

Common Council Minutes Tuesday May 2, 2023

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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 (virtual), Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, 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 18, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Nick McGriff of 301 E. Water St. spoke on the vacancy of District 3.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Watertown Public Library Board Minutes from February 9, 2023, Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2023, Historic Preservations and Downtown Design Commission meeting minutes from March 15, 2023, Watertown Public Library Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2023, Park, Recreation, and Forestry Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2023, Watertown Public Library Board Minutes from April 13, 2023, RDA meeting minutes from April 20, 2023, Public Works meeting minutes from April 25, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A presentation was given by the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation on the Watertown Southwest Side Conceptual Neighborhood Plan. The Watertown Fire Department 2022 Annual Report, Watertown Public Library First Quarter Review, and 2022 RDA Impact Report were presented. Discussion on Recusing and Abstaining was given by City Attorney Chesebro.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Ald. Wetzel, second by Ald. Bartz to approve Jason Culotta to the Board of Review for a three-year term ending in May 2026, carried by unanimous voice vote.

District 3 Alderperson Vacancy - Motion by Ald. Blanke, second by Ald. Moldenhauer to select option 1- to fill the vacancy by majority vote of the Common Council at the next council meeting (May 16) with applications due by May 9. Ald. Schmid made a motion to amend the original motion to extend the time to a May 26 application due date with council voting at the June 6 meeting, second by Ald. Wetzel. During the discussion Ald. Schmid called the question. Ald. Blanke called point of order to vote on calling the question, motion to end discussion carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-3 (Blanke, Smith, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0. Ald. Blanke called point of order to clarify voting on the amended motion. Amended motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-3 (Blanke, Smith, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0. Motion to select option 1- to fill the vacancy by majority vote of the Common Council at the June 6 Common Council meeting with applications due by May 26 carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-3 (Blanke, Smith, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0.

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 - April 5, 2023, through April 18, 2023 and March 2023 and Credit Card Over \$10k were presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 23-09 Ordinance to Create Article XIII of Chapter 24 Town Square Programming Commission of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Park, Recreation and Forestry Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 23-09 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-4 (Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0. (Mayor breaking tie vote)

Ord. 23-10 to Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading) - Rezoning of 713 Milford Street. Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 23-10 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-11 to Adopt Amendments to the 2019 City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading) - 407 S. Washington Street. Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 23-11 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-12 to Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading) - Rezoning of 407 S. Washington Street. Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-12 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-13 Amend Section 500-7 C. Temporary Restricted Parking Of The City Of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Public Safety And Welfare Committee, 2nd Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 23-13 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-14 to Amend Section 410-56 (A) Smoking in Prohibited Places, of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Board of Health, 1st Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-14 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Davis. Ald. Schmid made a motion to table this ordinance to a later date, second by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Lampe, Smith); Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-15 - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 428 Article IV Annual Riverfest Celebration of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee, 1st Reading). Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 23-15 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-1(Lampe).

Ord. 23-16 - Ordinance to Amend Section 428-7(C) and Create Section 428-7(M) of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee, 1st Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-16 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, 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. 9508 - Resolution for a budget amendment for design of repair for the West Side Industrial Park west most stormwater ponds (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9508, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9509 - Resolution to authorize write off of uncollectible delinquent personal property taxes (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9509, seconded by Ald. Davis 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. Schmid, and carried by voice vote at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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