

**ORDINANCE TO  
AMEND SECTION 114-3 MAYOR AND SECTION 114-7(L)(3) COMMON  
COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN  
GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR ROBERT STOCKS**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. §114-3 Mayor is hereby amended to read as follows:

There shall be a full-time Mayor elected at the regular City election for a term of three years commencing on the third Tuesday in April next succeeding his/her election. City business shall be the Mayor's primary occupation. The Mayor shall have the direct responsibility for the following functions:

- A. Budgeting with the assistance of the Finance Committee.
- B. Personnel administration.
- C. Property management and inventory.
- D. Supporting services to the Common Council.
- E. Administration of the job descriptions and compensation plan of the City with the assistance of the Finance Committee.
- F. Negotiate the sale and/or purchase of public property subject to Plan Commission and Common Council approval.
- G. The Mayor is authorized without approval of the Common Council to execute applications to state or federal agencies for financial grants-in-aid for all lawful purposes. This shall be done on the conditions that such applications shall not bind the City to an expenditure of funds, and a report that such an application, including the reasons therefor, shall be made to the Common Council within 30 days after execution by the Mayor. The Council, within 30 days of receipt of the report, may, upon majority vote of all of the members, cause the application to be withdrawn.

SECTION 2. §114-7(L)(3) Common Council Rules of Procedure is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and the meetings of the Common Council and of committees thereof:

L. Rule 12. The deliberations of the Common Council shall be conducted in the following manner:

(3) No person other than a member shall address the Common Council except under order of business, Rule 4, Subsection D(5) and (14). ~~The presiding officer shall decide if comments are relevant, shall have authority to set a time limit on the comments, and shall have such other authority as may be necessary to efficiently conduct this area of the Common Council agenda and order of business.~~ Members of the public may make comments with a time limit of three minutes total under either order of business, Rule 4, Subsection D(5) or (14). Members wishing to speak during the public comment section may only speak once per meeting. The presiding officer may require that all persons wishing to speak during the public comment sections of the agenda complete a citizen comment form in advance of the meeting, giving their names and addresses and an explanation of the item or items about which they intend to comment.

- a. The presiding officer shall have the sole authority to take measures to limit repetitive comments.
- b. The presiding officer shall have the sole authority to modify speaking time allotments.
- c. Any person who fails to sign up may not be permitted to speak, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

DATE:	April 21, 2026		May 5, 2026	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
BERG				
NITECKI				
BLANKE				
SMITH				
ARNETT				
HAASE				
MOLDENHAUER				
MAYOR STOCKS				
TOTAL				

ADOPTED May 5, 2026

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED May 5, 2026

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MAYOR