

Common Council Minutes Tuesday August 20, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. 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. City staff present were Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (virtually), Strategic Coordinator Mason Becker, Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris (virtually), 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, August 6, 2024. Minutes were accepted with correction noted by Ald. Bartz.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Kathy Riedl and Barrett Selck of 900 S. 8th St. spoke in appreciation to the purposed Inclusive Park. Eric Schmid of 605 LaFayette St. addressed comments being made regarding endorsements. Robert Feldman of 1300 Newcastle Ct., Joe Kallas of 1217 Douglas Ave., Laurie Hoffman of 1009 N. Second St., Mike Hoppenrath of 1302 Newcastle Ct., spoke opposing the rezone and compressive plan amendment for Allwardt St. Elizabeth Fritz of 112 N. Maple St. spoke in favor of the rezone and plan amendment. Kory Krieser made comment representing the developer for the Allwardt St project.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing to Vacate and discontinue a portion of Jones Street open at 7:16pm, there being no comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:16pm.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Finance Committee minutes from July 22, 2024, and Public Safety minutes from August 7, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave an update on the Inclusive Recreational Area at Riverside Park future project at Riverside Park – information will be made available on the city website.

Information on the upcoming Battle of the Badges Softball Game happening on August 25, 2024, was given and the FD Monthly Report for July was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Board made a motion to approve the appointment of Carol Quest – serving her twenty-third one-year term expiring August 2025, Laci Cummings – serving her fourth one-year term expiring August 2025 and Tanya Reynen – serving her first one-year term expiring August 2025 replacing Tony Rauterberg to the Watertown Family Connections, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection the Finance Department.)

Accounts Payable - July 2024 were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - July 24, 2024 to August 6, 2024 and Cash and Investments - July 31, 2024 were presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-17 - Adopt Amendments to the 2019 City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan for 1310 Allwardt Street (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-17 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz. Ald. Schmid made a motion to table the ordinance to a later date, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and failed on by roll call vote: Yes-4; No-5(Davis, Lampe, Board, Bartz, Smith); Abstain-0. Motion failed by roll call vote: Yes-3; No-6 (Davis, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-18 - Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown to rezone 1310 Allwardt Street from SR-4, Single-Family Residential to MR-10, Multi-Family Residential (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-18 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and failed by roll call vote: Yes-3; No-6 (Davis, Blanke, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-19 Adopt the Planned Unit Development (PUD) - General Development Plan (GDP) under Section 550-152 for Areas C(b), H, I, and K of Bielinski Hunter Oaks Development (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-19 on its 2nd 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. 9638 - Resolution to approve Fire Station Utility Easement: (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9638, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9639 - Resolution to update the 2024 Payroll Resolution to adjust pay grade for Wastewater Division Laboratory Manager Grade J to Grade M (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9639, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9640 - Resolution to update 2024 Payroll Resolution to add position of Civil Staff Engineer (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9640, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9641 - Resolution to approve Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Urban Area Boundary Map (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9641, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9642 - Resolution to award Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Master Plan Project to HKGI for \$99,700 and enter into three-party agreement (Sponsor: Steve Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9642, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh 9643 - Resolution to apply and accept the Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant Resolution. (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9643, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9644 - Resolution for Urban Forestry Grant (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9644, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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