

Common Council Minutes November 1, 2022

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. 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, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Romlein. 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, Streets Super Stacy Winkelman, Parks Director Kristine Butteris, 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, October 18, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Chad Bailey of 804 Linda Lane spoke on the 2023 budget public input and the concerns of inflation.

REPORTS

(Complete minutes are open for public inspection in the Finance Department.) The following reports were received and filed: Park, Recreation, and Forestry Minutes from September 19, 2022, Plan Commission Minutes from October 10, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave an update on the Town Square.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Romlein moved to approve Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris as Weed Commissioner, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Schmid made a motion to Convene into closed session per § 19.85(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Purchase of Real Estate for Fire Department), seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. (Davis, Lampe, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Romlein).

Ald. Schmid moved to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Bartz 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. Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - 10, 05, 2022 to 10, 18, 2022

ORDINANCES

Ord. 22-71 - Amend Chapter 550: Zoning Code, through the addition of language to Section 550-131.1A(8), Electronic Message Center Setbacks (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Plan Commission, 2nd reading) Ald. Romlein moved for adoption of ordinance 22-71 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 22-72 - Amend Chapter 550, Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Plan Commission, 2nd reading) Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 22-72 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; 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. 9441 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to Agreement Concerning Payment in Support of Municipal Services by and Among Marquardt Village, Inc. and Its Affiliated Entities and the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9441, seconded by Ald. Rutten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9442 - Resolution to authorize budget amendment to transfer \$7,000 from Contingent Account to Marking Paint Account (\$6,000) and Supplies & Expense Account (\$1,000) for pavement marking and signage on Welsh Road (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Licht moved to adopt resolution 9442, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9443 - Resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 - 2022 Pavement Marking Project with Century Fence for \$57,903.00 (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission) Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9443, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Licht moved to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel of the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Wal-Mart R.E. Bus. Trust vs. City of Watertown), seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. (Davis, Lampe, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Romlein).

Ald. Schmid moved to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9444 - Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Wal-Mart with Regard to Ongoing Property Tax Assessment Litigation (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9444, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Schmid made a motion to Convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel of the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Watertown Square, LLC vs. City of Watertown) seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. (Davis, Lampe, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Romlein).

Ald. Romlein moved to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9445 - Resolution to Authorize the Execution of an Amended Substitute Development Agreement by and between the City of Watertown and Watertown Square, LLC (Sponsor: Mayor

McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9445, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9446 - Resolution requesting exemption from Dodge County Library Tax Per WI Statutes 43.64(2)(B) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9446, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9447 - Resolution requesting exemption from Jefferson County Library Tax Per WI Statutes 43.64(2)(B) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland) Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9447, 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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Romlein, and carried by voice vote at 8:27p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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