

Common Council Minutes Wednesday July 5, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 5, 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, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel (joined virtually at 7:09pm) and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Board. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesch, Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Rauterberg along with City Fire Fighters, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, 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, June 20, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed:

PFC minutes of May 8, 2023, Finance Committee minutes of May 22, 2023, Finance Committee minutes of May 31, 2023, Finance Committee minutes of June 20, 2023, RDA minutes June 21, 2023, Public Works Commission minutes of June 27, 2023, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force minutes of June 28, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Fire Station Design was presented by SEH and the Funding of the Fire Station was presented by Baird. Councilmembers inquired on response time to Country Club Lane and areas around the hospital. Traffic lights, public use room, bathrooms/accommodations, solar panels and insurance, interest rates, and effects to tax amounts were also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe made a motion to appoint Betsy Gerike – Serving second three-year term ending July 2026 to the Library Board, Amanda Kostroski – Serving partial term ending in July 2025 – (replacing Steve Board) to the Tourism Commission, Joseph Kallas – Serving first term to the City Wide Bike and Pedestrian Task Force, John Klink – serving partial term ending in December 2026 (replacing Steve Board) to the Historic Preservation and Downtown Design Commission, Steve Board – Alderperson and Michael Trego - Historic Preservation Commission Member (replacing Steve Board) to the Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force, seconded by Ald. Davis 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. 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 - May 31 through June 13, 2023, and Credit Card over \$10,000 for April & May 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Temporary Premises Amendment application by Erin Schroeder for Run-Inn Erin's 700 N 4th St. for the dates July 8 and 9, 2023, July 16, 2023, and July 30, 2023, during the hours of 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, seconded by Ald. Blanke 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 9522 - Resolution to express support for Wisconsin Act 12 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9522, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid, and carried by voice vote at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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