

Common Council Minutes
April 16, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. This meeting was open for attendance in the council chambers as well as virtually.

INTRODUCE RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OATH OF OFFICES GIVEN

Introductions and the Oath of Office was given to Jonathan Lampe, District 2, Dan Bartz, District 4, Fred Smith, District 6, and Bob Wetzal, District 8.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. Davis, Lampe, Board, Bartz, Blanke, Smith, Wetzal and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Schmid. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer (virtual), Zoning Administrator Brian Zirbes (virtual), and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor McFarland opened the floor for Council President nominations. Ald. Moldenhauer nominated Ald. Smith and Ald. Bartz nominated Ald. Lampe for Council President. Ballot vote was taken resulting in Ald. Smith receiving 5 votes and Ald. Lampe receiving 3. Ald. Smith was re-elected as Council President.

ELECTION OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor McFarland opened the floor for Plan Commission member nominations. Ald. Smith nominated Ald. Blanke as Plan Commission member. There being no other nominations received, Mayor McFarland closed the floor. Ald. Blanke was re-elected as Plan Commission member by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor McFarland inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Monday April 1, 2024. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing on the proposed designation of the Masonic Temple building located at 2 East Main Street as a locally Designated Landmark at 7:11pm, Melissa Lampe spoke in favor of the designation, there being no further comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:12pm.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Licensing Board minutes from March 13, 2024, Finance Committee Minutes from March 25, 2024, Plan Commission Minutes from March 25, 2024, Downtown Main St. Task Force Minutes 3.27.24, Finance Committee & Public Works Commission Minutes from March 28, 2024, Town Square Programming Commission Minutes from April 3, 2024, RDA Minutes from April 3, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from April 8, 2024, Public Works minutes for April 9, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Mike Zitelman with the Waste/Water Department for thirty years and Mark Pitterle in the Department of Public Works Street Division for twenty-five years.

Mayor McFarland gave recognition to Melissa Lampe and presented her with a Distinguished Service Award. The council thanked Lampe for all that she has done for the community.

JCEDC/ThriveED presentation was given, Watertown Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2024 was presented, and Jody Purtell was introduced as the new Main Street Director. Jody gave an update on recent Main Street program activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Lampe made a motion to approve Jacob Mass – serving first three-year term ending May 2027 – replacing Paul Dettman, Mike Rollert – serving third three-year term ending May 2027, Aari Roberts—serving first three-year term ending May 2027 as alternate, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Jody Purtell – replacing Melissa Lampe as the Main Street Director to the Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force, and Jody Purtell – serving partial term ending May 2025 – replacing Melissa Lampe to the Town Square Programming Commission, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the Common Council Committee appointments presented by the mayor, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried unanimous by voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Certified accounts were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - March 20 to April 2, 2024, and Cash and Investments - March 31, 2024 were presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the application for a "Class B" Malt and Liquor license from Saldivar Food Services LLC DBA Jordy's Steak House and Bar located at 1632 S. Church Street and to appoint Luis Saldivar as agent contingent on required inspections being passed, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve the application for a "Class A" Malt and Liquor license from KK Grewal 2 Inc DBA Watertown Wine and Liquor Store located at 1668 S. Church Street and to appoint Kulwant Grewal as agent contingent on all required inspections being met, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer license from Watertown Rotary Club at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series event on the following days: Friday, June 21, 2024 from 6pm - 10pm; Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 6pm - 9pm; and Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 6pm - 9pm, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine license from Watertown Rotary Club at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series event on the following days: Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 11am to 7:30pm and Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 6pm to 9pm, 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 Rock River Community Clinic at Riverside Park for the Tour Da Goose event on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 12pm - 5pm. Seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Bartz made a motion to approve the application for Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine license from Watertown Athletic Booster Club at Bentzin Family Town Square for the Summer Concert Series - Music on the Square event on Saturday, September 14, 2024, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Blanke made a motion to deny the application for operator's license from Michelle R Anzivino due to Cat III and Cat V of the C. of Watertown licensing guidelines, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24 – 12 - Amend Chapter 550: through the removal and addition of language to § 550-25F(1)(a)[2], § 550-25F(2)(b), § 550-25F(2)(c), § 550-32C(2), § 550-33C(2), § 550-15, and § 550-126A (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, 2nd Reading). Ald. Blanke moved for adoption of ordinance 24-12 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Board 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. 9600 - Resolution to Recognize Melissa Lampe- Main St. Program service (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9600, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9601 - Resolution to approve State Municipal Financial Agreement for Highway 16 Roundabout and Resurfacing Project (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9601, seconded by Ald. David 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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:51p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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