

**Common Council Minutes
October 7, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. 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, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett (virtual), Wetzel, and Moldenhauer. City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos (virtual), 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, September 16, 2025. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Rev. Dr. Christopher Ross of 432 W. Clover St. spoke on warming shelters. Eric Schmid of 605 Lafayette St. spoke on city on parks.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Historic Preservation minutes from August 27, 2025, Site Plan Review minutes from September 8, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from September 8, 2025, Police & Fire Commission minutes from September 8, 2025, Tourism minutes from September 11, 2025, Public Safety & Welfare minutes from September 16, 2025, RDA minutes from September 17, 2025, Public Works minutes from September 23, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Morgan Wilke with Dodge County and Madison Area Tech College workforce efforts presented information. Public Works Director, Andrew Beyer gave an update on the 2028 Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Project.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - September 3 through September 16, 2025, was presented.

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. 9789 - Resolution to approve WDNR urban forestry grant for City of Watertown Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9789, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9790 - Resolution to approve the Updated UPS Parking Lot Agreement (Sponsor: Mayor Robert Stocks From: Finance Committee). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9790, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9791 - Resolution to enter into lease with Passenger Transit Inc. for Shared-Ride Taxi Service Vehicles (Sponsor: Ald. Smith From: Transit Commission). Ald. Smith moved to adopt

resolution 9791, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe 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 from Kobe Wuestenberg), seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9 (Lampe, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel, Moldenhauer, Davis); No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Davis made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9 (Davis, Lampe, Berg, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Arnett, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to deny the Claim for damages from Kobe Wuestenberg, 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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Blanke, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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