

**Common Council Minutes  
Tuesday February 20, 2024**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 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, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Smith. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Parks Director Kristine Butteris, 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 McFarland inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, February 6, 2024. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

No comments were received.

**REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Licensing Board minutes from December 13, 2023, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from December 19, 2023, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from January 15, 2024, Plan Commission minutes from January 22, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from January 22, 2024, Public Safety minutes from February 7, 2024, Site Plan Review Minutes from February 12, 2024, Public Works minutes from February 13, 2024.

**COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor McFarland gave recognition to James Frey with the Parks Department for twenty-five years and Daun Kuehl with Department of Public Works for twenty-five years.

Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2024 was presented.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Accounts Payable - January 2024 Paid Invoices were presented.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

The Payroll Summary - Jan 24, 2024 to Feb 06, 2024 and Cash and Investments - January 31, 2024 was presented.

**LICENSES:**

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" and Temporary "Class B" license from Luther Prep School Booster Club at 1300 Western Ave (school gym) for the Lives Prepared Auction Gala on April 20, 2024, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the applications for Temporary "Class B" Licenses for the Whiskey and Wine Walk event hosted by Watertown Chamber of Commerce on April 27, 2024, during the hours of 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Locations include Ava's Posh Boutique, 209 E. Main St., Bradow Jewelers, 217 E. Main St., Brown's Shoe Fit Co., 212 E. Main St., Central Block, 416 E. Main St., Draeger's Floral, 616 E. Main St., Literatus & Co, 401 E. Main St., White Oak Builders,

14 E. Main St., and Studio 9, 9 E. Main St., seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **ORDINANCES**

Ord. 24-06 - Amend Section 76-6 Accounts Payable, Section 114-7 D Rules of Procedure, Rule 4 (10), and Section 114-7 I Rule 9 Accounts Payable of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee, 2nd reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 24-06 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-08 - Amend Section 398-20 Concession in the parks (Sponsor Ald. Lampe From: Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-08 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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. 9581 - Resolution to issue the sale of approximately \$3,120,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9581, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9582 - Resolution to issue the sale of approximately \$14,695,000 Note Anticipation Notes (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9582, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-1 (Moldenhauer); Abstain-0.

Exh. 9583 - Resolution to Approve Lease of Crop Land to Rosy-Lane Holsteins LLC (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9583, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9584 - Resolution to update the world migratory bird day resolution from March 6, 2018 (Sponsor: Ald. Jonathan Lampe From: Park, Rec, and Forestry). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9584, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9585 - Resolution to adopt City of Watertown Flood Control Master Plan (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9585, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9586 - Resolution to adopt Extraordinary Fee Schedule for Special Events (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Davis moved to adopt resolution 9586, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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 voice vote at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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