

Common Council Minutes

Tuesday May 16, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 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 (virtually), Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesch, Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen, Health Officer Carol Quest, Human Resource Director Lisa Schwartz, Utilities Superintendent Peter Hartz (virtually) and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Sheri Larson.

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, May 2, 2023. Ald. Blanke requested minutes for Ord. 23-14 to Amend Section 410-56 be corrected to state: "Ald. Schmid made a motion to table this ordinance to a later date, seconded by Ald Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Lampe, **Smith**); Abstain-0."

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland called the public hearing of Hunter Oaks Planned Unit Development (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP) to order at 7:02 p.m., no comments were given Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission Minutes from March 13, 2023; Watertown Housing Authority meeting minutes from March 16, 2023; Plan Commission Minutes from March 27, 2023; Board of Health Minutes from April 4, 2023; Plan Commission Minutes from April 10, 2023; Licensing Board minutes from April 12, 2023; Site Plan Review Minutes from April 24, 2023; Plan Commission Minutes from April 24, 2023; Site Plan Review Minutes from May 8, 2023; Public Works meeting minutes from May 9, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave employee recognition to Christina Peerenboom for five years with the library. The Watertown Fire Department April Report was presented. Melissa Lampe gave an update on the Main Street Program. A reminder was given on the Southwest Side Neighborhood Plan Community Information Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the reappointments of Kyle Krueger to Park, Rec, and Forestry – serving second three-year term ending May 2026, and Jim Schildbach to the Police and Fire Commission – serving third five-year term ending May 2028, second by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - April 19, 2023 through May 2, 2023 and Cash and Investments - April 30, 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" License from Moose Lodge 830 for the Car Show Special Event on June 8, 2023, second by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" License for Tour Da Goose Bike Ride on June 24, 2023, second by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the applications for Temporary Class "B" License for the Downtown Watertown Craft Beer Walk hosted by the Main Street Program on July 13, 2023 from 5pm-8pm for the following locations: Zoh! 2 Salon, Anthony's 511, Blush Hair Beautique, Bradlow Jewelers, Brown Shoe Fit Co., Central Block, Literatus & Co., Latte Donatte, and White Oak Builders, second by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to deny the application for operator's license from Amanda Medina, second by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 23-15 – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 428 Article IV Annual Riverfest Celebration of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee, 2nd Reading). Ald. Moldenhauer moved for adoption of ordinance 23-15 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-1 (Lampe).

Ord. 23-16 – Ordinance to Amend Section 428-7(C) and Create Section 428-7(M) of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee, 2nd Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-16 on its 2nd 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. 9510 - Resolution to accept bid for publication of council proceedings and city advertising and designate official city newspaper (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9510, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9511 – Resolution for Adjustment to EMS Billing Rates (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Fire Chief Teesch explained the reason and substantiation for proposed rates. Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9511, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9512 – Resolution for Wastewater Utility 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Utilities Superintendent Hartz explained the reasoning behind the compliance report. Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9512, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9513 – Resolution to Amend the Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures Regarding Reasonable Accommodations, Timeline for Reviewing New and Changed Positions, Correcting Time Entry (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9513, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9514 – Resolution to Amend the Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures regarding General Updates (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Molenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9514, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9515 - Resolution to Enter into the Amendment to the MOU Between the City of Watertown and Local 877 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9515, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9516 - Resolution to Allow Replacement of Airport Perimeter Bridge (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9516, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9517 - Resolution to Approve Replacement of Airport Perimeter Bridge Agreement (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9517, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer 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. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid, and carried by voice vote at 7:20 p.m.

Sheri Larson, Deputy Treasurer/Clerk

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