

Common Council Minutes Tuesday May 7, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. 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, Bartz, Blanke, Smith (virtual), Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Schmid. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen, 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, April 16, 2024. Ald. Bartz noted the correction of Ald. David to Ald. Davis. Minutes were accepted with correction.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Mike Hoppenrath spoke on the Allwardt Street Development.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Site Plan Review Minutes from March 11, 2024 – REVISED, Police and Fire minutes from March 12, 2024, Public Safety and Welfare Committee minutes from April 3, 2024, Plan Commission Minutes of April 8, 2024, Tourism Commission minutes from April 11, 2024, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission minutes from April 15, 2024, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from April 16, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from April 22, 2024, Plan Commission minutes from April 22, 2024, RDA minutes from April 24, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

2023 City Annual Report, TDS Fiber Update, Quarter 2 Newsletter were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve Ald. Steve Board – serving his second term expiring April 2025 to the Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force and Nick Krueger- serving a partial term expiring May 2026 replacing Jason Culotta for Board of Review, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by voice vote with Ald. Board abstaining.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - April 3, 2024 through April 16, 2024 was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-13 - Ordinance to Amend Section 410-56 (A) Smoking in Prohibited Places, of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission, 1st Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-13 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer. Ald. Davis made a motion to amend ord. 24-13 to replace the word park with Park and Recreation Areas, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote. Ald. Davis made a motion to approve Ord. 24-13 on the amended motion, seconded by Ald. Lampe. Ald. Lampe made a motion to amend the amended motion for Ord. 24-13 to strike “designated by Park, Recreation, & Forestry Commission in Section 1 A (1)(a) and strike “picnic areas, sports fields, or improvements used to recreational activity, food vendors, lines for

recreational activities in the recreational area” in Section 1 A (1)(b) and add playgrounds, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Davis); Abstain-0. Ald. Blanke made a motion to postpone ordinance 24-13 until a later date when the ordinance has been rewritten, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Davis); Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-14 - Ordinance to amend sections 24-13 of the City of Watertown General Ordinance § 24-13 Airport Commission Membership (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Airport Commission, 1st reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 24-14 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 24-15- Review and recommend: Amend Section 428-8 (A) Definition, (G) Subsection 3 - Open Container, (G) Subsection 7 - Wristbands (Sponsor: Ald. Bartz From: Bentzin Family Town Square Commission, 1st reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 24-15 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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. 9602 - Resolution to approve the nomination of the Masonic Temple (2 East Main Street) as a locally designated landmark (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Historic Preservations & Downtown Design Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9602, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9603 - Resolution to Adopt a Right-of Way Dedication for 672 Johnson Street, PIN #291-0815-0544-004 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9603, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9604 - Resolution to modify Purchasing Policy (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9604, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Board); 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. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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