

Common Council Minutes

May 21, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 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, Wetzell and Moldenhauer. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Park and Rec Director Kristine Butteris, Town Square Programmer Stephanie Juhl (virtual), Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, 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, May 7, 2024. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Ben Peterson of 205 Dewey Ave, Karah Pugh of Ixonia (bar owner in Watertown), Nicole and Robert Smith of 1301 Allerman Drive (bar owner in Watertown), Robert Loggans of 812 Fieldstone Way, Mary Ann Lazzell of 10 Oakridge Court, Anna Schmid of 605 Lafayette Street, and Erin Schroeder of 1411 S. 10th Street (bar owner in Watertown) all spoke against BrewFinity setting up in Watertown at Town Square events. Ian Pilak (virtual) of 208 S. 8th Street spoke in favor of BrewFinity attending Town Square events in Watertown.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Police and Fire Commission minutes from April 8, 2024, Licensing Board minutes from April 10, 2024, Public Safety and Welfare minutes from May 1, 2024, Site Plan Review Minutes from May 13, 2024, and the Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from May 14, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave employee recognition to Carl Schuett with Department of Public Works Street Division for thirty years, Chris Karnatz with the Police Department for twenty-five years, Ian Keats, Mike Roehl, and James Simon with the Police Department for ten years, and to Steph Mazzoni with the Fire/Administration Department for five years. Chief Brower presented Officer Keats with his recognition certificate and Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman presented Carl Schuett with his.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Board made a motion to approve Emily Lessner – serving her second three-year term expiring May 2027, Julie Chapman – serving her first three-year term expiring May 2027, Jennifer Clayton – serving her first three-year term expiring May 2027, Brad Clark – serving his fourth three-year term expiring May 2027 to the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission, Melissa Lampe – serving her first three-year term expiring May 2027 to the Planning Commission, Melissa Lampe – serving her first three-year term expiring May 2027 to the Police and Fire Commission, Conrad Talaga – serving a one-year term expiring May 2025, Cheryl Mitchell – serving a one-year term expiring May 2025, Courtney Krause – serving a one-year term expiring May 2025 to the Tourism Commission, Bonnie Hertel – serving her second one-year term expiring May 2025, Dave Zimmermann – serving his second one-year term expiring May 2025 to the Town Square Programming Commission and Jerry Kolwinska – serving a partial one-year term expiring May

2025 replacing Stephen Simpson to the Board of Review, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by voice vote with Ald. Lampe abstaining.

Discussion and presentation from F Street for a townhome redevelopment concept for a portion of the N. First Street municipal parking lot between Jones Street and E. Madison Street.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Accounts payable were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - April 17, 2024 through April 30, 2024 and Cash and Investments - April 30, 2024 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine license from Fiesta Cultural.org at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Fiesta at the Park event on Saturday, August 31, 2024, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer license from Watertown Main Street Program at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Summer Concert Series event on Saturday, June 8, 2024, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by voice vote with Ald. Board abstaining.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the applications for Temporary Class "B" Beer Licenses for the Watertown Craft Beer & Seltzer Walk event hosted by Watertown Main Street Program on July 13, 2024, during the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Locations include: 2oh!2 Salon Suites, 202 W Main St; Fuelify, 114 N Water St; Bradow Jewelers, 217 E Main St; Brown's Shoe Fit Co, 212 E Main St; Central Block Kitchen & Design, 300 E Main St; Latte Donatte, 501 E Main St; Literatus & Co, 401 E Main St; White Oak Builders, 14 E Main St; Wilder's Plants & More, 314 E Madison St; and Ava's A Posh Boutique, 209 E Main St., seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer license from Watertown Moose Lodge 830 at 1222 Juneau St for the Car Show event on Thursday, June 13, 2024, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer license from Whitetails Unlimited at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Summer Concert Series events on Saturday, August 17, and Saturday, August 24, 2024, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by voice vote with Ald. Bartz abstaining.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the request for a Producer Full-Service Retail Sales to sell beer and wine from BrewFinity Brewing for Thirsty Thursdays Beer Garden Series at Bentzin Family Town Square on June 13, July 11, August 15, and September 12, 2024 during the hours of 5pm - 9pm and for the Summer Concert Series on June 15, 2024 from 5pm - 9pm, seconded by Ald. Bartz. During discussion, Ald. Blanke called the question, seconded by Ald. Bartz and failed by roll call vote: Yes-4; No-5 (Davis, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0. Ald. Schmid made a motion to take the item back to the Licensing Board to clarify how this falls in regard to the Special Event process and how licensing is incorporated into that along with how all the fee schedules are going to work and how it pertains to Park and Rec along with restricting BrewFinity down to only selling items that they produce (beer), seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-1 (Davis); Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to deny the application for operator's license from Brandan S. Jolliff due to Cat. 1 of the Watertown Licensing Guidelines, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-13 - Ordinance to Amend Section 410-56 (A) Smoking in Prohibited Places of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Lampe From: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission, 1st Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-13 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel. After discussion Ald. Schmid made a motion to refer the ordinance back to the Parks and Recreation Commission, seconded by Ald. Smith. Ald. Davis made a motion to amend the motion to refer the ordinance back to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Board of Health, seconded by Ald. Lampe and failed by roll call vote: Yes-4; No-5 (Bartz, Blanke, Schmid, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); Abstain-0. Motion to refer ordinance back to the Parks and Recreation Commission carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-4 (Lampe, Boards, Blanke, Smith); Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-14 - Ordinance to amend sections 24-13 of the City of Watertown General Ordinance § 24-13 Airport Commission Membership (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Airport Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 24-14 on its reading 2nd, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 24-15 - Ordinance to amend Section 428-8 (A) Definition, (G) Subsection 3 - Open Container, (G) Subsection 7 - Wristbands (Sponsor: Ald. Bartz From: Bentzin Family Town Square Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 24-15 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-16 - Creation of Section 247-5(D) ordinance to regulate boating upon the Rock River and prescribing penalties for violation thereof (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee, 1st Reading). Ald. Davis made a motion to suspend the rules to combine the 1st and 2nd readings of ordinance 24-16, seconded by Ald. Board carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0. Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 24-16 on its 1st and 2nd readings, seconded by Ald. Lampe 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. 9605 - Resolution to Designate Official Newspaper (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9605, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9606 - Resolution for Drinking water well #5 rehabilitation (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9606, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9607 - Resolution for West drinking water treatment plant new roof (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9607, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9608 - Resolution for Wastewater Treatment Plant launder covers (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9608, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9609 - Resolution to Approve Purchase of Single Axle Truck Body (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9609, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9610 - Resolution to Approve Purchase of Single Axle Truck Chassis (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9610, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9611 - Resolution to Approve Purchase of Rubber Track Excavator (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9611, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9612 - Resolution to Approve Purchase of Replacement Salt Shed Doors (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9612, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9613 - Resolution to Approve Purchase of Towable Brush Chipper (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9613, seconded by Ald. Board. Ald. Lampe made a motion to amend to change year from 2025 to 2024, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9614 - Resolution to approve Law Enforcement Services for the RNC (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9614, seconded by Ald. Schmid 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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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