



Watertown City Council
Regular Meeting

Mayor Steve Washburn
Lindsay Guetzkow
Adam Pawelk
Michael Walters
Dan Schuette

1/25/2022 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular City meeting of the Watertown City Council was called to order in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:34 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2022, by Mayor Steve Washburn.

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

City Staff present: City Administrator Jake Foster, City Engineer Andrew Budde, Administrative Services Director Lynn Tschudi, and Public Services Director Mike Dressel.

2. Adopt Agenda

GUETZKOW MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. Consent Agenda Discussion And Approval

PAWELK MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3.A. Approve City Council Work Session Minutes From January 11, 2022

3.B. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes From January 11, 2022

3.C. Approve Solicitation Of Quotes For Load Trail Trailer Replacement

4. Open Forum

5. New/Old Business

5.A. Adopt Resolution #2022-04 Approving Plans & Specs And Authorize Bidding For 2022 Mill And Overlay Pavement Maintenance And Trail Project

City Engineer Andrew Budde said on October 12, 2021, council approved the plans and specs for the 2022 mill and overlay. Budde said the 2022 mill and overlay will include parts of Wildflower: Monarda, Vernica, Geranium Drive and Liliun Circle. Budde said the original plans and specs included part of a trail on the west side of Iris Drive, however this will be included in the 2023 mill and overlay when the Arnica trail is completed. The 2022 mill and overlay also includes the city hall parking lot. The total budget is \$414,000 with the engineer's estimate coming in at \$440,400.

Council Member Pawelk asked City Administrator Foster what the plan would be if the bids come in higher than budget. Foster said he feels there may be flexibility in the CIP to make the project work.

GUETZKOW MOVED, PAWELK SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-04, APPROVING THE 2022 MILL AND OVERLAY PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE AND TRAIL PROJECT PLANS AND AUTHORIZE BID. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5.B. Approve Plans And Authorize Bidding On Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Engineer Budde said there are multiple needs to expand the current wastewater treatment facility: permit limit, capacity, and age. All construction would need to be completed by the end of 2024 when the permit expires. The cost of the facility has increased significantly and is currently budgeted at \$21-23M. The City has received \$7 million in PSIG funds and is still working to acquire direct appropriation funds.

GUETZKOW MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE BIDDING. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5.C. Approve DNR Agreement And Authorization To Proceed With Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

Engineer Budde said a grant application was submitted to the DNR in August of 2021 to obtain seven parcels of property near the river in Watertown known as the Mullens Properties. The City was notified that they received the DNR grant and can move forward with the following timeline:

- Winter/Spring 2022: Appraisal and Acquisition of Parcels
- Spring 2022: Boundary Survey and Wetland Delineation
- Spring/Summer 2022: Preparation of Vegetation Management/Site Improvement Plan
- Fall 2022 - Spring 2024: Execution of Vegetation Management Plan/Site Improvement Plan

Council Member Walters asked about installing a fishing pier. Budde said the DNR does not want a robust pier and wants to preserve more of the natural vegetation. There can not be gravel trails or woodchip trails. Budde said this can all be looked at during the development of the restoration area.

PAWELK MOVED, GUETZKOW SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE DNR AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5.D. Adopt Resolution# 2022-05, Approving The Quote For The Wildflower Park Playground

City Administrator Foster shared renderings of the proposed Wildflower Playground replacement park equipment. Foster said the original proposal came back over budget, so the Park Commission made the decision to remove some equipment. Foster noted there will be a cost savings due to staff completing the demolition and installation of the wood fiber.

Council Member Guetzkow said the neighborhood residents had asked for a portable bathroom and that will be added out of the operations budget. She said the pea gravel will be removed and replaced with engineered wood fiber (wood chips).

GUETZKOW MOVED, PAWELK SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-05, APPROVING QUOTE FROM FLAGSHIP RECREATION FOR WILDFLOWER PARK PLAYGROUND. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

6. Other Reports

City Administrator Foster updated the city will be receiving insurance funds for the Sugarbush generator. He thanked Guetzkow for her suggestion to issue this to insurance for the bad gas.

7. Claims

GUETZKOW MOVED, PAWELK SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS FOR 2021 AND 2022. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

7.A. Approve January 25, 2002 Claims Roster

8. Adjournment

PAWELK MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:08 PM. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

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Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Lynn Tschudi, Admin. Services Director