

**Common Council Minutes  
Tuesday January 6, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:0 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. 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 (virtual). City staff present were Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Parks Director Kristine Butteris (virtual), 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, December 16, 2025. There being none, Ald. Blanke moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

None received.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Stocks opened the public hearing for the Transit Adult Fare Increase at 7:04 pm. There being no comments, Mayor Stocks closed the public hearing at 7:04 pm.

**REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Tourism minutes from December 11, 2025, RDA minutes from December 17, 2025, Site Plan Review minutes from December 22, 2025.

**COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Watertown Fire Department Monthly Reports for October & November 2025 were presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Davis made a motion to convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Claim of M. Powers), seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Davis made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to deny the claim for damages of M. Powers, seconded by Ald. Arnett and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Wetzel made a motion to convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Claim of M. Reed), seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Bartz made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to deny the claim for damages of M. Reed, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Payroll Summary - November 26 through December 9, 2025 and Paid Invoices Report - November 2025 were presented.

## **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. 9816 - Resolution to Accept the Dedication of Park Land for Hepp Heights Phase III in the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor Stocks From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9816, seconded by Ald. Arnett 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. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Arnett, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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