

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**
Special Meeting Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Mayor Steve Washburn
Deborah Everson
Lindsay Guetzkow
Adam Pawelk
Michael Walters

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Watertown City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Steve Washburn. Council Members present: Washburn, Deb Everson, Mike Walters and Adam Pawelk.

City Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fineran and Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi.

Guests: Ryan Schroeder

Those who signed in were: Brad Kipp

2. Adopt Agenda

EVERSON MOVED, PAWELK SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. New/Old Business

A. Capital Acquisition - Fire Department Pagers & Portable Radios

Council discussed the new total price on the fire department pagers and portable radios.

WALTER MOVED, EVERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-152, RE-AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PAGER & PORTABLE RADIOS. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

B. 2019 Budget & Levy Information Presentation

City Administrator Fineran presented the 2019 budget and levy with a power point presentation. Some of the highlights included:

- A. Review of timeline for the budget process
- B. Preliminary budget adoption
- C. Continued market growth throughout Watertown: 14% increase from 2018
- D. Tax capacity increase, tax rate decrease of 5.6% from 2018
- E. Review of 2019 expenditures – law enforcement, pavement maintenance, staff training and development, sidewalk repair, general fund support for downtown TIF/redevelopment bonds

There are 27 projects planned for various areas during 2019: Rescue 12 replacement, CIPP lining, website maintenance, ice rink boards, and the disc golf course are just a few mentioned by Fineran. The average valued home would incur a tax liability of \$1,311 for the city of Watertown for 2019 (2.8% increase from 2018).

Revenue is forecasted to increase by 8% from 2018.

Proposed increase in utility rates will affect the usage only and not the base rates: 1% water, 4% sewer and 5% storm water.

EVERSON MOVED, PAWELK SECONDED A MOTION TO OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Brad kipp commended the council for fine management of the budget.

WALTERS MOVED, EVERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
HEARING. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. Adjournement

Members of the City Council and City staff may convene directly following the adjournment of the meeting at the Luce Line Lodge in a purely social event. Membes of the public are welcome to attend.

EVERSON MOVED, PAWELK SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:52 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0.