

Watertown City Council

April 11, 2023

Agenda Item:	2023A Resolution Calling for Public Hearing
Request for Action:	Adopt Resolution #2023-22, Calling for Public Hearing for Street Reconstruction Bonds and Street Reconstruction Plan
Employee/Dept.:	Jake Foster, City Administrator

Background:

During the 2022 budgeting process and the 2023 Mill and Overlay Project process, City Council has supported issuing bonds to replace expiring debt and finance the 2023 street reconstruction project.

In order to issue street reconstruction bonds, the City needs to hold a public hearing for the future issuance of these bonds. Additionally, the City also has to develop street reconstruction plan. This plan needs to include the current projects for which are being bonded and can also include future street reconstruction projects within the next five (5) years. Staff will be including future projects in this plan. Should the City Council then elect to bond for these future projects, the public hearing process will not need to be held, as they are accounted for during the 2023 public hearing.

Furthermore, Council can still elect not to issue the bonds for the 2023 projects, or any future project if opinion on this type of financing change. This is merely a first step in the process. Council will still be required to approve the issuance of the 2023 project bonds (or any future project).

Budget Impact:

At the moment, the City's financial advisor, Tammy Omdal with Northland Securities, is recommending the City bond for \$1.5m for the street reconstruction portion of the 2023 bonds (As discussed, and identified in 2022 Utility Rate Study, the City is anticipating issuing bonds to finance the Water Tower #2 project).

Funding Source:

Sale of bonds.

Requested Action/Motion:

"Move to adopt Resolution #2023-22, calling for a public hearing for the Street Reconstruction Bonds 2023A, and Street Reconstruction Plan."

Attachments:

Resolution #2023-22

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA

HELD: APRIL 10, 2023

Pursuant to due call, a regular or special meeting of the City Council of the City of Watertown, Carver County, Minnesota, was duly held at the city hall on April 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose, in part, of calling a public hearing on a street reconstruction plan and the intent to issue general obligation street reconstruction bonds.

The following members were present:

and the following were absent:

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A
STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLAN AND THE INTENT TO ISSUE GENERAL
OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown, Minnesota (the "City"), proposes that it is the best interest of the City to issue and sell general obligation street reconstruction bonds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.58, subdivision 3b, as amended (the "Act"), to finance the cost of street reconstruction projects, as described in the proposed street reconstruction plan described below, a copy of which is on file in the City Administrator's office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the City is authorized to issue and sell general obligation street reconstruction bonds to finance street reconstruction under the circumstances and within the limitations set forth in the Act; and the Act provides that street reconstruction projects may be financed with general obligation street reconstruction bonds, following adoption of a street reconstruction plan, after a public hearing on the street reconstruction plan and on the issuance of general obligation street reconstruction bonds and other proceedings conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the City has undertaken to prepare a five year street reconstruction plan for calendar years 2023 through 2027, which describes the streets to be reconstructed, the estimated costs and any planned reconstruction of other streets in the City, including the issuance of general obligation street reconstruction bonds under the Act (the "Plan"), to determine the funding strategy for street reconstruction projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Public Hearing. The Council hereby determines to call for and to hold a public hearing on the Plan and the issuance of general obligation street reconstruction bonds thereunder

at a meeting of the Council to be held on May 9, 2023, the public hearing shall commence at 6:30 p.m.

2. Publication. The staff of the City is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of Public Hearing which is attached to this Resolution to be published in the City's official newspaper not less than 10 days nor more than 28 days prior to the scheduled public hearing date.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member _____ and, after a full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARVER
CITY OF WATERTOWN

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Watertown, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the City Council, duly called and held on the date therein indicated, insofar as such minutes relate to calling a public hearing on a street reconstruction plan and the issuance of general obligation street reconstruction bonds.

WITNESS my hand on April 10, 2023.

City Clerk

CITY OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLAN AND THE
INTENT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Watertown, Minnesota (the "City"), will meet on May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Watertown City Hall, 309 Lewis Ave S, Watertown, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on (a) the proposal to adopt a five year street reconstruction plan and (b) the intent to issue not to exceed \$2,000,000 general obligation street reconstruction bonds under its street reconstruction plan for street reconstruction improvements described in the street reconstruction plan.

If a petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the general obligation street reconstruction bonds is signed by voters equal to five percent of the votes cast in the last municipal general election and is filed with the City Administrator within 30 days after the public hearing, the City may issue the general obligation street reconstruction bonds only after obtaining the approval of a majority of the voters voting on the question of the issuance of the general obligation street reconstruction bonds.

All person interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the City Administrator prior to the date of the hearing, which written comments will be considered at the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Jake Foster, City Administrator