

Common Council Minutes Tuesday February 4, 2025

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. 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, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris (virtual), 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 the minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, January 25, 2025. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Public Works Commission minutes from January 14, 2025, RDA minutes from January 15, 2025, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from January 20, 2025, Town Square Programming Commission minutes from January 22, 2025, Public Works meeting minutes from January 28, 2025, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force minutes from January 28, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland announced that the February 18, 2025, Council meeting moved to February 17, 2025 (Monday) due to the Spring Primary Election. DOR representatives attended virtually to discuss the status of the main street bridge.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - January 8, 2025, through January 21, 2025 was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 25-01 - Adopt the Planned Development (PD) - General Development Plan (GDP) under Section 550-152 for Area C(b) of Bielinski Hunter Oaks Development (PINs: 291-0815-0642-006, 291-0815-0642-007) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. moved for adoption of ordinance 25-01 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-02 - Amend the City of Watertown General Ordinances to Reflect Departmental Changes (Sponsor: Chairperson Board From: Public Works Commission, Second Reading). Ald. moved for adoption of ordinance 25-02 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. 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.

Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become

involved (Riverside Park Restroom), seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Schmid made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9704 - Resolution to Terminate Contract #8-24, Riverside Park Restroom-Structure (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9704, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; 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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 9.29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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