

**Common Council Minutes
November 29, 2022**

Mayor McFarland called the special meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 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, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Director Stacy Winkelman, Health Officer Carol Quest, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen. Virtually attending was Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris.

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 November 15, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Ken Berg of 1201 Richards Ave spoke on budget topics.

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.

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. 9451 - Resolution to approve 2023 Budget for Funds 01 & 04 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee): Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9451, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1 (Schmid); Abstain-0.

B. Exh. 9452 - Resolution to approve 2023 Budget for All Funds other than Fund 01 & 04 (Sponsor Mayor McFarland, From: Finance Committee) Ald. Ruetten moved to adopt resolution 9452, seconded by Ald. Romlein.

Ald. Smith made a motion to considering the Aquatic Center slide replacement costs of approximately \$137,600 (\$87,400 less than anticipated), a budget modification recommendation is proposed to reduce the Aquatic Center Capital Projects [05-55-22-70] from \$225,000 to \$137,600 and increase Park Capital Projects [05-55-41-70] from \$151,000 to \$238,400, assigning \$87,400 to be utilized toward Riverside wall/bridge repairs, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-1 (Schmid).

Ald. Smith made a motion to remove \$600,000.00 for fire station design in the Capital Budget. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Resolution 9452 passed by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1 (Schmid); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9453 - Resolution to amend 2023 Capital Projects Fund [05] budget because of reduction in Aquatic Center slide restoration expenses (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). No action taken.

Exh. 9454 - Resolution to approve 2024 capital purchases with extended ordering lead times. (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9454, seconded by Ald. Wetzel 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. Romlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid, and carried by voice vote at 7:51p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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