

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**
Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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 5:34 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

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

Guest: Sheriff Jason Kammerud and Corporal Wollin.

2. New Business

A. Sheriff Jason Kammerud

Newly elected Sheriff Jason Kammerud addressed council for an update from the Sheriff's Office. Kammerud said the transition in personnel has been seamless and he has assembled his administrative team. The Sheriff's Office is working to improve their response to mental health cases within Carver County. Kammerud gave council background on the contract policing model.

Commander Wollin explained that Watertown contracts for two deputies with rotating coverage. He gave statistics on questions that were raised by council in 2018.

- A. 476 unfilled police hours at Watertown
- B. 26 shifts added for extra coverage that were filled
- C. 18 shifts added for assigned deputy when they were on vacation or at training

Mayor Washburn asked for clarification on the unfilled hours (476). Kammerud explained how the hours are assigned and filled. Walters clarified that if the city had not budgeted extra funds for police, there would be no additional coverage on the open shifts.

Council discussed the current police coverage and the possible coverage. Guetzkow stated the school district is not interested in an officer at the school as they are more concerned about adding to the mental health team.

Everson asked if a call comes in after the dedicated deputy is off, are those hours taken out of the budgeted amounts. Kammerud said the low priority items such as a barking dog would wait until the town cop was back on duty.

Pawelk asked if the Sheriff's Office needs council to advocate to the county commissioners to allow for additional resources in policing.

Council discussed the idea of a "floater" officer.

Washburn addressed the crisis communications that are sent out from the Sheriff's Office. He would

like to see the City Administrator contacted prior to the media being notified of any newsworthy stories. Kammerud said the City Administrator is usually contacted first, however sometimes it is out of his control.

3. Adjournment

Workshop was adjourned at 6:27 pm.