

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday December 9, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the special meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 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, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel and Moldenhauer (virtual). City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos (virtual), Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Public Works Director Andrew Beyer (virtual), Health Director Carol Quest, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Amanda Cary Gallas of 400 S. Washington Street, Erin O'Neill of 209 Derby Lane, Sue Rupnow of 1213 Josephine Street, Greg Zipfel of 1416 Stoneridge Drive, Tom Kohls of 250 S. Concord Ave, Amy Weyes of 800 Fieldcrest Ct, Cari Gunderson of N. Montgomery Street, Emily Northey of 1015 S. 9th Street spoke on library funding.

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. Davis made a motion to rescind the November 18, 2025 motion to reduce account 01-55-11-46 (Library Contribution) in the General Fund by \$100,000.00, increase account 01-54-31-60 (Streets Capital Outlay) in the General Fund by \$100,000.00 and reduce account 05-58-11-69 (Annual Streets) in Fund 5 by \$100,000.00, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and failed on roll call vote: Yes-4 (Davis, Lampe, Bartz, Wetzel); No-5 (Berg, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0.

Ald. Berg made a motion to bring Exh. 9807 - Resolution to approve 2026 budgets for Funds 02, 03, 05, 07-20, 22-26, 30, 60, 65 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee) and Exh. 9808 - Resolution to approve 2026 budgets for General Fund [1], Debt Service Fund [04], and corresponding levies and tax rates (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee) to the floor together, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9807 - Resolution to approve 2026 budgets for Funds 02, 03, 05, 07-20, 22-26, 30, 60, 65 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee and Exh. 9808 - Resolution to approve 2026 budgets for General Fund [1], Debt Service Fund [04], and corresponding levies and tax rates (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolutions 9807 and 9808, seconded by Ald. Bartz. Ald. Arnett made a motion to amend the 2026 budget to increase account 01-55-11-46 (Library Contribution) and decrease account 01-51-81-56 (Contingency) by \$40,000.00, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9809 - 2026 Payroll Resolution (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9809, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Cal Lewis of 301 S. 7th Street, John Katish of 204 W. Main Street spoke on library funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Lampe, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk