

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday December 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 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, Wetzels and Moldenhauer (virtual). City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Public Works Director Andrew Beyer (virtual), Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris (virtual), and Stormwater Manager Maureen McBroom.

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, November 18, 2025. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Arnett and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Luke Hensley, Louis Oetken of 1342 N 4th Street, Elizabeth Fritz of 112 N. Maple Street, Jamie Hernandez Watertown Library employee, Tina Peerenboom Watertown Library employee, Kerry Owens of 1402 Stoneridge Drive, Stephanie Curtis of 1407 Beacon Drive, Amy Martin of 1010 S. 10th Street, Heidi Zipfel of 1419 Stoneridge Drive, Greg Zipfel of 1416 Stoneridge Drive, Tom Kohls of 250 S. Concord, Peg Checkai Library Director, Francine Gies of 609 W. Main Street, Brianna Kreuser of 508 Oak Park Ave spoke on library funding.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Transit Commission minutes from October 20, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from November 10, 2025, Site Plan Review Committee Minutes from November 10, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from November 10, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from November 18, 2025, RDA minutes from November 19, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Wetzels made a motion to approve the appointment of Bill Maron – serving partial term expiring May 1, 2027 - replacing Cassandra Wagner to the Police and Fire Commission, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0

Jefferson County EMS Working Group Update provided by Chief Reynen.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Waiver of Conflict from von Briesen & Roper, S.C.), seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Davis made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to execute the Waiver of Conflict, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - October 29 through November 11, 2025 was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 25-23 - Amend Section 453-6(B) Acquisition of facilities; rates and charges (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Arnett moved for adoption of ordinance 25-23 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1 (Berg); Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-24 - Adopt the Planned Development (PD) Overlay District - General Development Plan (GDP) for The Oxbow at 100 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0815-0412-029) and 104 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0915-3343-053) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 25-24 on its first reading with the addition of an 11th condition to include an easement for the Riverwalk, seconded by Ald. Bartz 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. 9801 - Resolution to Enter into a Lease for an Airport Hangar Pad Located at 1820 River Drive, PIN: 291-0815-0931-001 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9801 with the correction to PIN: 291-0815-0933-002, seconded by Ald. Arnett and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9802 - Resolution to participate in WEM Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant for Westside Creek System Study (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9802, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9803 - Resolution to enter into contract with Passenger Transit Inc. for Shared-Ride Taxi Services January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9803, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9804 - Resolution enter into lease with Passenger Transit Inc. For Shared-Ride Taxi Service Vehicles January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027 (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9805, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9805 - Resolution to apply for capital grant from Department of Transportation for 2026 fleet purchases for Shared-Ride Taxi Service (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9806, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9806 - Resolution to apply for operating grant from Department of Transportation for 2026 Shared-Ride Taxi Service (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9806, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

John Katish of 204 W. Main Steet and Danielle Bailey Library Employee spoke on library funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Wetzel moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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