

Common Council Minutes
Tuesday September 15, 2026

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, September 15, 2026. 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, Nitecki, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Haase, 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, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Assistant Engineer Nathan Williams, Stormwater Manager Maureen McBroom, 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 Tuesday, September 1, 2026. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Eric Schmid of 605 Lafayette St. and Luke Mielke of 213 S. Monroe St. spoke opposing the city use of flock cameras.

Ald. Blanke made motion to amend the agenda and move Licenses, Ord. 26-26, and Ord. 26-27 in front of Communications and recommendations, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Board of Health minutes from August 11, 2026, Airport minutes from August 12, 2026, Licensing Board minutes from August 13, 2026, Library Board of Trustees minutes from August 13, 2026, Site Plan Review minutes from August 24, 2026, Plan Commission minutes from August 24, 2026, Public Works Commission minutes from August 25, 2026, Public Works minutes from September 8, 2026.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to move the Employee Recognition of Kameron Jones to follow reports, seconded by Ald. Arnett and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor gave a reminder that the November 3 Council meeting will be moved to November 2 due to the Election. Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkleman gave employee recognition to Kameron Jones with the Streets Department for Five Years. The Fire Department: July 2026 Monthly Data Report was presented. Police Chief Brower provided information and discussion regarding the city's use of Flock cameras.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Berg made a motion to approve the committee appointment of Tom Godfroy – serving his first partial term expiring October 2028 (replacing Michelle Brainbridge) the transit Commission, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Arnett made a motion to combine all three closed session items, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (potential land acquisition via eminent domain for flood mitigation project), 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 (Lower/Upper Dam), and per

§19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and per §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (IGA for Law Enforcement IT Services), seconded by Ald. Arnett and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Nitecki and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Arnett made a motion to formally dissolve the IGA for Law Enforcement IT Services, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - August 19, 2026, through September 1, 2026, Paid Invoices Report, and Cash and Investments - August 31, 2026, were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the application for a change of agent from Watertown Liquor Depot LLC dba Liquor Depot, 1907 Market Way Suite C, from Courtney Hobbs to Robert Schuett for the licensing year expiring June 30, 2027, conditioned on passed background checks, seconded by Ald. Haase and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 26-26 - Ordinance to amend the adopted 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. Berg moved for adoption of ordinance 26-26 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-2 (Arnett, Haase); Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-27 - Ordinance to amend the adopted Planned Development (PD) Overlay District - Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) 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. Berg moved for adoption of ordinance 26-27 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-2 (Arnett, Haase); Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-28 - Ordinance to create section 410-33(H) Camping Prohibited on City Property of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety and Welfare, First Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-28 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Haase 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. 9892 - Resolution to Declare Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9892, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer 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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Nitecki, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

DISCLAIMER: These minutes are uncorrected; any corrections will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved. Complete minutes are open for public inspection in the Clerk's Office. Video recording available at Watertown TV's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WatertownTV>