

## **Common Council Minutes**

### **August 1, 2023**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 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 (virtual), Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesch, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (virtual), Health Officer Carol Quest (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 Tuesday, July 18, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

#### **COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

Sammuel Ouweneel, Ken Stolar, Jim Drinkwater, Gene Schmidt, Stacy Estudillo, Jacquie Ulm, Trent Kangas, Sue Christian, Sarah Zarling, Linda Kauffeld, Andy Schueler, Sue Germann, Mary Patzer, Marcus Schroeder, Bo Durand, Sarana Stolar, Greg Demet, Dan Bouchette, Jenny Kangas, A.B Hedpen, Bentley Ouweheel spoke on Pride in the Park.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing to Amend Section 550-131.1A(2) to allow for the number of permitted electronic message signs shall be in accordance with § 550-132 Permitted Sign Rules at 8:07pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 8:07pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing to Amend Section 550-131.1A(3)(a) to clarify the size of electronic message sign allowed at 8:08pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 8:08pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing to Amend Section §550-132 – Table 550-132A(1) to clarify the amendments to Sections 550-131.1A(2) and 550-131.1A(3)(a) in the table at 8:09pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 8:09pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing to 621 Bernard Street rezoning request from GB, General Business Zoning District and TR-6 Two-Family Residential Zoning District to CB, Central Business Zoning District for a proposed new fire station at 8:10pm, there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 8:10pm.

#### **REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Housing Authority Minutes for May 18, 2023, Board of Health Minutes from May 23, 2023, Finance Committee minutes from July 10, 2023, Public Works Minutes July 25, 2023 (note of correction to attendance).

#### **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-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

The Payroll Summary - June 28 - July 11, 2023 and the June Credit Card Purchases Over \$10,000 were presented.

## **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, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 23-18 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23 - 19 Ordinance to Amend Sections 550-25F(2)(b), 550-53C(1)(d), 550-105J(1) and 550-132 Table 550-132A(3) of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission with positive recommendation, First Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 23-19 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. Ald. Smith moved to suspend the rules and combine both first and second readings of ordinance 23-19, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1 (Schmid); Abstain-0. Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 23-19 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel 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. 9524 - Resolution to approve Watertown Southwest Side Conceptual Neighborhood Plan (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission with positive recommendation). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9524, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9525 - Resolution to adopt updated Title VI Plan (Sponsor: Ald. Schmid From: Transit Commission). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9525, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9526 - Resolution to endorse an updated highway functional classification system map for the City of Watertown Urban Area (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Bartz moved to table resolution 9526 to come back with an updated map, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9527 - Resolution to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Election Commission for the 2023 absentee ballot envelope subgrant program (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9527, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

Bentley Ouweneel and Jim Drinwater spoke on Pride in the Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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