Common Council Minutes
Tuesday November 17,

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2026. This meeting was open for attendance in the Watertown Municipal Building at 106 Jones Street.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. Davis, Lampe, Berg, Nitecki, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Haase, and Moldenhauer. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Water/Wastewater Director Pete Hartz, Library Director Mary Lopez, Park and Rec Director Ryan Schmidt (Virtual), Strategic Development Coordinate Deb Sybell (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 Stocks inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Monday, November 2, 2026. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to move employee recognition to this time, seconded Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Walter Pouchert of 600 S. 6th Street, Luke Mielke of 213 S. Monroe St., Andrew Mayo of 1226 Doris St, Tomas Gutiervez of 1115 Ruth St, spoke opposing flock cameras. Francine Gies of 609 W. Main Street, Beth Mueller of N8635 Cty Rd E, Charity Chandler of 105 Oak Hill Ct, Tom Kohls of 250 S. Concord Ave, Tina Peerenboom of 291 Oak Hill Cr Burlington, Mary Lopez of 755 Cherokee Path Lake Mills, Greta Grotelueschen of 621 Sweetbriar Ln, Rebekah Grotelueschen of 621 Sweetbriar Ln, Elizabeth Fritz of 112 N Maple St, Greg Zipfel of 1416 Stoneridge Dr, Shelly Green of 914 Jones St, Patti Wetzel of 625 Mary Knoll Ln, Stephanie Curtis of 1407 Beacon Dr, Lois Oetken of 1342 N 4th St, Elizabeth Howell of 1412 S 9th St spoke on the Library budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Stocks opened the public hearing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan Amendment (Biosolids Treatment Improvements) at 8:08 pm. There being no further comments Mayor Stocks closed the public hearing at 8:08 pm.

Mayor Stocks opened the public hearing for the 2027 Proposed Budget at 8:09 pm. Mike Hoppenrath of 1302 Newcastle Ct spoke on the debt levy. There being no further comments Mayor Stocks closed the public hearing at 8:11 pm.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission Minutes from October 26, 2026, Finance Committee minutes from October 26, 2026, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from November 4, 2026, Plan Commission minutes from November 9, 2026, Site Plan Review minutes from November 9, 2026, Police and Fire Commission minutes from November 9, 2026, Tourism Commission minutes from November 12, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Police Chief Brower gave recognition for Kathy Riedl Police Department for 25 Years, Streets Superintendent gave recognition to Kyle Frey Street Department and Martin Castillo for 5 Years,

Library Director Mary Lopez gave recognition to Noah Chowanec Library for 5 Years. The Fire Department: October 2026 Monthly Data Report was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith made a motion approve the appointment Miranda Kube – serving her first full three-year term expiring November 30, 2029, to the Historic Preservation, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - October 14 through October 27, 2026, and Paid Invoices Report - October 2026 were presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 26-36 - Create a Portion of Section 500-3(B) Stop Intersections of Chapter 500 Traffic Code (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-36 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Haase and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-37 - Amend Chapter 453, Article I Stormwater Management Utility of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Arnett moved for adoption of ordinance 26-37 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Nitecki and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-38 - Amend a portion of Section 500-5, One-way streets and alleys, of Chapter 500 Traffic Code of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 26-38 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-39 - Create a Portion of Section 500-3(B) Stop Intersections of Chapter 500 Traffic Code (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-39 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-40 - Create a portion of Section 500-9(A), Parking Prohibited in Specified Places (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 26-40 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Nitecki 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. 9905 - Resolution to approve the purchase of a Wheel Loader for the DPW - Street/Solid Waste Division (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9905, seconded by Ald. Haase and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9906 - Resolution to approve the purchase of a Tandem Axle Truck Chassis for the DPW - Street/Solid Waste Division (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9906, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9907 - Resolution to approve the purchase of a Tandem Axle Truck Body with Hoist, Hydraulics, Plows and Salters for the DPW - Street/Solid Waste Division (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9907, seconded by Ald. Haase and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9908 - Resolution to Establish Stormwater Utility Service Charges and Rates (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9908, seconded by Ald. Nitecki and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1 (Berg); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9909 - Resolution to Enter into the Agreement for 2027 Tourism Promotion Services between the Watertown Tourism Commission as a Representative of the City of Watertown, the City of Watertown and the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9909, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer 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. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Nitecki, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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