



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 5:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094

Finance Committee members present: Mayor Stocks, Alderpersons Arnett, Blanke, Moldenhauer, Smith
Others present: Finance Director Stevens, Attorney Panalogoulos (video), Deb Sybell, Sonja Kruesel (Vandewalle), Ald. Berg

1. Mayor Stocks called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Ald. Arnett moved, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, to approve the **minutes from the August 10** meeting. Unanimously approved.
3. Ms. Kruesel (Vandewalle) provided a review of the **proposed TID #10 boundary map**. TID #10 will be presented as a mixed-use district that includes 29 parcels. Any residential development is limited to no more than 35% of the TID's geographic area. The one parcel (19- 1911 Gateway Dr) integral to tying the contiguous property connections is in the process of development into a residential group of 22 buildings made up of 274 units.
4. Ald. Arnett moved, supported by Ald. Moldenhauer, to convene into **closed session** per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (**Claim of Rupnow**). Unanimously approved via roll call vote.
5. After reconvening into open session, Ald. Arnett, seconded by Ald. Smith, moved to recommend to Council the denial of the **claim of Rupnow**. Unanimously approved.
6. The meeting recessed to take a **tour of the vacated fire station and current police station** within the Municipal Building.
7. Committee member **comments after the tour**:
 - a. Concern continues to exist as to the response time of the fire department. Hesitant to support major structural changes. Disturb as little as possible to potentially dispatch an ambulance from Jones St.
 - b. Work on developing plans limited to potential plumbing leaks over Evidence Room area, placing police officers closer to the garage, creating ADA restrooms on second floor, expanding evidence storage, potential reducing sally port area to one door to repurpose space.
8. Ald. Arnett moved to adjourn the Finance Committee at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Ald. Smith, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stevens, Finance Director

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.