

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present by GoToMeeting or by phone: Ald. Mudler, Tortomasi, Ruetten, Larsen, Holthaus, Raether, Schmid, Maron and Kilps. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Robert Kaminski; Fire Chief Kraig Biefeld; City Attorney Rose Simon-Silva, City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway and Clerk/Treasurer Elissa Friedl.

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 17, 2020. There being none, minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed: Finance Committee 03/31/20; (Complete minutes are open for public inspection in the City Clerk/Treasurer's office.)

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland indicated a date would be set in the future to recognize the outgoing alders; Tortomasi, Larsen, Raether and Maron.

Mayor McFarland presented an update on COVID-19. There is one positive case in the city at this time. She updated the Council on changes to election plans for April 7 in light of COVID-19 and described safety measures taken by City staff to make the election as safe as possible for voters and poll workers. Members of the National Guard will be helping to staff poll locations. McFarland reported over 4,600 absentee ballots had been requested. There is a COVID-19 recorded hotline set up by the City: 888-503-3791 and the Health Officer is working on surge planning with the local hospital and is connecting with County Emergency Management staff. McFarland added that measures are being taken to ensure people do not congregate in parks and that City offices remain closed to the public. She noted that the City participated in a survey recently asking cities to estimate revenue losses due to COVID-19. She said a very preliminary estimate of that loss is close to \$2.2 million across all funds. Alderperson Larsen questioned changes to the yard waste site schedule. McFarland answered that the yard waste site is closed but the Street Department is picking up yard waste on the same schedule as brush due to the site closure

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$312,374.10 were presented. Ald. Raether moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-2 (Mudler, Ruetten). (Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection in City Clerk/Treasurer's office.)

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Reports presented: Airport Commission 2/12/20; Payroll summaries 3/11-3/24/20; Transit Commission 3/31/20. All reports were accepted as presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #20-11, to amend Chapter 550, Zoning Code, through the removal of language and the addition of language and a table to Section 550-123E(3): Fencing Standards, Maximum Height was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor*

McFarland. From: Plan Commission. Ald. Larsen moved for adoption of this ordinance, seconded by Ald. Mudler and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Ord. #20-12, to amend Section 453-8(A)(3)c, Stormwater Service Charges of Chapter 453, Stormwater Management, and amend Section 508-12(A), Delinquency of Chapter 508, Wastewater Facilities. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Maron moved for adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Raether and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0. Ald. Maron then moved to suspend the rules to have this act as the second reading of ordinance #20-12, seconded by Ald. Mudler and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Exh. #8981, Resolution to enter into 3-year agreement for crushing at City quarry. *Sponsor: Ald. Maron. From: Public Works Commission.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #8982, Resolution to approve purchase of portable and mobile radios for Fire Department. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #8983, Resolution to purchase two new 2020 Ford police squad SUV's. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Raether moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Tortomasi and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0; abstain-1 (Maron).

Exh. #8984, Resolution to amend City of Watertown employee handbook to include a Families First Compliance Policy. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Tortomasi and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #8985, Resolution to update 2020 payroll resolution to adjust pay grade for Wastewater Department Crew Leader from grade H to grade K. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Larsen, Kilps). (Maron call dropped and he was unavailable for the vote).

Exh. #8986, Resolution to update 2020 payroll resolution to reclassify City Attorney's Legal Assistant position to Paralegal. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Maron moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Holthaus and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-3 (Tortomasi, Larsen, Kilps).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Schmid moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Raether and carried by voice vote at 7:45 p.m.

Elissa Friedl, Clerk/Treasurer

(Complete video of Council Proceedings on DVD.)

(DISCLAIMER: These minutes are uncorrected; any corrections will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.)