

Common Council Minutes Tuesday September 5, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 5, 2023. 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, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, and Wetzel. Absent was Ald. Bartz and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesch, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (virtual), 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 August 18, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

John Kaliebe of 829 Richards Ave spoke about the organizational structure of the city regarding an Administrator position vs City Mayor position.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from April 18, 2023, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from May 15, 2023, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from June 19, 2023, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from June 20, 2023, Tourism Commission minutes from July 13, 2023, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from July 17, 2023, Finance Committee minutes for August 7, 2023, RDA minutes from August 10, 2023, Public Works minutes from August 22, 2023, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force minutes from August 23, 2023, and RDA minutes from August 30, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Childcare update was given.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve Carol Quest-serving her twenty-third term, Laci Cummings-serving her fourth term, and Anthony Rauterberg – serving his third term to the Watertown Family Connections Board with term end dates of August 2024, seconded by Ald. Board 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. Ald. Wetzel moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summaries - July 26 to August 8, 2023 and August 9 to August 22, 2023 and the July Credit Card Purchases Over \$10,000 were presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 23-20 - Amend Section 500-9(B) Parking Prohibited at Specified Times of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee,

2nd reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 23-20 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-21 - Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown to rezone Parcel Numbers 291-0815-0432-019 and 291-0815-0544-003 from a General Business (GB) Zoning District and Multi-Family Residential (MR-8) Zoning District classification to a Central Business (CB) Zoning District classification (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 1st Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 23-21 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Board (clarification that this is for the new Fire Station) and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-22 - Amend Chapter 550: Zoning Code, through the removal and addition of language to Sections § 550-131.1A(2), § 550-131.1A(3)(a), and § 550-132 Table 550-132A(1) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 1st Reading). Ald. Board moved for adoption of ordinance 23-22 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; 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. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid, and carried by voice vote at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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