

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING  
Monday, December 3, 2007**

**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 3, 2007** by Mayor K. J. McDonald in the Watertown City Hall Council Chambers.

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

The following staff members were present: City Finance Director Steven Wallner, City Administrator David Mandt, Public Works Supt. Doug Kammerer.

Others present were: James Griffin and Michael 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.

Michael Hagerty stated that he and his wife, Vicki, like everything about Watertown since moving into Riverpointe a couple of years ago, but they are unhappy with the tax rate. Vicki stated that she did an unscientific survey of 20 other homes in Watertown and found theirs to be higher than 19 of the 20 homes. They believe the way the county does the tax assessments is skewed. Duske agreed with the Hagertys and stated that the city needs to be well represented at the county hearing. In support of the city, Mandt stated that Watertown has the fourth lowest tax rate among the cities in Carver County. Griffin stated that he has lived on Reo Road since 2003. He stated that he too likes Watertown but was unhappy with the increase in the city portion of his taxes. He stated that the taxable market value of his home increased 2.3% while the city portion of his taxes increased 23.4%.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:21 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Wallner  
Clerk-Treasurer

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K.J. McDonald  
Mayor