

Common Council Minutes Tuesday March 21, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. 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, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Romlein. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, 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, March 7, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing for the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to rezone a portion of 407 S. Washington Street from TR-6, Two Family Residential to CB, Central Business at 7:02 pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing for the 407 S. Washington Street - Comprehensive Plan Amendment at 7:03 pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing for the 407 S. Washington Street - Rezoning Request from TR-6, Two-Family Residential to CB, Central Business at 7:03 pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing for the 713 Milford Street - Rezoning Request for remainder of the parcel from SR-4, Single-Family Residential to PO, Planned Office and Institutional at 7: 03 pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes from August 16, 2022, Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes from October 18, 2022, Licensing Board meeting minutes from January 11, 2023, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry meeting minutes from January 16, 2023, Housing Authority meeting minutes from January 19, 2023, Finance Committee minutes from February 13, 2023, RDA Minutes February 15, 2023, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force February 22, 2023 Minutes, Finance Committee minutes from February 27, 2023, Tourism meeting minutes from March 9, 2023, Public Works Commission meeting minutes from March 14, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

No comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McFarland reported that the next Council meeting date will be moved to April 3, 2023 due to the Spring Election. Watertown Fire Department February Report and the 2022 Police Annual Report were discussed. Mayor McFarland gave Employee Recognition to Suzanne Frentzel with the Water Department for 5 years, Kirstie Ewing with the Police Department for 5 years, Jamie Hernandez with the Library for 5 years, Abigail Kuehn with the Health Department for 10 years, John Butschke with the Streets Department for 25 years, and Dell Zwieg with Building, Safety, and Zoning for 25 years. Streets Superintendent also gave recognition to John Burschke.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Certified accounts were presented. Ald. Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by roll call vote: Yes-0; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Cash and Investments - February 28, 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith moved to deny the application for operator's licenses from Elizabeth Bergemann, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith moved to approve the application for Temporary "Class B" Licenses for the Whiskey and Wine Walk event hosted by Watertown Chamber of Commerce on April 29, 2023, during the hours of 9am-5pm. Locations include Ava's Posh Boutique, 209 E. Main St., Bradow Jewelers, 217 E. Main St., Cental Block, 416 E. Main St., Chandler House Bakery, 411 E. Main St., Draeger's Floral, 616 E. Main St., Literatus & Co, 401 E. Main St., and Studio 9, 9 E. Main St. (all other locations are licensed establishments, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord 23-04 - Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 341 Impact Fees and Article IV Excess Capacity Sewer Service Charge of Chapter 508 Wastewater Facilities (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-04 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 23-05 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 288 Articles I & II, Erosion and Sediment Control (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Romlein moved for adoption of ordinance 23-05 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Weztel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-06 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 356, Landscaping (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 23-06 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-07 - Ordinance to amend Articles I and II of Chapter 453, Stormwater Management (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-07 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-08 - Ordinance to create Article III of Chapter 453, Stormwater Management (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, First Reading). Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 23-08 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz 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. 9500 - Resolution to award storm sewer pipe rehabilitation to Visu-Sewer for \$126,000 (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9500, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9501 - Resolution to authorize submittal of 2022 Annual Stormwater Report (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Romlein moved to adopt resolution 9501, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9502 - Resolution to adopt an Intergovernmental Agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Watertown regarding technical services for Water Quality Trading (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Weztel moved to adopt resolution 9502, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9503 - Resolution supporting submittal of STP Local Funding Application - Western Avenue and S. First Street (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9503, seconded by Ald. Licht 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. moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald., and carried by voice vote at 7:25 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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