

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday October 15, 2024**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. 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, Board, Bartz (virtual), Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Strategic Coordinator Mason Becker, 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, October 1, 2024. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Tina Crave from the Watertown Health Foundation gave thanks to the city for recognizing the need for housing and for their support.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Tourism minutes from September 12, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from September 23, 2024, RDA Minutes from October 2, 2024, Public Safety and Welfare minutes from October 2, 2024, Downtown Main Street Task Force minutes from October 3, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Reminder was given that the November 5, 2024, Council Meeting will be moved to November 4, 2024, due to the Presidential Election. Mayor McFarland and Andrew Beyer gave an employee recognition to Stacy Winkelman Public works, street and solid waste division for 30 years. Peg Checki and Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Sue Rupnow Library 5 years. Mayor McFarland gave employee recognitions to Jacob Mueller Public works, street and solid waste division 5 years, Ritchie Piltz Public works, engineering division 5 years, Sue Rupnow Library 5 years. Watertown Regional Medical Center gave a presentation on the Hospital and its economic impact it has on the community. Mayor McFarland gave a Main Street Bridge Update.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Schmid moved to approve Michelle Bainbridge – serving her first full four-year term expiring October 2028 and Laurie Grosenick – serving her second four-year term expiring October 2028 to the Transit Commission, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Certified accounts were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - September 18, 2024, to October 1, 2024 and Cash and Investments - September 30, 2024 were presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-25 - Repeal a portion of Section 500-5, One-way Streets and Alleys of Chapter 500 Traffic Code of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-1(Schmid); Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-26 - Amend Section 500-3 B. Stop Intersections of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke 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. 9660 - Resolution requesting exemption from Jefferson County Library Tax Per WI Statutes 43.64(2)(B) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9660, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9661- Resolution requesting exemption from Dodge County Library Tax Per WI Statutes 43.64(2)(B) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9661, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9662 - Resolution to enter into one-year contract with Passenger Transit Inc. for Shared Ride Taxi Service (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance Committee). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9662, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9663 - Resolution to approve creation of Tax Incremental Financing District #9 as recommended by the Plan Commission (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9663, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9664 - Resolution to Apply for the 2025 Recycling Grant (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9664, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9665 - Initial resolution to discontinue public way on Belmont Drive, near and about its intersections with Oakland Avenue and Steeplechase Drive (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9665, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9666 - Award 2028 Main Street Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Design Contract to Robert E. Lee & Associates for \$57,200 (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9666, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9667 - Approve Contract #6-24 Change Order No. 2 with Payne and Dolan, Inc. increasing contract by \$52,588.50 (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9667, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9668 - Resolution to Request Action be Taken to Prevent Delays to Construction of STH 19 (Main St.) Bridge Over Rock River in Watertown WI (Sponsor: Ald. Blanke From: Common Council). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9668, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer. Ald. Lampe made a motion to amend to include "Be it further resolved, that the Common Council fully empowers and supports the Mayor and staffs' efforts to accelerate the opening to traffic of the bridge in early spring 2025", seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. Ald. Lampe made a motion to amend to remove the wording "potentially by redirecting

any savings from the project delay penalty to those businesses affected by the delay”, seconded by Ald. Schmid and failed by roll call vote: Yes-3; No-6 (Davis, Board, Blanke, Smith, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1(Schmid); 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. Board, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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