

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday October 21, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. 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, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett (virtual), Wetzel and Moldenhauer (virtual). City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen (virtual), Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris, Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor Stocks inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, October 7, 2025. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to amend the agenda to move Employee Recognition before reports, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes gave recognition to Nikki Zimmerman with the Zoning Department for twenty-five years. Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris gave recognition to Eric Gutzforf with the Park and Rec Department for twenty-five years.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Licensing Board minutes from September 10, 2025, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from September 15, 2025, Licensing Board minutes from September 16, 2025, WMSP Board of Directors minutes from September 16, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from September 22, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from September 22, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from September 29, 2025, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from October 6, 2025, Site Plan Review Committee minutes from October 13, 2025 were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Stocks gave recognition to Erin Fendt with the Police Department for twenty-five years, Jonathan Wehner with the Police Department for fifteen years, Joe Degrandt with the Park and Rec Department for five years, and Maureen McBroom with the Engineering Department for five years.

Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for August was presented. Stefanie Broere gave an update on the Main Street Program and City Engineer Andrew Beyer gave an overview on the Street & Utility Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - September 17 through September 30, 2025, Paid Invoices Report-September 2025, Cash and Investments - September 30, 2025 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Bartz moved to approve the application for a Temporary "Class B" Malt and Liquor license from Rotary Club of Watertown at 816 S Seventh St for the YMCA Auction on November 11, 2025 during the hours of 4:30 pm - 10:00 pm, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke moved to approve the application for a "Class A" Malt and Liquor License from Watertown Mart LLC (Hari Adhikari, Agent) located at 330 Summit Ave for licensing year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, conditioned on passed city inspection, successor CUP, and surrender of the current license issued to the premises, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe moved to deny the application for operator's license from Alah Jaurigue based on Cat. I of the Watertown Licensing Guidelines, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. 9792 - Resolution to approve 48/96 MOU with Local 877 of the International Association of Fire Fighter, AFL-CIO-CLC (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9792, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9793 - Submittal of STP Urban Funding Application for Clark Street (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9793, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9794 - Resolution requesting exemption from Jefferson County Library Tax (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9794, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer. Ald. Smith made a motion to remove the Estimated Municipal 2026 Library Appropriation amount from the resolution, seconded by Ald. Arnett and failed by roll call vote: Yes-4 (Berg, Smith, Arnett, Moldenhauer); No-5 (Davis, Lampe, Bartz, Blanke, Wetzel); Abstain-0. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9795 - Resolution requesting exemption from Dodge County Library Tax (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9795, seconded by Ald. Blanke 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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:23p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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