

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday March 17, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:0 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. 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, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Lampe. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Assistant Engineer Nathan Williams (virtual), Stormwater Manager Maureen McBroom, Ritchie Piltz (virtual), 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, March 3, 2026. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Danielle Taylor of 223 Mary St. spoke regarding proposed ordinance 26-09 – Massage Establishments.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Board of Health minutes from February 3, 2026, Plan Commission minutes from February 9, 2026, Licensing Board minutes from February 11, 2026, Plan Commission minutes from February 23, 2026, Finance Committee minutes from February 23, 2026, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from March 4, 2026, Public Works minutes from March 10, 2026, Tourism minutes from March 12, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Stocks gave a reminder that April 7 Council meeting will be moved to Monday April 6 due to the Spring Election.

Mayor Stock gave employee recognition to Jill Petig with the Police Department for twenty-five years and Jane Flanigan with the DPW-Street/Solid Waste Division for five years.

The 2025 City Annual Report, Fire Department Annual Report, and Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2026 were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve Megan Wierschke - serving her first partial term expiring December 1, 2028, replacing Patti Gedemer to the Health Board, Steve Zgonc– serving his first three-year term expiring March 1, 2029 to the Ethics Boards, and David Morstad– serving his first three-year term expiring March 1, 2029 to the Library Board, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - February 18 through March 3, 2026, Paid Invoices Report - February 2026, and Cash and Investments - February 28, 2026, were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve the application for a Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine license from Luther Prep School Booster Club for the Lives Prepared Gala event located at 1300 Western Ave on April 18, 2026, during the hours of 5pm-12am, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the applications for Temporary "Class B" Wine Licenses for the Whiskey and Wine Walk event hosted by Watertown Chamber of Commerce on April 25, 2026, during the hours of 1pm-4:30pm. Locations include: Bradow Jewelers, 217 E. Main St., Brown's Shoe Fit Co., 212 E. Main St., Draeger's Floral, 616 E. Main St., Sassy Sweets, 116 W. Main St., The Basket Bar, 111 E. Main St., White Oak Builders, 14 E. Main St., and Wisconsin 26 Mercantile, 117 S. 3rd St. (all other locations for the event are licensed establishments), seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve the application for a change of agent from Walgreens Co located at 301 W Main St, from Krystle Murphy to Jessica Christian for the licensing year expiring June 30, 2026, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to deny the application for a Class "B" Beer license from A-One Oil LLC (Rajwinder Singh) located at 821 N. Church Street for licensing year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, due to Public safety concerns regarding drinking and driving at a gas station, carryout allowance concern under the Class B License, not considering A One Oil a true restaurant, and setting precedent in the city - Watertown has not considered or licensed this type of establishment (convenience store gas station/Class B) in the past seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to deny the application for an operator's license from Paul Balbach due to false or missing information on the operator's application, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to deny the application for an operator's license from Michelle Anzivino due to CAT I of the Licensing Guidelines, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 26-04 - Amend Chapter 550: Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown to rezone 510 S. Second Street (PIN: 291-0815-0424-040) from Multi-Family Residential (MR-8) Zoning District to Central Business (CB) Zoning District classifications (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 26-04 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Blanke, Arnett); Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-05 - Adopt Amendments to the 2019 City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan: Amendment from Central Mixed-Use FLU & Two-Family Residential FLU to Institutional FLU (PIN(s): 291-0815-0424-043, 291-0815-0424-011 & 291-0815-0424-009) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-05 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Blanke, Arnett); Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-06 - Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map Rezone Lot 0, Gateway Drive (PIN: 291-0815-1631-003) from Multi-Family Residential (MR-8) Zoning District to Single-Family Residential (SR-4) Zoning District classifications (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission Second Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 26-06 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-1; No-0; Abstain-1 (Berg).

Ord. 26-07 - Adopt the Planned Development (PD) Overlay District - General Development Plan (GDP)/Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for Lot 0, Gateway Drive (PIN: 291-0815-1631-003)

(Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission Second Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 26-07 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-1 (Berg).

Ord. 26-08 - Ordinance to Create Section 80-8 Lift Assist Services and Amend Section 410-13(F)(2) Sale and Discharge of Fireworks of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Dana Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-08 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-09 - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 319 Health and Sanitation Article V, Practice of Certain Trades and Professions Requiring State Licensing, Registration or Credentials, Sections 319-35, 319-36 and 319-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-09 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz. Ald. Blanke made a motion to refer ordinance 26-09 back to the Public Safety and Welfare Committee for further review, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ord. 26-10 - Ordinance to Amend Section 76-8(E) Budget System and Repeal Section 76-10 Service Charge for Tax Exempt Residences of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee, First Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 26-10 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-11 - Ordinance to Amend Sections 446-13, 446-17, 457-6(A), 457-6(B), 457-6(D), 457-6(F), 457-11(B), 457-12(D)(4), 457-17(A), 457-27(E)(1) AND 484-5(B) of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Arnett moved for adoption of ordinance 26-11 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel 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. 9836- Resolution to Approve the Final Plat for Gateway Drive Subdivision (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9836, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-1 (Berg).

Exh. 9837 - Resolution to Authorize Submittal of 2025 Annual Stormwater Report (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9837, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9838 - Resolution to Adopt City-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9838, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9839 - Utility Construction Services with Robert E. Lee & Associates for \$53,650 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9839, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9840 - Resolution to Approve 2026 Sidewalk Repair Area (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9840, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9841 - Resolution to Modify the 2026 Economic Development Budget (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9841, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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