

**Common Council Minutes
September 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 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, Arnett, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Smith. 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), 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, September 2, 2025. There being none, Ald. Blanke moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Chris Ross of 432 W. Clover Cottage Grove, Marguerita Haase of 706 Crestview Dr. spoke on warming shelters. Andrew Griss of 517 Rockview Ct. spoke on Silver Moon establishment on East Gate Dr.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Bentzin Family Town Square minutes from July 16, 2025, Licensing Board minutes from August 13, 2025, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from August 18, 2025, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from August 19, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from August 25, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from August 25, 2025, Licensing Board minutes from September 2, 2025, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from September 3, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Brower gave employee recognition to Doug Clemmons with the Police Department Auxiliary for forty-five years. Mayor Stocks gave recognition to Alex Braunschweig with the Fire Department for five years. Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for July was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve David Morstad to the Housing Authority serving a partial term ending August 1, 2027 (replacing Judy Bear), seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - August 6 through August 19, 2025 (Revised) and August 20 through September 2, 2025, Paid Invoices Report - August 2025, and Cash and Investments - August 31, 2025 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve application for a "Class B" Malt and Liquor License from Silver Moon Watertown LLC dba Silver Moon Watertown (Jamie Reich, Agent) located at 1601 East Gate Dr for licensing year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 conditioned on passed city

inspections and approval of conditional use permit, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve the application for a Temporary Premises Amendment from Silver Moon Watertown at 1601 East Gate Dr, Agent Jamie Reich on October 4, 2025, during the hours of 11:00 am and 10:00 pm conditioned on the approval and issuance of the original "Class B" Malt and Liquor License and passed city inspections for the outdoor sales areas, with the exemption for the outdoor sales area to exceed the indoor area square footage, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1(Berg); Abstain-0.

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve the application for a Class "B" Malt License from Pratham JSN LLC dba Super 8 Watertown (Heet Patel, Agent) located at 1730 S Church St for licensing Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 conditioned on passed city inspections and submittal and approval of a conditional use permit for this property, second by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the application for a Temporary Class "B" Beer license from Whitetails Unlimited Watertown Chapter at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Packer Party on September 21, 2025 during the hours of 11am-4pm, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by voice vote with Ald. Bartz abstaining.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to deny the application for operator's license from Briana R Jessie due to Cat. V of the City of Watertown Licensing Guidelines, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. 9787 - Resolution approving amendment No. 1 to Tax Incremental District No. 8 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9787, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1(Arnett); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9788 - Resolution to approve the Sale of City Owned Vacant Parcels Parcel No. 291-0915-2132-003 and Parcel No. 291-0915-2132-004 (Sponsor: Mayor Robert Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9788, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Marguerita Haase of 706 Crestview Dr. spoke on warming shelters.

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 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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