

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday November 4, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 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, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett (arrived at 7:13pm), and Wetzel. Absent was Ald. Moldenhauer. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen (virtual), Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Library Director Peg Checkai, Town Square Coordinator Stephanie Juhl (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, October 7, 2025. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion for the addition of Comments & Suggestions from Citizen Present, which was inadvertently omitted on the agenda, be added at this time, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

David Hertel of 214 South Washington Street and Stephanie Curtis of 1407 Beacon Drive spoke on Library funding.

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 September 23, 2025, Finance Committee-Budget minutes from October 07 through 20, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from October 13, 2025, RDA minutes from October 15, 2025, Tourism minutes from October 17, 2025, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from October 20, 2025, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from October 21, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from October 27, 2025, Public Works minutes from October 28, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve Carol Quest – serving her twenty-third one-year term expiring August 1, 2026 and Laci Cummings – serving her fourth one-year term expiring August 1, 2026 to Watertown Family Connections, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - October 1 through October 14, 2025 was presented.

2026 Budget:

Ald. Arnett made a motion to move \$55,000.00 from account 05-55-20-70 to 05-55-41-70 within the capital budget increasing the amount to \$105,000.00 for park storage, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Lampe spoke on library funding presenting past funding information.

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. 9796 - Resolution to approve 2026-2027 EMS & Fire Township contract (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9796, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9797 - Resolution to approve 2026-2027 EMS Lebanon contract (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9797, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9798 - Resolution to Purchase Borger Rotary Lobe Sludge Pumps (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9798, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9799 - Resolution to Enter into contract with Synagro Central, LLC. for Biosolids Land Application Services (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9799, seconded by Ald. Blanke 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. Davis, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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