

Common Council Minutes Tuesday December 6, 2022

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. This meeting was open for attendance in the council chambers as well as virtually.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. Lampe, Ruetten, Bartz, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Romlein. Absent was Ald. Davis and Licht. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Director Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, 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 McFarland inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, November 29, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Ken Berg of 1201 Richards Ave spoke on the 3-minute public comment.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Public Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from September 8, 2022 B. Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from September 12, 2022 C. Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from September 21, 2022 D. Board of Health minutes from October 4, 2022 E. Public Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from October 13, 2022 F. Park & Recreation minutes from October 17, 2022 G. Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes from October 18, 2022 H. Plan Commission Minutes from October 24, 2022 I. Park & Recreation minutes from November 2, 2022 J. Public Safety & Welfare meeting minutes from November 2, 2022 K. Public Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from November 10, 2022 L. Public Works Commission meeting minutes from November 11, 2022 M. Site Plan Review minutes from November 14, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Recognition given to Joel Haseleu with the Streets Department for twenty-five years of service. Town Square update given.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection the Finance Department.)

Certified accounts were presented. Ald. Wetzel moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-0; Abstain-1 (Ruetten).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - November 2, 2022 to November 15, 2022
Credit Card purchases over \$10K - October

ORDINANCES

Ord. 22-73 - Amend Section 500-6 Parking Limitations A. (5) Municipal Parking Lot Limitations (Sponsor: Ald. Smith, From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 2nd reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 22-73 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 22-74 - Create a portion of Section 500-9 A. Parking Prohibited in Specific Places of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Smith, From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 2nd reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 22-74 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 22-75 - Amend Section 319 Article II Environmental Sanitation (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Board of Health, 1st Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 22-75 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; 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. 9455 – Resolution to apply capital grant from Department of Transportation for fleet purchases (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9455, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9456 – Resolution to apply for operating grant from Department of Transportation for shared-ride taxi service (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9456, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9457 - Resolution Adopting a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement Continuing the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9457, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9458 - Resolution to Repair Aquatic Center Slides and Platforms (Sponsor: Ald. Licht From: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9458, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9459 - Resolution to Amend City of Watertown General Fund Budget 2022 (Sponsor: Ald. Licht From: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9459, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9460 - Resolution to Approve Award for Additional Vacation Time for 2023 for All Current Employees Starting Prior to January 1, 2022 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9460, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9461 - Resolution to Amend the City of Watertown Employee Handbook Related to Vacation and Final Pay (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9461, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9462- Resolution to Adjust 2022 Payroll Resolution to Add Operations Manager at Grade R (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9462, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9463 - Resolution to Adjust 2022 Payroll Resolution to Add Assistant Operations Manager at Grade M (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9463, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9464 - Resolution to Adjust 2022 Payroll Resolution to Add Working Foreman at Grade J (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9464, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9465 - Resolution to Approve Offer to Purchase and Acquisition of 7.61 Acres of Land PIN: 291-0815-0432-019 and PIN: 291-0815-0544-003 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Romlein moved to adopt resolution 9465, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Ken Berg spoke on the Fund Balance and fire station concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Romlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by voice vote at 7:39 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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