

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**
Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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 regular meeting of the Watertown City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Tuesday, July 09, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Steve Washburn.

Council Members present: Washburn, Michael Walters, Deborah Everson, Lindsay Guetzkow, and Adam Pawelk.

City Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fineran, City Engineer Andrew Budde and Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi.

2. Adopt Agenda

EVERSON MOVED, GUETZKOW SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda Discussion and Approval

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion on an affirmative vote by roll call of a majority of the members present. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be removed and discussed prior to the adoption of the consent agenda.

PAWELK MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- A. Adopt a motion to approve City Council workshop meeting minutes from June 25, 2019
- B. Adopt a motion to approve City Council meeting minutes from June 25, 2019
- C. Consider Resolution #2019-96, Accepting donation from Watertown Lions for Rails to Trails fireworks.
- D. Consider Resoltuion #2019-97, Calling a public hearing for modification of tax increment financing development district number 2.

4. Open Forum

5. New/Old Business

A. Recognition of Doug Kammerer - 25 years of employment

City Administrator Fineran said Doug Kammerer has been the longest serving full-time employee with 25 years of service. Fineran said Kammerer has been going above and beyond for all of those 25 years. Doug Kammerer thanked the council and his family.

B. Territorial Street Pedestrian Connection

City Engineer Andrew Budde said the objective discussed at the last meeting was to create a pedestrian connection from Highway 25 to Lewis Avenue. After discussion, the south side of

Territorial Street was determined to be the best route. Budde said Bolton & Menk identified a possible pedestrian crossing on Highway 25 at Territorial and at White Street. MNDOT said the crossing at Territorial would not work due to the vehicle traffic making it unsafe. Pawelk asked why White Street was considered rather than Territorial. Budde explained there would be more lanes of traffic to cross at Territorial.

Guetzkow voiced her concern for pedestrian safety at Territorial and Highway 25. Budde will research more options for pedestrian crossing alerts.

Budde explained that the Territorial pedestrian connection would be best constructed as a five foot wide concrete sidewalk. There will be some tree impacts to older, established trees in the area. Walters asked if a large tree was removed, if the city could replant a smaller tree. Budde said realistically the largest tree replacement could be two to three inches in diameter. Council discussed the possibility of removing trees along Territorial. Pawelk is concerned about removing trees along the corridor. Council directed Budde to move forward with the survey to determine the right of way for the trail and determine how many trees would possibly be removed. They would like property owners to be contacted in the future to inform of the trail possibility.

Walters asked if the maintenance of the Territorial pedestrian connection would be maintained by the city. Fineran said yes.

C. Minnesota DNR Local Trail Connection Grant Acceptance

City Administrator Fineran said the city will receive a MN DNR Local Trail Connection Grant of \$150,000. The funds will be used to connect a future trail along Highway 25 to the Luce Line trail past Hutchinson Road. Total project cost is estimated at \$300,000. Everson asked for clarity on which trail connection will be covered with the grant. Fineran showed her on a map.

GUETZKOW MOVED, EVERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-98, APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL TRAILS CONNECTIONS PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6. Other Reports

Budde updated that Newton Avenue is under construction for the planned mill and overlay. The construction crew is hoping to finalize by July 19.

Fineran updated the seal coating project is planned for this week. He reminded residents of the movie at City Hall Thursday July 18 for Rails to Trails.

Pawelk noted that the park board is meeting July 17 to discuss disc golf and capital planning.

Guetzkow updated on all of the activities happening during Rails to Trails.

Everson updated on the joint council and EDA meeting to discuss senior housing strategy.

7. Claims

PAWELK MOVED, GUETZKOW SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS ROSTER FOR THE 2019 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

8. Adjournment

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, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:35 PM.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.