

Common Council Minutes
Tuesday July 18, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 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, Bartz, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Blanke. 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, Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris (virtual), Town Square Programming Stephanie Juhl (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 Wednesday July 5, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Ken Berg of 1201 Richards Ave, Joe Kallas of 1217 Douglas St., and Bill Maron of 701 Crestview Dr. spoke about the Fire Station.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Licensing Board meeting minutes from June 6, 2023, Tourism meeting minutes from June 8, 2023, Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from June 8, 2023, Special Licensing Board meeting minutes from June 12, 2023, Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from June 12, 2023, Finance Committee meeting minutes from June 26, 2023, Special Licensing Board meeting minutes from July 5, 2023, Public Safety & Welfare meeting minutes from July 5, 2023, Public Works Commission meeting minutes from July 11, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Bradley Bettin with the Police Auxiliary for five years, Raul Nieto Salas with the Police Department for five years, Pamela Capin with the Police Auxiliary for ten years, and Holly Hisel with the Health department for fifteen years. Chief Kaminski and Assistant Chief Olsen also gave recognition to Bettin, Neito, and Caplin.

The Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for June was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe moved to approve the appointment of Andi Merfeld – serving first three-year term ending July 2026 – replacing Kim Rahfeldt and Tom Kohls – serving first three-year term ending July 2026 – replacing Kate Lapin to the Library Board, seconded by Ald. Bartz 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. Moldenhauer moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary from June 14, 2023 - June 27, 2023, and Cash & Investments from June 30, 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Moldenhauer moved to approve applications for Temporary "Class B" Licenses from Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce for the 7th Annual Downtown Watertown Wine Walk located at Wepco 108 S. Sixth Street, Bradow Jewelers 217 E. Main Street, Ava's A Posh Boutique 209 E. Main Street, Oswald Insurance 118 W. Main Street, Elegant Arrangements 116 W. Main Street, Brown's Shoes Co 212 E. Main Street, Draeger's Floral 618 E. Main Street, Rock River Chimney & Fireplace 216 South 3rd Street, White Oak Builders 14 E. Main Street, Central Block 300 E. Main Street, Morgan Ashley Photography 202 South 3rd Street on September 7, 2023 from 4:30pm - 8pm (all other locations are licensed establishments), seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by voice vote with Ald. Board abstaining.

Ald. Bartz moved to approve the Temporary Premises Amendment application by Karah Pugh for Local Waters located at 109 South 3rd St. on September 23, 2023 during the hours of 12pm – 11pm (for Blocktoberfest), with conditions of documented approval from the front facing neighboring businesses/building owners that they do not object to the event provided to the City Clerk, approval of the special event with road closure from city administration, having the entrance to the event be through the back of Local Waters premises, the City providing an exemption to the maximum outside area size, and that there is only one outside exit for safety that is monitored by the event organization, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith moved to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" License for the Marine Corps League Annual Picnic by Bartelme-Schwefel Detachment #349 located at 907 Boomer St. On August 26, 2023, during the hours 12pm-8pm, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Board moved to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" License for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series by Watertown Rotary located at 1 West Main Street (Town Square) on July 29, 2023 during the hours 6pm-9pm, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith moved to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" License for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series from the Watertown Main Street Program located at 1 West Main Street (Town Square) on July 20, 2023 during the hours 6pm-10pm, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe moved to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" and Temporary "Class B" License for Fiesta in the Park from Fiesta Cultural Latino Americana Inc. on September 16, 2023 Located at 1 West Main Street (Town Square) during the hours 10am-6pm, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Moldenhauer moved to approve the application for "Class B" Malt and Liquor from Gasthaus LLC DBA Gasthaus (Tiffany Rhodes, Agent) located at 1500 Bridge Street, Watertown, WI 53094, Seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 23-18 - Ordinance to Amend Section 410-52(C)(1), Possession of Alcohol Beverages on Public Ways of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, First Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 23-18 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe 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. 9523 - Resolution providing for the sale of approximately \$13,080,000 Note Anticipation Notes for public purposes, including paying the cost of constructing and equipping a new fire station (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9523, seconded by Ald. Bartz. Discussion by councilmembers inquiring about previous studies done, other options/locations that were previously considered, response times, location of new building, and next steps in the planning. Brad Veigut with Baird spoke on the anticipated note including, note terms, and payoff amounts. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Smith, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Davis, and carried by voice vote at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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