

Common Council Minutes Tuesday August 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 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, Lampe, Berg, Nitecki, Smith, Arnett, Haase, and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Blanke. City staff present were Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos (virtual), Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Assistant Engineer Nathan Williams, 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, July 21, 2026. Ald. Haase moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Smith with correction of roll call names being updated. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: RDA minutes from June 17, 2026, Plan Commission minutes from June 22, 2026, Finance Committee minutes from July 13, 2026, Plan Commission minutes from July 13, 2026, Site Plan Review minutes from July 13, 2026, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from July 20, 2026, Public Safety and Welfare minutes from July 22, 2026, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force minutes from July 28, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Fritz – serving her first full five-year term expiring August 2031 to the Housing Authority, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Haase); Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - July 08 through July 21, 2026, was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 26-24 - Ordinance to Amend Section 65-8(F) Disclosure of Interests of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor Ald. Smith From: Ethics Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 26-24 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-25 - Ordinance to create a portion of Section 500-3(B), Stop Intersections, of Chapter 500 Traffic Code (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-25 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Nitecki 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. 9883 - Resolution to award contract #12-26 Health Department Drive Thru Building to Harmony Construction Management, Inc. for \$295,539.00 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission. The Commission considered the resolution and voted 2-2 on the motion to recommend adoption.) Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9883, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-5 (Berg, Nitecki, Smith, Davis, Lampe); No-3 (Arnett, Haase Moldenhauer); 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. Lampe moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Davis, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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