

Common Council Minutes

August 15, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 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, Board, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Schmid. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesch, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, Assistant Engineer Andrew Beyer (virtual), HR Lisa Schwartz (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 minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, August 1, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Randy Arbogast of 301 S. Washington Street spoke on city road construction and special events. Bentley Ouweheel of Watertown and Michael Engalls of Fort Atkinson spoke on Pride in the Park.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission Minutes from May 8, 2023, Plan Commission Minutes from May 22, 2023, Transit Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023, Site Plan Review Minutes from June 12, 2023, Plan Commission Minutes from June 19, 2023, Plan Commission Minutes from June 26, 2023, Plan Commission Minutes from July 10, 2023, Licensing Board Minutes from July 12, 2023, Site Plan Review Minutes from July 24, 2023, Finance Committee Minutes from July 24, 2024, Public Safety Minutes from August 2, 2023, Public Works Minutes from August 8, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Jaynellen Holloway with the Department of Public works for ten years. Mayor McFarland was also recognized for ten years of service as an Elected Official.

The Watertown Fire Department July Monthly Report was presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection the Finance Department.)

Certified accounts were presented. Ald. Moldenhauer moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - July 12, 2023 - July 25, 2023, Cash and Investments - July 31, 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the Application for "Class B" Malt and Liquor from The Score Sports Bar (Jaime Ellis, Agent) located at 300 N. 4th St, Watertown, WI 53094 and the application for a "Class B" Malt and Liquor from ABW Enterprise LLC DBA Mobay Wine and Dine (Aston Boyd, Agent) located at 301 E. Main St. Watertown, WI 53094, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" License from the Watertown Elks Lodge for the Elks Music and Bean Bag Fundraiser located at 117 N 1st St. on August 19, 2023 during the hours of 10:00am - 7:00pm, Temporary Class "B" License for

the Sounds of Summer Concert Series by the Main Street Program located at 1 West Main Street (Town Square) on August 24, 2023 during the hours 6pm-10pm, and the Temporary Class "B" License for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series by the Main Street Program located at 1 West Main Street (Town Square) on August 26, 2023 during the hours 6pm-10pm, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to deny the application for operator's licenses from George Melville, Cody Punzel, and Antonio Cruz based on Watertown's Licensing Guidelines, seconded Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 23-20 - Ordinance to amend Section 500-9(B) Parking Prohibited at Specified Times of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 1st reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 23-20 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Board 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. 9526 - Resolution to endorse an updated highway functional classification system map for the City of Watertown Urban Area (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9526, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9528 - Resolution to award 2024, 2025, & 2026 Annual Street & Utility Program design to GRAEF (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9528, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9529 - Resolution to enter into an employee Income Continuation Insurance benefit contract with Employee Trust Funds effective January 1, 2024 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9529, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9530 - Resolution to Repeal Out of Classification Pay Policy within the Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9530, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9531 - Resolution to Amend The 2023 City of Watertown Budget (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9531, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9532 - Resolution to Enter into Agreements for Stabilization of the Masonic Temple and Reconstruction of Main Street (Cole) Bridge (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: None). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9532, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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. Bartz, and carried by voice vote at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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