

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday September 1, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 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, Nitecki (virtual arriving at 7:50 p.m.), Blanke, Smith, Arnett (virtual), Haase, and Moldenhauer. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, 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, August 18, 2026. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Dr. Bob Rupnow of 313 S. 9th Street spoke about the speed of traffic on 9th street.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission minutes from August 10, 2026, Site Plan Review minutes from August 10, 2026, Finance Committee minutes from August 10, 2026, Police & Fire Commission minutes from August 10, 2026, Public Works Commission minutes from August 11, 2026, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from August 17, 2026, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from August 18, 2026, Watertown Main Street Program minutes from August 18, 2026, RDA Board minutes from August 19, 2026, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from August 26, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Fire Chief Reynen gave a presentation on the Watertown Fire Department. Main Street Program Quarterly Report was provided by Stefanie Broere.

*Ald. Blanke made a motion to move the section New Business to after Resolutions and Resolution 9891 to be considered after New Business, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Blanke made a motion to take all closed session items together, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith 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 Rupnow) (Solar Power) and per §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate 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 (Indoor Pool), seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Nitecki and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to deny the claim of Rupnow, seconded by Ald. Nitecki and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approval the Amendment to the Indoor Pool Agreement, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - August 05 through August 18, 2026 was presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 26-26 - Ordinance to amend the adopted Planned Development (PD) Overlay District - General Development Plan (GDP) for The Oxbow at 100 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0815-0412-029) and 104 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0915-3343-053) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Berg moved for adoption of ordinance 26-26 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-2 (Arnett, Haase); Abstain-0.

Ord. 26-27 - Ordinance to amend the adopted Planned Development (PD) Overlay District - Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for The Oxbow at 100 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0815-0412-029) and 104 E. Division Street (PIN: 291-0915-3343-053) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Berg moved for adoption of ordinance 26-27 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-2 (Arnett, Haase); 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. 9889 - Resolution to urge the State of Wisconsin to strength enforcement and coordination to combat human sex trafficking (Sponsor: Ald. Blanke). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9889, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer. Ald. Davis made a motion to send back to Ald. Blanke for revision, seconded by Ald. Smith and failed by roll call vote: Yes-3 (Davis, Smith, Moldenhauer); No-5 (Lampe, Berg, Blanke, Arnett, Haase); Abstain-0. Motion to approve carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-2 (Davis, Lampe); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9890 - Resolution to approve new solid waste rates (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9890, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9891 - Resolution to Amend 2026 General Fund [01] Budget (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9891, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; 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. Arnett moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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