

Common Council Minutes
June 18, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 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, Blanke (virtual), Smith (virtual – due to technical difficulties, Ald. Smith was present at roll call but unable to use mic. At 7:12 p.m. the difficulty was resolved), Schmid, Wetzels and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, 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, June 4, 2024. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

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: Plan Commission Minutes from May 13, 2024, Licensing Board minutes from May 15, 2024, Licensing Board minutes from May 29, 2024, Public Safety and Welfare minutes from June 5, 2024, Site Plan Review Minutes from June 10, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Brower and Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Joel Saeger with the Municipal Building for twenty years and Jeremy Lingle with the Police Department for fifteen years. The Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2024 was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Wetzels moved to approve Melissa Lampe – serving her first one-year term expiring June 2025 (replacing Amanda Kostroski) to the Tourism Commission, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by voice vote with Ald. Lampe abstaining.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Certified accounts were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - May 15, 2024 through May 28, 2024 and Cash and Investments - May 31, 2024 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Bartz moved to approve the application for a “Class B” Malt and Liquor License from Tequila Nights LLC DBA Tequila Nights (Michael Martin, Agent) located at 617 South 1st Street for licensing year July 1 2024 - June 30, 2025 (former M&M bar) conditioned on all inspections being passed, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by voice vote (no vote for Ald. Smith due to technical difficulties).

Ald. Lampe moved to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine license from American Legion Pitterle-Beaudoin Post 189 at Riverside Park for the July 4th Celebration event on Wednesday, July 3, and Thursday, July 4, 2024, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by voice vote (no vote for Ald. Smith due to technical difficulties).

Ald. Moldenhauer moved to approve the applications for Temporary "Class B" Wine Licenses for the 8th Annual Wine Walk event hosted by Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce on September 5, 2024, during the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Locations include: Ava's A Posh Boutique, 209 E Main St; Bradow Jewelers, 217 E Main St; Brown's Shoe Fit Co, 212 E Main St; Central Block Kitchen & Design, 300 E Main St; Draeger's Floral, 618 E Main St; Fuelify, 114 N Water St; Oswald Konz Financial Group, 118 W Main St; Rock River Chimney & Fireplace, 216 S Third St; Thrivent Financial, 116 S Third St; and White Oak Builders, 14 E Main St, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote. (no vote for Ald. Smith due to technical difficulties).

Ald. Bartz moved to approve the renewals of the following COMPLETED license applications: "Class B" Combination Malt and Liquor Licenses, "Class A" Malt Licenses, "Class B" Malt Licenses, "Class C" Wine Licenses, "Class A" Combination Malt and Liquor Licenses listed on Exhibit A, seconded by Ald. Lampe. Ald. Bartz made a motion to amend to separate out Watertown Bowl North and Watertown Bowl, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion to approve COMPLETED license applications: "Class B" Combination Malt and Liquor Licenses, "Class A" Malt Licenses, "Class B" Malt Licenses, "Class C" Wine Licenses, "Class A" Combination Malt and Liquor Licenses listed on Exhibit A minus Watertown Bowl North and Watertown Bowl 18 carried by unanimous voice vote. Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve renewal application for "Class B" combination Malt and Liquor Licenses for Watertown Bowl North and Watertown Bowl 18, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by voice vote with Ald. Blanke abstaining.

Ald. Wetzel moved to approve the renewals of Secondhand Article / Jewelry Licenses listed on Exhibit B, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Bartz moved to approve the incomplete/not recieved renewals of the following: "Class B" Combination Malt and Liquor Licenses, "Class A" Malt Licenses, and "Class A" Combination Malt and Liquor Licenses listed on Exhibit C conditioned on requirements listed being met, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe moved to approve the Temporary Premises Amendment application (including required fencing) by Erin Schroeder for Run-Inn Erin's 700 N Fourth St. for June 22, 2024, during the hours of 11:00 am - 7:00 pm, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe moved to deny the application for a "Class A" Malt and Liquor License from Watertown Liquor Depot DBA Liquor Depot (Hydn Heisel, Agent) located at 1907 Market Way Ste C for licensing year July 1 2024 - June 30, 2025 due to Categories IV. V. and VI 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. 9617 - Resolution to approve State Municipal Maintenance Agreement for Highway 16 Roundabout Project (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9617, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9618 - Resolution to approve revised State Municipal Financial Agreement for Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Project (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9618, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9619 - Resolution to approve the preliminary plat of Rock River Ridge Subdivision (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9619, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9620 - Resolution to Approve IGA for Law Enforcement IT Services (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9620, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9621 - Resolution for Wastewater Utility 2023 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9621, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9622 - Resolution to Approve Development Agreement Between City of Watertown, Wisconsin and Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9622, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0

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. Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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