

Common Council Minutes Tuesday July 2, 2024

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 2, 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, and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Smith and Wetzell. City staff present were Police Sergeant Caucutt, 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.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor McFarland inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday June 18, 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 for the Rezone 700 Hoffman Drive from PO, Planned Office and Institutional to SR-4, Single Family Residential; TR-6, Two-Family Residential; and MR-10, Multi-Family Residential to create an 88-lot subdivision at 7:01 p.m., there being no comment Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: HP Design Minutes from March 7, 2024, Tourism minutes from May 9, 2024, Plan Commission minutes from June 10, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from June 10, 2024, Park, Recreation, and Forestry minutes from June 17, 2024, Finance Committee minutes from June 18, 2024, Senior Center Advisory Board minutes from June 18, 2024, RDA minutes from June 19, 2024, Town Square Planning Commission Minutes from June 19, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Board made a motion to approve Eric Wegner – serving a partial six-year term expiring July 2028 replacing Bill Berger as an individual who utilizes the airport to the Airport Commission, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - May 29, 2024 through June 11, 2024 was 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. 9623 - Initial Resolution to discontinue public way on Jones Street near its intersection with N. First Street (Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9623, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9624 - Resolution to modify 2024 Fund 01 budget (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9624, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9625 - Resolution to Enter into a Lease for an Airport Hangar Located at 1819 River Drive, PIN: 291-0815-0931-001 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9625, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9626 - Resolution to Enter into a Lease for an Airport Hangar Located at 1832 River Drive, PIN: 291-0815-0931-001 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9626, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9627 - Resolution to Approve US Cellular equipment upgrades on City Hall Tower (Sponsor: Alder. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 2627, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9628 - Resolution to Award 2024 Sidewalk Placement Program Contract #11-24 to Next Generation Construction, LLC, Beloit, WI (Sponsor: Ald. Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9628, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; 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. Board moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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