

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday December 3, 2024**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 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, Blanke, Smith, Schmid (arrived at 7:05), Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, 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, November 19, 2024. 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 Belmont Drive Discontinuance of Public Way at 7:03 p.m., there being no comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing for Amendments to several overlay zoning districts - Project 05 at 7:04 p.m., there be no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Transit Commission minutes from September 23, 2024, Board of Health Minutes from October 15, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from October 21, 2024, Joint Review Board minutes of November 8, 2024, Plan Commission Minutes from November 12, 2024, Public Works minutes from November 12, 2024, Public Safety minutes from November 13, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from November 19, 2024, Downtown Mainstreet Task Force minutes for November 19, 2024, Public Works minutes from November 20, 2024, RDA Minutes from November 20, 2024 were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - October 30, 2024, through November 11, 2024 was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-30 - Adopt Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown to Rezone 1911 Gateway Drive from a Mixed Zoning to MR-10, Multi-Family Residential (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-30 on the second reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-1 (Schmid).

Ord. 24-31 - Adopt Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-31 on the second reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-32 - Adopt Amendments to the 2019 City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of

ordinance 24-32 on the second reading, seconded by Ald. Board 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. 9680 - Resolution to apply for capital grant from the Department of Transportation for fleet purchases for Shared-Ride Taxi Service (Sponsor: Ald. Schmid, From: Transit Commission). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9680, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9681 - Resolution to apply for operating grant from the Department of Transportation for Shared-Ride Taxi Service (Sponsor: Ald. Schmid, From: Transit Commission). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9681, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Moldenhauer moved to convene into closed session per § 19.85(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Amending Union Contract with IAFF Local 877 Re: Vacation Scheduling), seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9 (Moldenhauer, Davis, Lampe, Board, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel); No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Board made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9682 - Resolution to amend the Fire Department Union Agreement (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9682, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9683 - Resolution to enter into an agreement with Mayville EMS Training Center (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9683, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9684 - Resolution to apply for AFG Grant (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9684, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9685 - Resolution to enter into an MOU with WI DNR (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9685, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9686 - Resolution to Discontinue Public Way - Belmont Drive (Request withdrawn from applicant). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9686, seconded by Ald. Davis and failed by roll call vote: Yes-0; No-9 (Board, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Moldenhauer, Davis, Lampe); Abstain-0.

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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 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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