

**Common Council Minutes  
Tuesday December 16, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 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, Smith, Arnett, Wetzels and Moldenhauer (virtual). 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), Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (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 December 2 and December 9, 2025. There being none, Ald. Arnett moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

None.

**REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Licensing Board minutes from November 12, 2025, Parks, Recreation & Forestry minutes from November 17, 2025, WMSP Board of Directors minutes from November 18, 2025, Site Plan Review Minutes from November 24, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from November 24, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from November 24, 2025, Downtown Main Street minutes from November 25, 2025, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from December 3, 2025, Public Works minutes from December 9, 2025.

**COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Stocks gave Employee Recognition to Elizabeth Poteraske with the Police Department for ten years.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Health Board appointment of Patricia Gedemer – serving her second term expiring December 1, 2028, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Election Inspector, Special Voting Deputies, Municipal Canvasser appointments as presented for the 2026-2027 election term, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Payroll Summary - November 12 through November 25, 2025, and Cash and Investments - November 30, 2025, were presented.

**LICENSES**

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve the application for a Temporary "Class B" Wine and Temporary Class "B" Beer license from St. Henry Church for Casino Night located at 300 E. Cady Street (school gym) on January 17, 2026, during the hours of 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **ORDINANCES**

Ord. 25-24 - Adopt the Planned Development (PD) Overlay District - General Development Plan (GDP) for The Oxbow at 100 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0815-0412-029) and 104 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0915-3343-053) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 25-25 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Arnett 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. 9810 - Resolution to approve transit agency fare increase effective January 1, 2026 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9810, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9811 - Resolution to authorize a three-year contract with Glacier Ridge Landfill, LLC for solid waste disposal (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9811, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9812 - Resolution for Surplus Energy Agreement Between Watertown Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9812, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9813 - Resolution to enter into mutual aid services agreement with Waukesha Fire Department (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9813, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9814 - Resolution to approve mechanical for wastewater primary pump installation (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9814, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9815 - Resolution to approve change order #1 with Mead-Hunt for engineering design and construction services for wastewater biosolids dryer project (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9815, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

## **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

John Katish of 204 W. Main Street spoke on library donations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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