

**PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

March 4, 2026

5:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dana Davis, Chair</li><li>• Bob Wetzel</li><li>• Jonathan Lampe</li><li>• Myron Moldenhauer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Stocks</li><li>• Police Chief Brower</li><li>• Andrew Beyer</li><li>• Nathan Williams</li><li>• Tanya Reynen</li><li>• Stacey Winkleman (virtual)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ian Pilak (virtual)</li><li>• Zack Goodrow (virtual)</li><li>• Mark Heiden</li><li>• Andy Tessman</li><li>• John Wanke</li><li>• Leroy Godfrey</li></ul>

**2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments*

- There were no comments from the public.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Public Safety & Welfare minutes from February 4, 2026
  - o [02.04.2026 Public Safety Minutes.pdf](#) (0.19 MB)

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes from February 4, 2026 (Wetzel/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

**2. BUSINESS**

- A. Review and take possible action: Milford Street Speed Limit Transition and Pedestrian Safety
  - a. [MEMO Milford Street Speed Limit Transition and Pedestrian Safety.pdf](#) (0.56 MB)
  - b. [Site Map.pdf](#) (0.91 MB)
  - c. [email.pdf](#) (0.33 MB)

**MOTION:** Endorse the Engineering Division recommendation to maintain the existing speed limits in this area at this time. (Moldenhauer/Lampe – Motion passed with a vote of 3 – 1. Wetzel voting no.)

- B. Review and take action: Amendments to massage establishment ordinance
  - a. [Massage Parlor Ordinance draft 02 25 2026.pdf](#) (0.03 MB)
  - b. [Massage ordinance memo PSW 022426.pdf](#) (0.17 MB)

**DISCUSSION:** Chief Brower detailed the need for an updated ordinance to better regulate massage businesses within Watertown, primarily because of the proliferation of sexual services offered at less-than-legitimate massage businesses. This ordinance will allow penalties to apply to both the individuals who commit the illegal sexual acts and also the people who finance and run the business in an illegal way.

**MOTION:** Amend Chapter 319 Health and Sanitation Article V. Practice of Certain Trades and Professions Requiring State Licensing, Registration or Credentials, Sections 319-35, 319-36, and 319-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances with the recommendation that the date of enforcement should begin January 1, 2027. (Lampe/Wetzel/Unanimous Approval)

- C. Review and take action: Creation of a lift assist ordinance and amendments to the City-sponsored parade and fireworks permit ordinance

- a. [Create Section 80-8 \(Lift Assist\) and Amend Sections 410-13\(F\)\(2\) \(firework permit approval\) and 428-9\(D\)\(City sponsored parades insurance coverage\).pdf](#) (0.03 MB)
- b. [Memo for Section 428-9\(D\) to PSW by City Attorney.pdf](#) (0.14 MB)
- c. [Memo Lift assist Firework Ordinance.pdf](#) (0.61 MB)

**DISCUSSION:**

**Create Life Assist Ordinance** – Chief Reynen explained the need for the ordinance. The proposed ordinance defines lift assists, differentiates them from EMS responses and establishes a reasonable fee structure. It maintains a compassionate approach for residents living independently by allowing two lift assists within a rolling 12-month period before a fee is assessed, while holding defined care facilities responsible for lift assist fees. Similar ordinances have been implemented in other Wisconsin communities to protect emergency response capacity and ensure appropriate allocation of public safety resources.

**MOTION:** Approve the creation of ordinance 80-8 Life Assist Services.  
(Wetzel/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

**Amend City Sponsored Parade Amendment** – The City’s Insurance carrier has never and will never provide insurance coverage for these types of events. As a result, the existing language in Section 428-9(D) is not accurate. Because the City is unable to insure these events under its policy, the ordinance must be updated. Continuing to list City-sponsored parade insurance as a municipal responsibility creates both legal and financial exposure for the City. Members of the parade committee were present. They understand the need for insurance, but are unsure as to how they can acquire and pay for the necessary insurance. The parade committee is not currently organized as a 501 c3. The committee wondered if it would be possible for the City to acquire an insurance rider. The committee assured the parade committee that the logistics would be worked out and the City is committed to helping.

**MOTION:** Direct Dana Davis to work with 1) the City Attorney to determine if the City could acquire an insurance rider for the parade and 2) the parade committee to find an insurance solution.  
(Davis/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

**Amend the Fireworks Permit Ordinance** – This ordinance amendment clarifies that fireworks permitting authority rests with the Fire Chief or designee, consistent with state statute.

**MOTION:** Approve amendments to SECTION 2 410-13(F)(2) Sale and discharge of fireworks of the Watertown Code of Ordinances. (Lampe/Wetzel/Unanimous Approval)

D. Review and take action: Special Event – Jig Jog

[2026-01 MEMO JIG JOG.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)

[2026-01 APPLICATION.pdf](#) (1.51 MB)

[2026-01 MAP.pdf](#) (0.28 MB)

**MOTION:** Approve the Special Event – Jig Jog. (Lampe/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

**5. ADJOURN**

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Lampe and seconded by Wetzel to adjourn. Motion was supported unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.