

Common Council Minutes Monday February 17, 2025

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 17, 2025. 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, Board, Bartz, Blanke (virtual), Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer (virtual), Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (virtual), 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, February 4, 2025. Minutes were accepted with correction to motion names under ordinances.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Licensing Board minutes from December 11, 2024, Tourism minutes from January 9, 2025, Plan Commission minutes of January 13, 2025, Board of Health minutes of January 21, 2025, Public Safety and Welfare minutes from February 5, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Julie Kulke-Krueger with the Park, Recreation, & Forestry Department for twenty-five years. The Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for December was presented and Mayor McFarland gave an update on the Main Street Bridge.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - January 22, 2025 through February 7, 2025, Paid Invoices Report - January 2025, and Cash and Investments - January 31, 2025 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the application for a "Class B" Malt and Liquor License from Silver Creek Investors LLC DBA Watertown Country Club (Dan Rahfaldt, Agent) located at 1340 N. Water St. for licensing year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with the conditions of a passed fire inspection, control of premises, and surrender of the current liquor license issued, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the application for Temporary "Class B" Wine and Temporary Class "B" license from Luther Prep School Booster Club at 1300 Western Ave for the Lives Prepared - A Gift of Talents event on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to approve the applications for Temporary "Class B" Licenses for the Whiskey and Wine Walk event hosted by Watertown Chamber of Commerce on April 26, 2025, during the hours of 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Locations include Ava's Posh Boutique, 209 E. Main St., Blush Hair Beautique, 207 E. Main St., Bradow Jewelers, 217 E. Main St., Brown's Shoe Fit Co., 212 E. Main St., Central Block, 300 E. Main St., Draeger's Floral, 616 E. Main St., Rock River Chimney and Fireplace, 216 S. 3rd St., White Oak Builders, 14 E. Main St., and Studio 9, 9 E. Main St. seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to deny the application for operator's license from Abel Rivera due to Cat I and V of the Watertown Licensing Guidelines, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 25-03 - Amend Ch. 288 Erosion and Sediment Control (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Board moved for adoption of ordinance 25-03 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-04 - Amend Chapter 453, Stormwater Management (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Board moved for adoption of ordinance 25-04 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz 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. 9705 - Resolution to Execute the Waiver of Conflict of Interest from Axley Brynerson, LLP (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9705, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9706 - Resolution to remove delinquent personal property taxes (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland from: Finance Committee) Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9706, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9707 - Resolution to award West Street water tower rehabilitation project to O&J Coatings, Inc. (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9707, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9708 - Resolution to enter into contract with Hydro-Corp Inc. for Cross Connection Inspection Program (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9708, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9709 - Resolution to Approve First Amendment to Development Agreement between Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation, Inc., Hoffman Matz, LLC and the City of Watertown, Wisconsin (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9709, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9710 - Resolution to Amend the Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures for Military Leave (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9710, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9711 - Resolution to Approve BS&Z Fee Schedule (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9711, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; 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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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