

Common Council Minutes
April 1, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 1, 2024. 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, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer (virtual). Absent was Ald. Blanke and Smith. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (virtual), Health Officer Carol Quest, Stormwater Maureen McBroom (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, March 19, 2024. Ald. Bartz noted the misspelling of Davis to be corrected, minutes were accepted with change.

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: Transit minutes from November 27, 2023, Site Plan Review minutes from March 11, 2024, Plan Commission Minutes from March 11, 2024, RDA Minutes March 13, 2024, Board of Health - Minutes from March 13, 2024, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from March 18, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Watertown Family Connections presentation was given by Stephanie Curtis. The Watertown Fire Department February Monthly Report and Watertown Department of Public Health 2023 Annual report were given to council members.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors term ending Dec 2025, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Wetzel made a motion to convene into closed session per § 19.85(e) [Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (potential sale of public property at 315 Mary St.), seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7 (Wetzel, Moldenhauer, Davis, Lampe, Board, Bartz, Schmid); No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Davis made a motion for the approval of potential sale of City-owned land at 315 Mary St. as part of a development agreement, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - March 6-19, 2024 was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-10 - Amend Chapter 428 Public Events, Article II Special Events License, Sections 428-8C.(1), 428-8C.(1)(e)[1], 428-8D and 428-8E., Outdoor Open Container Entertainment Event Permit (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 2nd Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 24-10 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-11 - Amend Chapter 228, Article I, Section 228-1 & 228-2 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee, 2nd Reading). Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 24-11 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-1(Schmid); Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-12 - Amend Chapter 550: through the removal and addition of language to § 550-25F(1)(a)[2], § 550-25F(2)(b), § 550-25F(2)(c), § 550-32C(2), § 550-33C(2), § 550-15, and § 550-126A (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 1st Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-12 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-1 (Schmid); 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. 9598 - Resolution supporting submittal of STP Local funding application - Boomer Street, South Road (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9598, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9599 - Resolution to support targeted runoff management grant funding for shoreline stabilization at Fannie Lewis Park (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9599, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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