

## **Common Council Minutes Tuesday January 17, 2023**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. 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, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Wetzel and Romlein. Absent was Ald. Ruetten and Schmid. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Assistant Engineer Andrew Beyer, 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, January 3, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

### **COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

No comments were received.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed fare increases for the Transit System at 7:01 p.m. there being no comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

### **REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Housing Authority meeting minutes from November 10, 2022, RDA Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2022, Public Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from December 8, 2022, Tourism Commission meeting minutes from December 8, 2022, Finance Minutes of December 12, 2022, Airport Commission meeting minutes from December 14, 2022, Licensing Board meeting minutes from December 14, 2022, Finance Minutes of December 20, 2022, Public Safety and Welfare meeting minutes from January 4, 2023, Tourism meeting minutes from January 12, 2023.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Main Street Program Director Melissa Lampe gave updates on the Main Street Program year 2022 in review and upcoming events for 2023. Mayor McFarland gave updates on the Town Square, Watertown Fire Department December Monthly Report, and 2022 Yearly Construction Totals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Smith moved to appoint Melissa Lampe to the Plan Commission serving a partial term ending May 2024 (Replacing Becky Huff), Ryan Wagner to the redevelopment Authority serving a partial term ending January 2026 (Replacing Rob Marchant), and Pete Thompson to the Public Works Commission serving first full 4-year term ending January 2027, seconded by Ald. Romlein, and carried by voice vote of: Yes-6; No-0; Abstain- 1 (Lampe).

Ald. Licht moved to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel of 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. (J. Thompson v. City of Watertown), seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7 (Licht, Smith, Wetzel, Romlein, Davis, Lampe, Bartz); No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Licht moved to Reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Bartz 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-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Payroll Summary - November 30 through December 13, 2022, Payroll Summary - December 14 through December 27, 2022, Cash and Investments - December 31, 2022

### **LICENSES:**

Ald. Lampe moved to deny the application for an operator's license from Jennifer Davis, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith moved to approve the application for a temporary "Class B"/Class "B" license from Luther Preparatory School Booster Club for the Luther Prep Auction Gala XVIII, 1300 Western Ave (gym) on April 22, 2023, 5:00 P.M - 12:00 A.M, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith moved to approve the agent change for Kwik Trip, 1731 S Church Street, Watertown WI 53098 from Linda Lippens to Edith Uttech, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **ORDINANCES**

Ord. 23-01 - Ordinance to amend section 500-9 A. Parking prohibited in specified places (Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 1st Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 23-01 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-02 - Ordinance to repeal a portion of Section 500-6 A. (2), Parking Limitations (Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 1st Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 23-02 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Davis, and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; 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. 9475 - Resolution to Enter into the 2023 Service Agreement Between the City of Watertown, Wisconsin and the Watertown Humane Society (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Romlein moved to adopt resolution 9475, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9476 - Resolution to approve State/Municipal Agreement for Welsh Road Safety Improvements at Highway 26 Bypass Overpass (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9476, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9477 - Resolution to approve State/Municipal Agreement for reconstruction of Dewey Avenue between East Main Street and East Division Street in 2026 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Licht moved to adopt resolution 9477, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9478- Resolution Approving Purchase and Sale Agreement Between BASO Holdings LLC and the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9478, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; 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. Lampe moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Davis, and carried by voice vote at 7:24 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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