

## **Common Council Minutes January 2, 2024**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 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, Bartz, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Board and Blanke. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Deputy Fire Chief Rauterberg, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Assistant Engineer Andrew Beyer, Utilities Superintendent Pete Hertz, 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, December 19, 2023. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

### **COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

Representative Penterman gave a legislative update on shared revenue, personal financial literacy class at the high school level, housing rehabilitation loans, unanimous option for lottery winners, and increase in fines for illegally passing a school bus.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor McFarland opened the public hearing to Amend section § 550-53D Junkyard or Salvage Yard to allow the Plan Commission to adjust setbacks through a Conditional Use Permit at 7:09 p.m., there being no comments Mayor McFarland closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

### **REPORTS**

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

The following reports were received and filed: Plan Commission Minutes from December 11, 2023.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Smith made a motion to approve Michael Trego - serving first three-year term ending January 2027, Tim Little - serving first three-year term ending January 2027, Jill Nadeau – serving third three-year term ending January 2027, Jaynellen Holloway – serving first three-year term ending January 2027 (replacing Melissa Lampe) to the Historic Preservation and Downtown Design Commission and Andrea Truke - serving second three-year term ending January 2027, Dr. Donene Rowe - serving second three-year term ending January 2027 to the Health Board, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Certified accounts were presented. Ald. Moldenhauer moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Payroll Summary - November 29, 2023 through December 12, 2023 was presented.

## **ORDINANCES**

Ord. 24-01 - Amend Chapter 76, Article II, Section 76-13 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances - Increase room tax (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance). Ald. Lampe moved for adoption of ordinance 24-01 on its 1st reading, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-1 (Schmid); 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. 9573 - Resolution to recognize the retirement of Waste/Water Building and Grounds Supervisor Jeffrey DeWitt (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Bartz moved to adopt resolution 9573, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9574 - Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Watertown regarding Geographic Information System (GIS) Services (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9574, seconded by Ald. Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9575 - Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid (Sponsor: Ald. Wetzel From: Airport Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9575, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer 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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Wetzel, and carried by voice vote at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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