

**Common Council Minutes
October 3, 2023**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 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, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer (virtual). 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, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Assistant Engineer Andrew Beyers (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, September 19, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Transit Commission minutes from July 31, 2023, Library Board of Trustees minutes from August 10, 2023, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from August 21, 2023, Finance minutes from September 11, 2023, Plan Commission minutes from September 11, 2023, Tourism Meeting minutes from September 14, 2023, Library Board of Trustees Minutes: September 14, 2023, Public Works minutes from September 26, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Watertown Fire Department August Monthly Report was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Bartz made a motion to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Main Street Watertown, LLC n/k/a Riverhouse on the Rock, LLC), seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9 (Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Moldenhauer, Davis, Lampe, Board); No-0.

Ald. Board made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Board made a motion to direct the City Attorney to send notice of the City cancelling the agreement with Riverhouse on the Rock, LLC and demanding return of the property within 60 calendar days, further directing the Mayor and City Staff to develop an RFP for development of the property to be issued after the return of the property, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-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. Blanke, and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - September 6, 2023 - September 19, 2023 and Cash and Investments - August 31, 2023 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the Temporary Secondary Location for Kellermeister Beverages LLC d/b/a BrewFinity Brewing for an event at the Bentzin Family Town Square on October 15, 2023, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. 9535 - Resolution to enter into an Exercise of Option year four with Passenger Transit (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9535, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9536 - Resolution to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2024 Urban Forestry Grant (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Commission). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9536, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9537 - Resolution to update Health Department Facility Fee Schedule (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9537, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9538 - Resolution to approve State Municipal Financial Agreement for reconstruction of Western Avenue from S. First Street from S. Third Street to Milwaukee Street in 2025 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9538, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9539 - Resolution supporting submittal of STP Urban funding application - Labaree Street (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9539, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9540 - Resolution to support TAP Grant application submittal - S. Church Street Shared-Use Path (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9540, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9541 - Resolution to Enter into the 2024 Service Agreement between the City of Watertown, Wisconsin and the Watertown Humane Society (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9542, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9542 - Resolution to Approve the Transfer of 100 Western Avenue, Watertown (PIN: 291-0815-0424-088) to the City of Watertown, Raze the Structure and Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Addressing Safety Concerns at 100 Western Avenue, Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9542, seconded by Ald. Blanke – anticipated time to start October 9th, 2023. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9543 - Resolution to Approve Applying for Wisconsin DNR Recycling Grant (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9543, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Lampe, and carried by voice vote at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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