

**Common Council Minutes  
Tuesday January 20, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:10p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. 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, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel and Moldenhauer (virtual). City staff present: Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos (virtual), Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris, Peg Checkai Library Director, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Ald. Blanke made a motion to move Communications & Recommendations to be discussed now, seconded by Ald. Arnett and carried by unanimous voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Parks Director Kristine Butteris gave employee recognition to Megan Schwefel with the Recreation Park & Forestry Department for 25 years. Mayor Stocks gave employee recognition to Chad Butler with the Fire Department for 25 years, David Brower with the Police Department for 25 years, and Rachael Dieringer with the Police Department for 5 years.

Mayor Stocks gave a reminder - February 17 Council meeting will be moved to Monday, February 16, due to the election.

**MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

Mayor Stocks inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, January 6, 2026. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

No comments were received.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Stocks opened the public hearing for the Amendments to Chapter 550: Zoning, through amendments to Sections §550-32C(1), §550-33C(1), §550-36C(1), & §550-37C(1), & §550-56 at 7:12 pm. There being no comments Mayor Stocks closed the public hearing at 7:12 pm.

**REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Housing Authority minutes from November 20, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from December 8, 2025, Airport minutes from December 10, 2025, Licensing Board minutes from December 10, 2025, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from December 15, 2025, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from December 16, 2025, RDA minutes from December 17, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from December 22, 2025, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from January 7, 2026, Tourism minutes from January 8, 2026, Site Plan Review minutes from January 12, 2026.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve the appointments of Joe Kallas – serving his first term expiring February 1, 2029, Brenda Kujawski – serving her second term expiring February 1, 2029 to the Ethics Board, Steve Jones – serving his fourth term expiring February 1, 2029 Jim Freres – serving his fifth term expiring February 1, 2029 to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Ryan Wagner – serving his first full term expiring January 1, 2031 to the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Paid Invoices Report- December 2025, Payroll Summary - December 10 through December 23, 2025, and Cash and Investments - December 31, 2025 were presented.

## **LICENSES:**

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve the application for a change of agent from Watertown Liquor Depot LLC DBA Liquor Depot, 1907 Market Way Unit C from Hyden Hisel to Courtney Hobbs for the licensing year expiring June 30, 2026, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **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. 9817 - Resolution to approve the contract for County Library Services with Jefferson County (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Library Board). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9817, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9818 - Resolution to approve transit system adult fare increase effective February 1, 2026 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9818, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9819 - Resolution to approve the Side Letter to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (Police Officers) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9819, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9820 - Resolution to approve the Preliminary Plat for Gateway Subdivision (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9820, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-1 (Berg).

Exh. 9821 - Resolution to approve Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 for addition to the City of Watertown Emergency Operations Plan Policy Manual (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9821, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9822 - Resolution to award Tennis Court Resurfacing Contract #9-26 to Poblocki Paving Corporation for \$184,795.00 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9822, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9823 - Resolution to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Watertown and the Watertown Main Street Program (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9823, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9824 - Resolution to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division Watertown Police

Association (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9824, 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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Lampe, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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