

Common Council Minutes September 19, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. 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, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer (virtually at 7:03). City staff present were Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, 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, September 5, 2023. Ald. Blanke requested additional information be added to the minutes of public comment – City Administrator vs City Mayor. Minutes were accepted with changes.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Linda Kaufeld of W8370 Long Rd, Bentley Ouweneel of Watertown, Sue Christian of 1405 Beacon Dr., Stacy Estudillo of 1002 E. Main St., and Jackie Ulm of Watertown, all spoke on special events/Pride in the Park. Russel Krueger of 300 S. Church St. spoke on the Adoration Abode facilities.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Library minutes from June 8, 2023, Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission minutes from June 21, 2023, Library minutes from July 13, 2023, BFTS Commission minutes from July 17, 2023, Housing Authority minutes from July 20, 2023, Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission minutes from July 26, 2023, Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission minutes from August 9, 2023, Licensing Board minutes from August 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole minutes from August 9, 2023, Plan Commission minutes from August 14, 2023 (correction of “kennel”), Finance minutes from August 21, 2023, Finance minutes from September 5, 2023, Site Plan Review minutes from September 11, 2023, Public Works minutes from September 12, 2023 (with the addition of Ald. Blanke present for item 4.C.).

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Planned Unit Development Information was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Board made a motion to approve the appointments of Karissa Hurtgen - serving partial five-year term ending January 2024 (replacing Brad Kuenzi) and Ryan Nowatka – serving partial five-year term ending January 2027 (replacing Nate Salas) to the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes gave a presentation on the Town of Emmet Boundary Agreement Annexation that will occur in 2024.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection in 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-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - August 23 through September 5, 2023, and August Credit Card Purchases Over \$10,000 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Application for "Class B" Malt and Liquor from Osaka LLC (Harmini Hartman, Agent) located at 100 E. Madison Street (formerly licensed to Rock River Pizza), seconded by Ald. Blanke. Ald. Smith made a motion to amend the previous motion to include listing the outdoor patio area to the licensed premises description, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by unanimous voice vote. Original motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Secondhand Article License from ecoATM Walmart (Sean Flaherty) located at 1901 Market Way, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Agent change for Aldi Inc., 1520 S. Church Street from Megan Turner to ~~Jennifer~~ Jennifer Michelle Johnson, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to deny the application for an operator's license from Nicholas Milton due to Cat. IV of the Watertown Licensing Guidelines, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 23-21 - Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown to rezone Parcel Numbers 291-0815-0432-019 and 291-0815-0544-003 from a General Business (GB) Zoning District and Multi-Family Residential (MR-8) Zoning District classification to a Central Business (CB) Zoning District classification (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 23-21 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-22 - Amend Chapter 550: Zoning Code, through the removal and addition of language to Sections § 550-131.1A(2), § 550-131.1A(3)(a), and § 550-132 Table 550-132A(1) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Board moved for adoption of ordinance 23-22 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke 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 9533 - Resolution to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with Labor Association of Wisconsin (Police Officers) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland from: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9533, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9534 - Resolution to Approve State Municipal Financial Agreement Revision #1 for Reconstruction of Cole Memorial Bridge (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9534, seconded by Ald. Board (Ald. Lampe noting missing zero in resolution), and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Linda Kaulfeld, Ken Stolar of 1119 N Washington St., Pat W of Main St., Stacy Estudillo, and Jim Drinwater spoke on the library/special events/pride in the park/funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by voice vote at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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