

Common Council Minutes September 20, 2022

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. 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, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Romlein. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Zoning Administrator Jacob Maas, Wastewater Director Pete Hartz, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Health Officer Carol Quest, Stacy Winkelman with Street Department, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen. Virtually attending was City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway.

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, September 6, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

William Ebert of 948 W. Main Street spoke on no parking/stripping concerns on W. Main Street/Dayton Street. Ken Berg of 1201 Richards Street spoke on invocation and city reorganizations.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing on vacating a portion of Hyland Street at 7:08 p.m. there being no comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed:

Housing Authority meeting minutes from July 21, 2022, Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from August 8, 2022, Board of Health minutes from August 17, 2022, Public Works Commission meeting minutes from September 13, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave employee recognitions to Susan Wollin from the Health Department for twenty-five years, Carol Quest with the Health Department for twenty years, and Pete Hartz with Waste/Water Department for five years. Accurate Appraisals gave presentation on the Watertown property assessment process. The Fire Department monthly reports for July and August were recognized. Town Square update was given by Mayor McFarland. Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway and Assistant Engineer Andrew Beyer gave information on the Cady Street Bridge 2023 Rehabilitation project. Kris Olson with Ayres Associates also gave information on the Cady Street Bridge including that the plans are to remove surface overlay and replace, do sidewalk repairs, and address the deterioration on sides and underneath. Discussion on railing concerns. The project will be funded by an 80/20 federal grant and will take about 4-6 weeks to complete once started. Final plans to be complete by Feb 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith moved to approve Tom Klug to the Airport Commission for a second six-year term, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection the Finance Department.)

Certified accounts were presented. Ald. Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Cash & Investments –August 31, 2022

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith moved to deny the applications for operator's licenses from Kiesha Demetropoulos, Andres Contreras Lopez, and Miguel Guadalalajara Jr. based on the City of Watertown's licensing guidelines, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 22-66 - The Plan Commission is recommending to rezone 1611 East Main Street from Single-Family Residential (SR-4) Zoning District to Planned Office and Institutional (PO) Zoning District. 1611 East Main Street was erroneously zoned to the Single-Family Residential Zoning District during the June 17, 2003 adoption of the City of Watertown's Zoning Code. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 22-66 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 22-67 - Amend Chapter 550: Zoning Code, through the removal and addition of language to section § 550-521(1)(a), Outdoor Commercial Entertainment Setback, *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading.* Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 22-67 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. #22-68- Ordinance to amend Section 500-9 A. Parking Prohibited in Specified Places - Dayton Street from Clement Street to W. Main Street, *Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 1st reading.* Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 22-68 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 22-69 - Ordinance to repeal a portion of Section 500-8(A), Heavy Traffic Routes - S. Water Street from W. Main Street to W. Milwaukee Street. *Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 1st reading.* Ald. Romlein moved for adoption of ordinance 22-69 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; 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. #9415 - Resolution to award engineering design to Robert E. Lee and Associates for \$14,900. *Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Public Works Commission.* Ald. Wetzel moved to approve resolution 9415, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. #9423 Proposed adjustment to the City of Watertown Employee Handbook for vacation leave for part time tiers. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Davis moved to approve resolution 9423, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. #9424 - Resolution to update the City of Watertown Employee Handbook for final pay and awarding of vacation. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland from: Finance Committee.* Ald. Davis moved to approve resolution 9424, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. #9425 - Resolution to Vacate Right-of-Way on Hyland Street, Between the Rock River and Intersection with South Second Street, City of Watertown, County of Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission. Ald. Romlein moved to approve resolution 9425, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-1 (Smith).

Exh. #9426 - Resolution to Adjust 2022 Payroll Resolution. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Ruetten moved to approve resolution 9426, seconded by Ald. Bartz. and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. #9427 - Resolution authorizing the City of Watertown to apply for the Wisconsin Department of 2023 Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Licht moved to approve resolution 9427, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

William Ebert of 948 W. Main Street spoke about concerns on W. Main Street/Dayton Street. Ken Berg of 1201 Richards Street spoke on city reorganizations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Romlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid, and carried by voice vote at 8:19 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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