needed from some property owners involved in the Highway 25 improvements. The purpose of the easements is to communicate the commitments that have been made with the property owners before construction begins. Martini stated that although most of the commitments do not require formal council approval, he requested a memorandum of understanding between the city and Chad and Becky Matuska be approved by the council since it requires the city to make expenditures beyond the construction contract. The contract requires the city to hire a qualified arborist to inspect before and after construction two large trees that are located adjacent to the Highway 25 right-of-way. The purpose of the inspections is to document the condition of the trees and determine if the construction activities negatively affected their life.

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE EASEMENTS WITH CHAD AND BECKY MATUSKA, JOHN AND

LORETTA IVERSON AND ALLEN AND ANN RUSSO IN CONNECTION WITH HIGHWAY 25 IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN WHITE STREET AND BICKFORD STREET IN THE CITY OF WATERTOWN. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

10. **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

11. **STAFF REPORTS**

D. Finance Director

1. Approval of Preliminary Levy

DUSKE MOVED, KING SECONDED A ADOPT RESOLUTION 2009-09-08-1 SETTING THE PRELIMINARY LEVY AT \$1,208,423 FOR 2009 PAYABLE IN 2010. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

2. Request for approval of voucher list/claims roster

MCDONALD MOVED, KING SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER LIST/CLAIMS ROSTER. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:16 PM.

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

K.J. McDonald
Mayor