

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL**  
Workshop Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 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 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

City Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fineran, and City Engineer Andrew Budde.

2. New Business

A. White Street Pedestrian Connection

Fineran said the Capital Improvement Plan identifies the construction of a sidewalk connection from Highway 25 (Jefferson Avenue) to the downtown area in the year 2020. The project is budgeted for \$73,000.

Budde explained how the budget for the project was estimated. He visually pointed out the existing sidewalks and trails and the proposed sidewalks. Budde said the area for the proposed sidewalk would need to be analyzed for utilities, trees and easement. Then the estimate could be updated with a more accurate cost.

Washburn asked what the grade on White Street versus Madison is. Council discussed the grade of White Street. Council discussed the maintenance of sidewalk segments through the downtown.

Budde said Madison is flatter than White by four feet. Neither meet the ADA compliance for the grade.

Pawelk asked why White Street was chosen. Fineran said he suspects it is because the city currently has sidewalk on White as well as the water tower being on White Street (city owned property).

Washburn would like to understand the impact on the two properties on the proposed route. Guetzkow would like to see the current sidewalk on White Street repaired for cracks and deterioration.

Washburn asked if the proposed sidewalk segment would be plowed by the city. Fineran stated that they would not unless it is noted as a priority pedestrian segment. Council discussed the difference between a trail and sidewalk.

Washburn would like alternate routes (Freemont or Territorial) priced to get from Highway 25 to downtown. Council discussed timing with staff.

3. Adjournment

Workshop adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynn Tschudi, Clerk/Treasurer