

**Common Council Minutes
Monday April 6, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026. 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, Berg, Bartz, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Blanke. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief Dabid Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Water/Wastewater Director Pete Hartz, 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 Tuesday, March 17, 2026. There being none, Ald. Smith moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from February 16, 2026, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from February 17, 2026, Finance Committee minutes from March 9, 2026, Airport minutes from March 11, 2026, RDA minutes from March 18, 2026, Public Works minutes from March 24, 2026, Downtown Reconstruction Task Force minutes from March 24, 2026, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from April 1, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Fire Department Monthly Report- February

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith moved to approve Emily Lessner– serving partial three-year term expiring June 30, 2028 - replacing Erin O'Neil - to the Library Board, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Claim of C. Hamlin), seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Arnett made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - March 4 through March 17, 2026, was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 26-08 - Ordinance to Create Section 80-8 Lift Assist Services and Amend Section 410-13(F)(2) Sale and Discharge of Fireworks of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Dana Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 26-08 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-10 - Ordinance to Amend Section 76-8(E) Budget System and Repeal Section 76-10 Service Charge for Tax Exempt Residences of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 26-10 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-11 - Ordinance to Amend Sections 446-13, 446-17, 457-6(A), 457-6(B), 457-6(D), 457-6(F), 457-11(B), 457-12(D)(4), 457-17(A), 457-27(E)(1) AND 484-5(B) of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Arnett moved for adoption of ordinance 26-11 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-12 - Ordinance to Repeal 24-25, 24-26, 24-27 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission, First Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 26-12 on its first 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. 9842 - Resolution to approve Dodge County Grant Agreement (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9842, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9843 - Resolution to Order Fire Department Engine Capital Replacement (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9843, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9844 - Award 2026 Sidewalk Repair Program Contract #8-26 Base Bids A & B to Rennhack Construction Co., Inc. for \$49,400.30 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9844, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9845 - Approve Lease Agreement between Tim Mielke and City of Watertown for use of a portion of 1514 Oconomowoc Avenue (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9845, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9846 - Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Grant Funding Application for Street Sweeper (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9846, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9847 - Support Community Project Funding for Airport Runway Reconstruction/Extension Project (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9847, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9848 - Resolution for City of Watertown Water Systems Authorizing Transfer of Excess Water Utility Funds (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9848, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9849 - Resolution for City of Watertown Water Systems Authorizing Acceptance of Excess Water Utility Funds (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9849, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9850 - Resolution to Enter into an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Watertown and the Watertown Main Street Program (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9850, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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. Wetzel moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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