

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
Monday, December 1, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Truth In Taxation hearing for the City of Watertown was called to order at 6:30 PM on **Monday, December 1, 2008** by Mayor K. J. McDonald in the Watertown City Hall Council Chambers.

Upon roll call the following Council Members were present: McDonald, Rick Mann, Dan Geiger and Steven Duske. Earline King was absent.

The following staff members were present: City Finance Director Steven Wallner and City Administrator David Mandt.

Others present were: Kim Derry, Cindy and Rich Raymond and Mike and Vicki Hagerty.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION AND BUDGET INFORMATION

Wallner presented the Council with information about the purpose of the Truth In Taxation hearing, fiscal impact, city budget process, general fund budget and tax rates.

Vicki Hagerty stated that the homestead property value on their home is too high and that something is seriously wrong with the assessment process at the county level because their taxes keep going up. She complimented the city in their attempt to keep a flat tax rate. McDonald stated that the state needs to make corrections particularly as homes age. He suggested to Hagerty that she and her husband attend the valuation hearing in the spring at Chaska.

Kim Derry asked why the road going by his property is not being sanded as others in the city. Mandt stated that he would check on this in the morning.

3. ADJOURNMENT

THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

K.J. McDonald
Mayor