

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday August 5, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 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 (arrived at 7:05), Berg, Bartz, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Blanke. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen (virtual), Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Health Director Carol Quest, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor Stocks inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, July 15, 2025. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Chris Ross of 432 W. Clover Cottage Grove, Mare Edstrom Fox of 208 William St., Marguerita Haase of 706 Crestview Dr. spoke about warming shelters.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission minutes from June 9, 2025, Main Street Program Board of Directors minutes from June 17, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from June 23, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from June 23, 2025, Tourism minutes from July 10, 2025, RDA minutes from July 16, 2025, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force minutes from July 22, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Reynen gave a Fire Department Operations update on the Ladder Truck and Miovision Opticom.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve the committee appointment of Joe Kallas to the Ethics Board, replacing Mike Mienow serving a partial term ending February 1, 2026, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - June 25 through July 8, 2025 and July 9 through July 22, 2025 were presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 25-15 - Amend Section 500-6 Parking Limitations A.(5) Municipal Parking Lot Limitations (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 25-15 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-16 - Create a portion of Section 500-3(B) Stop Intersections (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Berg moved for adoption of ordinance

25-16 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-17 - Amend Section 500-8(F) Heavy traffic prohibited by posted signs (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 25-17 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-18 - Amend Section 38-4, Bond Deposit Schedule of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 25-18 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-19 - Amend Chapter 550: Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown, through the rezoning of 213 S. First Street Parcel Number 291-0815-0421-161 from Multi-Family Residential (MR-8) Zoning District to Central Business (CB) Zoning District classifications (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 25-19 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-20 - Amend Chapter 550: Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown, through the rezoning of Parcel Number 291-0815-0832-005 from a Planned Office & Institutional (PO) Zoning District to Planned Industrial (PI) Zoning District classification (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 25-20 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-21 - Amend Section 428-11 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety and Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 25-21 its first reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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. 9769 - Resolution approving the land purchase for property located at 510 South Second Street, City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor Robert Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9769, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Arnett); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9770 - Resolution appointing City Attorney (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9770, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9771 - Resolution approving Collateral Assignment of TIF for Lumin Terrace LLC (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9771, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Arnett); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9772 - Resolution to approve change order 1 to Plaza Phase II ADA Concrete Ramp Improvements Contract #10-25 with Maas Brothers Construction Co., Inc. for \$79,648.85 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9772, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9773 - Resolution to accept improvements through substantial completion for Rock River Ridge Phase I Subdivision Located in the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9773, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Chris Ross of 432 W. Clover Cottage Grove and Jeremy Schmidt of 1011 Meadow St. spoke on warming shelters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Berg moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Lampe, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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