

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday September 3, 2024**

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 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, Smith, Schmid, Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Blanke. City staff present were City Attorney Steven T. Chesebro, Fire Chief Tanya Reynen, Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman, Public Works Director Andrew Beyer, 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, August 20, 2024. There being none, minutes were accepted as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Stacy Estudillo of E. Main Street, spoke on concerns regarding the hire of a new Police Officer.

REPORTS

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

The following reports were received and filed: Finance Committee minutes from August 12, 2024, Town Square Programming Commission Minutes from August 21, 2024, and RDA Minutes from August 21, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion on Future Land Use and Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Davis made a motion to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. Sec. 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 (Hering, et al v. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, et al re: settlement update), seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Schmid made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - August 7, 2024, to August 20, 2024 was presented

ORDINANCES

Ord. 24-20 - Ordinance for Attachment of Real Estate by Boundary Adjustment from the Town of Emmet to the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-20 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to suspend the rules to have second reading of Ordinance 24-20 to provide of ample timing for election purposes, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-20 - Ordinance for Attachment of Real Estate by Boundary Adjustment from the Town of Emmet to the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission, Second Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-20 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-21 - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 52, Article 1, Districts and Wards, of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, First Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-21 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ald. Smith made a motion to suspend the rules to have second reading of Ordinance 24-21 to provide of ample timing for election purposes, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-21 - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 52, Article 1, Districts and Wards, of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, Second Reading). Ald. Smith moved for adoption of ordinance 24-21 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-22 - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 550 Official Zoning Map of the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Plan Commission, First Reading). Ald. Schmid moved for adoption of ordinance 24-22 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Ord. 24-23 - Ordinance for Attachment of Real Estate by Boundary Adjustment from the Town of Watertown to the City of Watertown - N9009 County Road A (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Plan Commission). Ald. Bartz moved for adoption of ordinance 24-23 on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by 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. 9645 - Resolution for the Addition of Ward 23 Within the City of Watertown (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9646 - Resolution to Discontinue Public Way on Jones Street, Near and About its Intersection with North First Street (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Wetzel moved to table resolution 9646, seconded by Ald. Board. Ald. Smith made a motion to table Resolution 9646, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Exh. 9647 - Resolution for Rock River Ridge Final Plat Resolution (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Lampe moved to adopt resolution 9647, seconded by Ald. Board and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9648 - Resolution to add Taxi Van to lease (Sponsor: Ald. Schmid, From: Transit Commission). Ald. Schmid moved to adopt resolution 9648, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9649 - Resolution to enter into a State/Municipal Financial Agreement for reconstruction of Labaree Street between Boughton and Anne Streets in 2028 (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland from: Finance Committee). Ald. Wetzel moved to adopt resolution 9649, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9650 - Resolution to approve GRAEF USA, LLC General Municipal Engineering Services Agreement for Engineering Division (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9650, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9651 Resolution for New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC. (AT&T) Site WT/WI1058 License Agreement on O'Connell Water Tower (Sponsor: Alderperson Board From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Board moved to adopt resolution 9651, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9652 - Resolution to adopt a Right-of-Way Dedication for 1911 Gateway Drive (PIN(s) 291-0815-1624-000, 291-0815-1624-002, 291-0815-1624-003, 291-0815-1624-004, 291-0815-1624-005, & 291-0815-1624-006) (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Plan Commission). Ald. Smith moved to adopt resolution 9652, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9653 - Resolution to amend payroll of dispatch and dispatch supervisor to 2024 payroll resolution (Sponsor: Mayor McFarland From: Finance Committee). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9653, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; 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. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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