

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Room 2044, City Hall, 106 Jones St, Watertown, WI

Virtual Meeting Info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 617 065 5357 Passcode: 53094

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1. Call to order at 2:32 pm.
 - a. Attendance- Present: Andrew Beyer, Ald. Board, Laurie Hoffman, Mike Trego, Ald. Moldenhauer, Andy Grinwald & Steph Mazzoni. Mayor McFarland joined at 2:34. A resident.
Virtual: Two residents, a resident caller, Watertown Daily Times, Amber Smith
Absent: Mason Becker, Ryan Wagner, & Michele Elias
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes 12.17.24
Motioned by Hoffman, seconded by Moldenhauer, carried unanimously.
3. Opening for public comment.
 - a. None
4. Old Business
 - a. Main Street bridge closure update- Beyer/ McFarland
 - i. Girders were delivered and installed. Seven main ones, two fascia.
 - ii. WiDOT meeting tomorrow. Deck should begin being formed this week.
 - iii. Opening still slated for early spring
 - b. Transportation Network Evaluation -Beyer
 - i. RA Smith is finalizing. Once traffic is open on Main Street, they will begin data collection on Main Street at 3rd and 4th Streets, Madison to Western.
 - ii. Will also be looking at turning lanes
 - c. Downtown Business Meetup recap- Beyer
 - i. Mason and Andrew attended the meeting Jan 6th along with other taskforce members. Update was well received.
 1. Most of the questions were on the construction timeline and access.
 - ii. The Mayor attended a state meeting yesterday and was talking to another mayor, who reconstructed their Main St. recently.
 1. We will do a case study with them on what they did and possibly tour other cities that have reconstructed their Main Streets too.
 - iii. There will be community involvement meetings hosted by WIDOT when the time comes.
5. New Business
 - a. Newsletter update: Review current draft
 - i. Email Mason any changes by this week.
 - b. Update on Watertown Main Street WEDC Grant application
 - i. Mason will follow up at next meeting.
 - ii. Ald. Board said there will be an announcement at the end of the month. They received more than they were expecting.
6. Confirm next meeting date:
 - a. Regular meeting date: March 25, 2025, at 3:00pm (tentative)
- b. Adjournment at 3:15 pm **Motioned by Moldenhauer, seconded by Grinwald, carried unanimously**