

Common Council Minutes December 20, 2022

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 20, 2022. 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, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Director Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, Health Officer Carol Quest 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, December 6, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Jacob Maas of 416 Washington St. spoke on the topic of public comment.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed:

RDA minutes from May 18, 2022, June 15, 2022 and September 16, 2022, Transit Commission meeting minutes from October 19, 2022, Watertown Tourism Commission meeting minutes from November 10, 2022, Licensing Board meeting minutes from November 10, 2022, PFC meeting minutes from November 14, 2022, Finance Committee minutes from November 21, 2022, Finance Committee minutes from December 6, 2022, Public Works meeting minutes from December 13, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mason Becker – new *Strategic Initiatives and Development Coordinator* and Brian Zirbes – new Flood Plain and Zoning Administrator for the City introduced themselves. Watertown Fire Department November Monthly Report was discussed and an update on the Town Square was given.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith moved to approve the appointments of Patricia Gedemer – Serving first full three-year term ending December 2025 to Board of Health and Tim Little – serving partial three-year term ending December 2023 (replacing Candy Stramara) to Historic Preservation and Downtown Design Commission, second by Ald. Licht and carried by unanimous voice vote.

3-minute public comment was discussed by councilmembers.

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. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

LICENSES:

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the application for "Class B" Malt and Liquor License for The Range LLC D/B/A Kiss My Axe located at 107 E. Main Street, Watertown WI 53094 (Agent, Jorge Monterrey) with the lower level for storage and main level for storage and consumption as the premises, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the agent change for Walmart, 1901 Market Way, Watertown WI 53094 to Michael Rupnow, second by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 22-75 - Ordinance to amend Section 319 Article II Environmental Sanitation (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Board of Health, 2nd Reading) Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 22-75 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Licht 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. 9466 - Resolution to Sue Roe - Retirement Police Department (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9466, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9467 - Resolution to revise Environmental Health Fee Schedule (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9467, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9468 - Resolution to approve appointing Stacy Winkelman as Operations Manager for the City of Watertown Street and Solid Waste Division (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Romlein moved to adopt resolution 9468, seconded by Ald. David and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9469 - Resolution to purchase a street sweeper from RNOW, Inc. of West Allis, WI for \$282,774.50 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9469, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9470 - Resolution to enter into contract for County Library Services Jefferson County (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Library Board) Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9470, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9471 - Resolution to Authorize a Joint Powers Agreement County 911 Emergency System with Jefferson County (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland) Ald. Romlein moved to adopt resolution 9471, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9472 - Resolution to amend the 2022 General Fund budget (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9472, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9473 - Resolution to carry over 2022 budget to 2023 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9473, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9474 - Resolution to approve 2023 pay table and rates (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9474, 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. Wetzel moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Romlein, and carried by voice vote at 7:42 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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