

**Common Council Minutes  
September 6, 2022**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 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 virtually attending Ald. Romlein. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Zoning Administrator Jacob Maas, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen. Virtually attending was Strategic Development/RDA, Alex Allon, and Cable TV Lisa Famularo.

**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, August 16, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Main Street Board minutes from June 21, 2022, Joint Review Board minutes from June 24, 2022, Main Street Board minutes from July 19, 2022, Main Street Board minutes from August 16, 2022, Plan Commission minutes from August 22, 2022, Site Plan Review Minutes from August 22, 2022

**COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McFarland gave employee recognition to Jeff Doyle from the Parks Department for 20-years of service, Kyle Esmeier with the Fire Department for 20-years of service, Carol Quest with the Health Department for 20-years of service, and Max Alexander from Cable TV for five-years of service. Alex Allon gave an update on the Town Square project and Melissa Lampe gave an update on Watertown's Main Street Program and Historical Society.

**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. Weztel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-1 (Ruetten).

**REPORTS & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Payroll Summary - 7/27/2022 to 8/09/2022, July 2022 Credit Card purchases exceeding \$10,000 were entered into record.

**LICENSES:**

Ald. Lampe moved to approve the Application for a Temporary "Class B" License from Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce for the 6th Annual Downtown Watertown Wine Walk located at Rock Chimney & Fireplace, 216 S. Third Street on September 8, 2022, from 4:30pm - 8pm, second by Ald. Ruetten and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **ORDINANCES**

Ord. # 22-65 to adopt the planned unit development – general development plan under section 550-152 for 1018 East Main Street (PIN: 291-0815-0411-201) *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission with positive recommendation* on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 22-65 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Smith. Ald. Smith moved to suspend the rules to combine the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of ordinance 22-65 to allow the planned development to proceed this year, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 22-65 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. # 22-66 to amend Chapter 550, official zoning map of the City of Watertown. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission* 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 22-66 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. # 22-67 to amend Chapter 550: Zoning Code, through the removal & addition of language of Section § 550-521(1)(a), Outdoor Commercial Entertainment Setback. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission* on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 22-67 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 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.*  
None.

### **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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:36 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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