

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**  
Workshop Meeting Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Steve Washburn  
Deborah Everson  
Lindsay Guetzkow  
Adam Pawelk  
Michael Walters

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Steve Washburn called the Watertown City Council Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

EDA Members present: Ken Grotbo and Roxanne Wilmes.

City Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fineran, Utilities Superintendent Doug Kammerer, City Engineer Andrew Budde, and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Tschudi.

Guest Presenter: Tammy Omdal with Northland Securities.

2. New Business

A. Budget Work Session #9 - Future Street Construction Financing Plan & 2019 Budget Update

City Administrator Fineran reviewed the Future Street Construction Financing Plan with council. He said the biggest change is that Carver County will be assisting with some of the collector roads, and therefore the total budget has been reduced by \$5 million dollars.

Tammy Omdal with Northland Securities addressed council with a presentation. She noted the large change in the budget. Omdal outlined the key assumptions used in the Plan. Washburn asked for clarification in the percentages paid for by the city for collection roads. Omdal reviewed the remaining key assumptions involving debt service and tax rates.

Guetzkow asked if the TIF revenue includes the south Lewis Ave improvements. Omdal said it does.

Washburn asked Omdal to adjust some graphs showing future debt to show where it comes from.

Omdal showed the small impact to residential and commercial properties due to the future estimated growth and decreased tax rate.

Washburn asked Fineran to clarify the map of roads to be constructed. Fineran said Newton and Mill is budgeted for a trail on one side, where new collector roads are budgeted for trails on both sides of the road. Fineran outlined the roads to be constructed/reconstructed as a timeline for council. Washburn asked about reconstruction of downtown roads and whether they should be included in the Plan. Council discussed downtown parking and roads. Fineran said that area would need to be looked at to get a better idea of what needs to be improved and how much it would cost. Washburn suggested revisiting the downtown district streets and sidewalks over the next couple years and revise the Plan at that time. Pawelk agreed. Fineran reminded council the Plan was developed in order to help with the city policy on special assessments. Grotbo said he agrees with waiting on attempting to add in the downtown streets to the Plan until it is clear what is needed.

Everson asked Omdal about the possibility of charging residents a franchise fee. Everson noted that the City of Chanhassen uses the franchise fee model. Omdal said it would depend on the way the

city chooses to use the franchise revenue. Fineran explained the city currently receives franchise income from Xcel, however it is minimal and included as a reduction to the general levy.

### 3. Adjournment

Workshop adjourned at 6:27 p.m.