

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

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 at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 26, 2011** by Mayor K. J. McDonald in the Watertown City Hall Council Chambers.

Upon roll call the following Council Members were present: McDonald, Stephen Crowder, Nicholas Hoese, and Michael Walters. Council Member Rick Mann was absent.

The following staff members were present: City Administrator Luke Fischer, City Engineer Dave Martini and Public Works Supt. Doug Kammerer.

Also present were: Charlotte Johnson, Ed Chadwick, Nancy Pickering and Randy Masica.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Fischer asked to have Item 6C moved ahead of Item 6A and add Item 6D (Pfeiler-Schrag Right of Entry Agreement) to the agenda.

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

3. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve minutes from City Council Workshop April 12, 2011
- B. Motion to approve minutes from City Council Workshop April 14, 2011
- C. Motion to approve minutes from April 12, 2011 City Council meeting
- D. Motion to approve minutes from February 10, 2011 Planning Commission meeting
- E. Motion to approve minutes from March 10, 2011 Park Board meeting
- F. Motion to approve pay request from MK Land
- G. Motion to approve Love, Inc request for Community Clean Up Day
- H. Motion to approve Crack Sealing RFQ and authorize staff to solicit quotes
- I. Motion to approve Expanded No Fault Back Up Sewer Coverage
- J. Motion to approve Water Tower Expansion Joint Repair

CROWDER MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Randy Masica asked the Council for any notice of public meetings involving the second river crossing. He also stated that he favored alignment L for the second river crossing.

Council Member Rick Mann arrived.

5. **CELEBRATE WATERTOWN**

Fischer reminded council members about the 24th annual City Wide Clean Up being held Saturday, April 30 at the Public Works facility.

6. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

C. Discuss Isaac Lewis Sign Proposal

Nancy Pickering of the Watertown Area Historical Society stated that she was following up on a recommendation made to the Watertown Park and Recreation Committee for a commemorative sign on the boardwalk in honor of Isaac Lewis as a founding father of Watertown. The sign would be financed from Evelyne Swanson's memorial funds. In the information submitted to the Council by Pickering, the request for the new sign is to give Isaac Ives Lewis the credit he deserves. The information states that between Isaac Ives Lewis' own journal and research done by librarian Paul Maravelas in 1987, evidence shows Isaac Lewis and his business associates wanted to be involved in the exploration of the land west of Minneapolis. Through a series of land deals, Isaac was instrumental in starting the town, although the choice of the exact site was done by two of his partners, Alexander Moore and David Bickford. In his journal, Isaac stated that deeds were made to his father, Caleb Lewis because Isaac had insufficient cash at the time. McDonald stated that he wanted to defer the issue to allow time for the Council to discuss and research the topic. Charlotte Johnson, president of the Watertown Area Historical Society, stated that this issue has been brought to the Council twice before and asked the Council to vote on the proposal rather than wait. McDonald stated that this was the first time that this particular proposal had been brought before the Council but the issue of founding fathers has been discussed in the past. Crowder asked if the Council needs to explore all the facts on the history of Watertown to vote or is the Council voting on the acceptance of a sign financed by a former resident. McDonald stated that he preferred that the Council wait until they had time to consider an additional sign next to the one that is already located on the boardwalk.

A. Review of City Council Goal Setting Session

Fischer gave the Council a recap of the goal setting session on April 9. In the process, strengths and weaknesses were identified and discussed. From there the Council narrowed down the goals to include: (1) Increase city's financial stability; (2) Enhance and promote city's quality of life; (3) Foster positive economic climate; (4) Refine long range planning, and (5) Increase communication with stakeholders. McDonald encouraged the Council to discuss the items in the packet with friends and neighbors. Crowder stated that he liked the marketing aspect of the session and how to make Watertown grow and get more out of what Watertown has to offer. Mann stated that from the workshop, the Council has a focus of what is important to move forward.

MCDONALD MOVED, CROWDER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GOAL SETTING SUMMARY AND APPROVE A NEWS RELEASE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. Consider Recycling Coupon Program

Fischer stated that Carver County has made \$5,000 available to offset the cost of recycling for area residents. The Council has authorized city staff to create a recycling coupon to share this benefit with Watertown residents. The city has made 500 ten dollar coupons which will be distributed on a first come first serve manner. City staff will work with the Kugler Eco-Site to coordinate the record keeping.

CROWDER MOVED, MANN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECYCLING COUPON PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO DISTRIBUTE THE COUPONS IN THE COMMUNITY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

D. Right of Entry Agreement

Fischer explained to the Council that the city has secured a number of permanent easements and right of entry agreements with affected property owners in regard to the downtown redevelopment project. Four right of entry agreements were approved April 25 along with a draft agreement for 405 Lewis Ave. S. The property owners have since signed that agreement adding language addressing the drainage of the property. Fischer stated that City Engineer Martini and City Legal Counsel Scott Landsman have reviewed the additional language and recommended approval of the agreement.

MANN MOVED, CROWDER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT FOR 405 LEWIS AVENUE SOUTH. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

8. **CONSULTANTS' REPORT**

A. City Engineer

1. Downtown Project Update

Martini stated that work has begun on the Lewis Avenue extension, including a water main.

2. Jefferson Retaining Wall Update

Martini stated that work will begin soon on improving the retaining wall at 113 Jefferson Ave. NW.

3. Project Updates and Request for Payment

Martini stated that the city should be credited \$60.50 on the Hwy. 25 project for work he had agreed to donate.

MANN MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAY REQUEST FROM BOLTON & MENK INC. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

McDonald stated that he would be at the State Capitol to speak on a bill that affects the City of Watertown.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

- A. Walters stated that he had attended the Park Board meeting where they decided to select a spot for the new fishing pier in Riverpointe Park and approved the Isaac Lewis sign on the boardwalk.
- B. Crowder stated that he had attended the Planning Commission open house on rezoning.

11. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administrator

- 1. Discuss ACCEL

Fischer recommended that he and other Council members attend the next meetings to determine if it is worthwhile for the city to continue to participate.

C. Public Works Report

- 1. Spring Project Update by Public Works Supt. Doug Kammerer

D. Finance Director

- 1. Approve Claims Roster/Voucher List

WALTERS MOVED, HOESE SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS ROSTER/VOUCHER LIST. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:34 PM.

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

KJ McDonald
Mayor