

Common Council Minutes

June 4, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. This meeting was open for attendance in the council chambers as well as virtually.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. Davis, Lampe, Board, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Schmid. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Sergeant Caucutt, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris, Town Square Coordinator Steph Juhl, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor McFarland inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Ald. Blanke made note that there were multiple errors in the licensing section for vote counts that should be corrected. Minutes were accepted subject to those corrections being made.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Erin Schroeder of 1411 S 10th Street spoke about the appreciation to all involved to get the Temp B application from the Jefferson County Tavern League Foundation submitted.

REPORTS

(Complete minutes are open for public inspection in the Finance Department.)

The following reports were received and filed: Transit minutes from March 25, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from May 13, 2024, Public Works minutes from May 14, 2024, RDA Minutes from May 15, 2024, Town Square Programming Commission minutes from May 15, 2024, Public Safety minutes from May 21, 2024, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force minutes from May 22, 2024, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from May 20, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for April and the Watertown Fire Department Annual Report 2023 were presented. Main Street Bridge Construction Update was given by Mayor McFarland.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith moved to approve the appointment of Cheri Martin – serving her second three-year term expiring June 2027 and Erin Schroeder – serving her second three-year term expiring June 2027 to Licensing Board, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - May 1, 2024 through May 15, 2024 was presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the amended application (removal of officer names other than Brad Bakken and Kathy Proffitt in Part B of the application) for a Temporary Class "B" Beer license from the Jefferson County Tavern League Foundation for the Summer Concert Series on June 15, 2024 from 5pm - 9pm at the Bentzin Family Town Square, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions below are listed in order of the agenda but may not be the order by which they were taken up at the Council meeting.

Exh 9615 - Resolution for IRA Grant through the DNR (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9615, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh 9616 - Concession Agreement Kayak Rentals (Sponsor: Alderperson Jonathan Lampe From: Park, Recreation & Forestry Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9616, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:14p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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