

## **Common Council Minutes**

### **Monday April 3, 2023**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 3, 2023. 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, Ruetten, Bartz, Licht, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Romlein. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Travis Teesh, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Health Officer Carol Quest, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen. Virtually attending were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Engineering Department Ritchie Piltz, Public Works Director Jaynellen Holloway, and Storm Water Manager Maureen McBroom.

#### **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, March 21, 2023. 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 Hunter Oaks Planned Unit Development Plan (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP) at 7:02 p.m., John Donovan, manager for Bielinski gave an overview of the project plan. Comments from Melvin Teska of 622 Belmont Dr. and Richard Radtke of 1220 Steeplechase Dr. were received. Mr. Radtke spoke in favor but brought up the concern of the discontinuing road in area A-D. He spoke about the concern of congestion during high traffic times. Mr. Teska also spoke on this concern and about Fire and EMS accessibility to the area. There being no further public comment, Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

#### **REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Senior Center Advisory Board Minutes from December 20, 2022, Board of Health Minutes of January 31, 2023, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Minutes from February 20, 2023, RDA Minutes March 15, 2023, Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force March 22, 2023 Minutes.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Stephanie Curtis with Watertown Family Connections gave an update on their organization and collaborative efforts with the community. Health Officer Carol Quest presented the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment Report. Ald. Davis, Lampe and Schmid spoke on the topic. Wisconsin Department of Health Services 140 Review approval letter was presented to council, Ald. Smith gave recognition to those involved.

#### **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-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Payroll Summaries - February 22, 2023 to March 7, 2023 and March 8 to March 21, 2023, Credit Card Purchases over \$10,000- January and February, 2023 were presented.

### **ORDINANCES**

Ord 23-04 - Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 341 Impact Fees and Article IV Excess Capacity Sewer Service Charge of Chapter 508 Wastewater Facilities (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-04 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord 23-05 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 288 Articles I & II, Erosion and Sediment Control (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 23-05 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Licht and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-06 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 356, Landscaping (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-06 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-07 - Ordinance to amend Articles I and II of Chapter 453, Stormwater Management (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of ordinance 23-07 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 23-08 - Ordinance to create Article III of Chapter 453, Stormwater Management (Sponsor: Alderperson Wetzel From: Public Works Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption of ordinance 23-08 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Ald. Romlein 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. Licht moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by voice vote at 7:59 p.m.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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