

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday April 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. This meeting was open for attendance in the council chambers as well as virtually.

INTRODUCE NEW & RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OATH OF OFFICES

Mayor McFarland introduced the new and re-elected Alderpersons: District 1, Dana Davis; District 5, Brad Blanke; District 7, Eric Schmid; District 9, Myron Moldenhauer. Clerk Dunneisen administered the Oath of Office to the new and re-elected Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. Davis, Lampe, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, Health Officer Carol Quest, Parks Director Kristine Butteris, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor McFarland called for nominations for Council President. Ald. Bartz nominated Ald. Lampe, Ald. Blanke nominated Ald. Smith and Ald. Wetzel nominated Ald. Schmid. A secret ballot vote was taken. Clerk Dunneisen and Finance Director Stevens counted the ballots and proclaimed Ald. Smith as Common Council President.

ELECTION OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor McFarland called for nominations for representative to the Plan Commission. Ald. Smith nominated Ald. Blanke. By unanimous voice vote Ald. Blanke was elected Common Council Plan Commission representative.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor McFarland inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Monday April 3, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Joe Kallas of 1217 Douglas Ave spoke on the New Fire Station.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission Minutes from February 27, 2023, Site Plan Review Minutes from February 27, 2023, Licensing Board meeting minutes from March 8, 2023, Site Plan Review Minutes from March 13, 2023, Finance meeting minutes from March 13, 2023, Site Plan Review Minutes from March 27, 2023, Public Safety and Welfare meeting minutes from April 5, 2023, Site Plan Review Minutes from April 10, 2023, were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A moment of silence was held for Mayor David. Mayor McFarland gave a five-year employee recognition to Wanda Fredrick in the Engineering Department and Lynne Uttech with the Library. Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway also gave recognition to Wanda Fredrick.

2022 Tourism Annual Report – Financials, Watertown Department of Public Health 2022 Annual Report, Watertown Fire Department March Monthly Report were all presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the committee assignments as presented, 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. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - March 22, 2023 - April 4, 2023 and Cash and Investments - March 31, 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Bartz moved to approve the application for A temporary Class "B" License for the Town Square Grand Opening by Watertown Rotary Club on May 20, 2023, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith moved to approve the application for temporary Class "B" License for Watertown Riverfest by Watertown Riverfest Inc. on August 10, 2023 - August 13, 2023, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by voice vote with Ald. Lampe abstaining.

Ald. Lampe moved to approve the temporary Premises Amendment application by Erin Schroeder for Run-Inn Erin's 700 N 4th St. for the dates May 8, 15, 22, 2023, June 5, 12, 18, 26 2023, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023, and August 7, 14, 21, 2023 during the hours of 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord 23-09 Ordinance to Create Article XIII of Chapter 24 Town Square Programming Commission of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Park, Recreation and Forestry Commission, 1st Reading). Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 23-09 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe. Ald. Smith made a motion to postpone this ordinance for consideration at the next council meeting, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and failing by a roll call vote: Yes-4; No-5 (Mayor breaking tie vote). Original motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-4 (Mayor breaking tie vote).

Ord 23-10 to Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 1st Reading) - Rezoning of 713 Milford Street. Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 23-10 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 23-11 to Adopt Amendments to the 2019 City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 1st Reading) - 407 S. Washington Street. Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 23-11 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 23-12 to Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 1st Reading) - Rezoning of 407 S. Washington Street. Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 23-12 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 23-13 Amend Section 500-7 C. Temporary Restricted Parking of The City Of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Public Safety And Welfare Committee, 1st Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 23-13 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid 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. 9504 - Resolution to Enter into the Agreement for 2023 Tourism Promotion Services between the Watertown Tourism Commission, the City of Watertown and the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9504, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9505 - Resolution to Enter into a Property Management Agreement between the City of Watertown and the City of Watertown Redevelopment Authority (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9505, seconded by Ald. Davis. Ald. Smith a motion to postpone this resolution for consideration at the next council meeting, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and failed by a roll call vote: Yes-4, No-5 (Mayor breaking tie vote). Ald. Lampe made a motion to create Section 3.12. - Termination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement, without cause or penalty, by giving the other party sixty (60) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement on or after April 30, 2026, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0. Ald. Davis made a motion to strike the last sentence of Section 2.1- This full-time staff person shall report the Recreation and Parks Director as well as to an independent committee that will oversee the programming and activities of the Benztin Family Town Square, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0. Original motion to adopt carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No- 4 (Mayor breaking tie vote).

Exh. 9506 - Resolution to create Town Square Future Fund and approve 2023 budget (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9506, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9507- Resolution To Enter Into First Amendment Of The Development Agreement 111 S. Water Street, Watertown, Wisconsin (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9507, 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. Wetzel moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by voice vote at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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