

Common Council Minutes

July 5, 2022

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 5, 2022. This meeting was open for attendance in the council chambers as well as virtually.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. David, Ruetten, Lampe, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Wetzell and Romlein. Absent was Ald. Schmid. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Assistant Engineer Andrew Beyers, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen. Virtually attending was City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway, Engineering Project Manager Rich Piltz.

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 July 21, 2022. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Louise Genge of N973 Walton Rd, Ken Stolar of 119 N Washington St., Mike Cederberg of N8579 Hill Top Rd, John Daniel of 121 Sand St., Steve Kauffeld of W8370 Long Rd, Linda Kauffeld of W8370 Long Rd, Gene Schmidl of 330 E. Haven, Tami Cederberg of N8579 Hilltop Rd, Sam Ouweheel of 317 S. Eighth St., Bentley Ouweheel of 317 S. Eighth St. Jane Cher of 210 W. Haven Dr., Bob Buecker of 1216 Lousia St., Shelly Buecker of 1216 Lousia St. and Phil Braatz of 1306 S. Third St. all spoke on the special event Pride in the Park.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland opened the 2022 New Sidewalk Construction public hearing at 7:33pm. Brittany Hutchison of 122 Milwaukee Street, Johnson Creek spoke on behalf of the Oak Hill Cemetery. Hutchison stated that the cost of this construction if given to the cemetery, will cause them to fail with the only option of turning the cemetery over the city to maintain. Spoke about without the help they provide in maintaining the cemetery and the knowledge they bring with understanding cemetery law, will cost the city a lot of money. She hopes to see the city motion against requiring the cemetery to pay for this construction so they can continue to be owners of the cemetery. There being no further public comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:35pm.

Mayor McFarland opened the 2022 Curb and Gutter Replacement public hearing at 7:36pm. There being no public comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:37pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission minutes from May 9, 2022, Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from June 14, 2022, Public Works Commission minutes from June 14, 2022, Finance Committee meeting minutes from June 16, 2022, Public Works Commission minutes from June 28, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Ald. Ruetten moved to approve the appointments of Jeff Doyle as Weed Commissioner, Aaron David serving second three-year term ending July 2025 to Tourism Commission, Steven Board for an interim three-year term ending July 2025 to Tourism Commission, Bill Berger serving second six-year term ending July 2028 to Airport Commission, Christopher Koppes serving second three-year term ending July 2025 to Library Board, Erin O'Neill serving first full three-year

term ending July 2025 to Library Board, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by unanimous voice vote. Town Square update was provided.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Certified accounts were presented. Ald. Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

REPORTS & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary – June 01, 2022 to June 14, 2022

LICENSES:

None.

ORDINANCES

Ord. # 22-62 - Ordinance to adopt the Planned Unit Development – General Development Plan (GDP) under section 550-152 for 702 Welsh Road (PIN: 291-0915-3113-002) *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission.* Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 22-63 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. # 22-63 - Ordinance to amend the City of Watertown General Ordinances to reflect departmental restructuring. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 22-63 on its 2nd reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by a 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. 9404 – Resolution to update Employee Handbook Compression. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Lampe moved to approve resolution 9404, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9405 - Resolution to update Employee Handbook Sick Leave for Part Time. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Licht moved to approve resolution 9405, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9406 - Resolution to approve N. Fourth Street Water Main Design Change Order with Robert E. Lee & Associates for \$18,000.00. *Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission.* Ald. Wetzel moved to approve resolution 9406, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Romlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Davis, and carried by voice vote at 8:03 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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