

Common Council Minutes

June 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 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, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro (virtual), Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Captain Jonathan Caucutt, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Water Department Tim Hayden, 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, May 20, 2025. There being none, Ald. Arnett moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Rev. Dr. Christopher Ross of Cottage Grove, Jeremy Schmidt of 1011 Meadow Street, Francine Gies of 609 W. Main Street, Barb Weiss of 1118 Riverview Lane, Elizabeth Fritz of 112N. Maple Street spoke on behalf of the organization Building a Welcoming Watertown and the concern on lack of warming shelters in the winter. Ron Bartles of 868 Brentwood Lane spoke regarding the Water Department no longer having deduct meters for residents.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Stocks opened the public hearing for the Amendments to Chapter 545: Subdivision of Land, through amendments to Sections §545-14A(5), §545-42C(5), § 545-42C(7), and §545-50 at 7:15. There being no further comment Mayor Stocks closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Stocks opened the public hearing to Amend Chapter 550: Zoning Code, through the amendment of language to Section §550-150 at 7:16. There being no further comment Mayor Stocks closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Public Works minutes from May 6, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from May 12, 2025, Public Works minutes from May 13, 2025, Downtown Main Street Task Force minutes from May 27, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Watertown Fire Department monthly report for April was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith moved to approve the committee appointment for Steve Board to the Tourism Commission – serving first term expiring May 2026 (replacing Conrad Talaga), seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 25-10 - Amend Chapter 550 of the Official Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning of 848 Milford Street of Edge Field Subdivision from Single-Family Residential (SR-4) to Two-Family Residential

(TR-6) (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Arnett moved for adoption of ordinance 25-10 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 25-11 - Amend Section 500-3B. Stop Intersections of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 25-11 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer 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. 9755 - Resolution to approve Vietnam Memorial Wall in Aero Park (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9755, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9756 - Resolution to approve the purchase of the HVAC system for the Wastewater Administrative Building (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9756, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9757 - Resolution to approve purchase of a Trailer-Mounted High-Pressure Sewer Jetter (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9757, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9758 - Resolution to award Emmet Utility Extension Project Design to Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) for \$64,800 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9758, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Rev. Dr. Christopher Ross of Cottage Grove spoke on warming shelters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Berg moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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