

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF  
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**January 16, 2018**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 23 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE. Mayor Sarah Caron presiding. Present upon roll call: Aldermen Albertsen, Danforth, Thorson, Buhler, Weyh, Solum, Vilhauer and Alderwoman Mantey. Absent was Aldermen Lalim and Roby.

Motion by Buhler, seconded by Mantey, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 2, 2018; authorization to write-off uncollectable ambulance accounts receivable in the amount of \$9,872.72; approval of applications for abatement/refund of property taxes as recommended by the Codington County Director of Equalization: Record #8781 in the amount of \$822.88, Record #19236 in the amount of \$312.60, Record #10128 in the amount of \$381.98 and Record #9800 in the amount of \$608.56; authorization for the Engineering Department to advertise for bids for: Project #1804 Sidewalk ADA Improvements, Project #1807 Downtown Alley Reconstruction, Project #1808 Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Project #1810 Hwy 81 Storm Sewer Structure Improvements, Project #1816 Crack Sealing; authorization to write-off accounts receivable finance charge in the amount of \$891.68 and write off uncollectable accounts receivable of \$553.81 and remit to collections; authorization for the Fire Department to apply for a Homeland Security Grant to purchase Radios in the amount of \$33,000 with no match from the City; authorization for the Fire Department to apply for a Assistance to Firefighters grant to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of \$32,000 with a 10% match from the City. Motion carried.

Motion by Vilhauer, seconded by Weyh, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Brad Wilson presented a 30 year Anniversary plaque to the City of Watertown on behalf of the South Dakota Municipal League Workers' Comp Fund. No action was taken.

Motion by Buhler, seconded by Danforth, to appoint Kristine Crom as the Assistant Finance Officer. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17-48 amending Section 21.54 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Watertown regarding GT-1 Gateway Overlay District was placed on its second reading and the title was read. This being the time scheduled for a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-48, the Mayor called for public comment. Bill Rieffenberger spoke against the Ordinance. Hearing no further comments, motion by Albertsen, seconded by Buhler, to approve Ordinance No. 17-48 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mantey, seconded by Vilhauer, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Committee Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

Motion by Solum, seconded by Weyh, to approve the proposal from Core Engineering & Consulting, LLC for subsurface exploration at the Watertown Regional Airport and authorization for the Mayor to sign the proposal. Motion carried.

Motion by Mantey, seconded by Danforth, to designate Mayor Caron as Chief Executive Officer and Brandi Hanten, Urban Planner, to be the Community Rating System Coordinator for the City of Watertown. Motion carried.

The 2017 Community Rating System progress report was presented. Motion by Buhler, seconded by Danforth, to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2017 CRS Recertification Form. Motion carried.

Motion by Mantey, seconded by Thorson, to authorize the Mayor to sign a construction agreement with BX Civil & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$101,278.60 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project #1805 at the Intersection of Hwy 81 & 20<sup>th</sup> Ave South. Motion carried.

Motion by Danforth, seconded by Buhler to authorize the Engineering Department to move forward with plans for converting Kemp Avenue to 2-way travel. Motion carried.

Motion by Vilhauer, seconded by Mantey, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Motion carried.

Motion by Solum, seconded by Weyh, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Danforth, seconded by Mantey, to adjourn until 7:00 PM on Monday, February 5, 2018. Motion carried.

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Dated at Watertown, South Dakota, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Kristen Bobzien  
Finance Officer

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Sarah Caron  
Mayor