

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present by GoToMeeting or by phone: Ald. Mudler, Wendt, Ruetten, Bartz, Holthaus, Wagner, Schmid, Wetzel and Kilps. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Robert Kaminski; Fire Chief Kraig Biefeld; City Attorney Rose Simon-Silva, City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway, Health Office Carol Quest, Utilities Superintendent Peter Hartz, Street Superintendent Randy Franks 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 Monday, April 21, 2020. There being none, minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

No comments were received during the call. Clerk/Treasurer Friedl stated that no comments were received by mail or email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed: Finance Committee 04/27/20; Plan Commission 04/27/20; Public Works Commission 04/28/20. There were no comments or corrections to these reports. (Complete minutes are open for public inspection in the City Clerk/Treasurer's office.)

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor McFarland presented a proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week and thanked the City employees as well as the Council for their service.

Mayor McFarland invited Chief Kaminski to speak about the Police Department annual report being presented. Chief Kaminski encouraged the Council to contact him with any questions about the contents of the report.

Health Officer Carol Quest presented an update on COVID-19. There are nineteen positive cases with another five probable and 16 suspect in the city at this time. She indicated that 399 have been determined to not be a case through a negative test or remaining asymptomatic during quarantine. Quest presented information on positive cases and hospitalizations due to positive cases by age group as well as information on the timeline of local positive cases.

Quest then explained the process of following a patient under investigation and how, if determined to be a positive case, the Health Department follows up with contact tracing, or finding everyone who came in contact with the person testing positive. She indicated that her department is in constant contact with many community partners including Dodge and Jefferson Counties, Watertown Regional Medical Center, schools, and other organizations. She updated the Council on ways her department has adjusted operations to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic including staffing the department seven days a week and cross-training.

Quest described the Badger Bounce Back program but indicated certain metrics must be met before the steps of the program can begin. She said her department is planning for the future and hoping to have vaccine clinics in 2021 as well as continued monitoring to adjust public health measures.

Ald. Schmid asked if restrictions were going to remain in place until a vaccine is available. Quest indicated there would likely be periods of tightening and loosening restrictions based on continued monitoring the number of cases. Ald.

Mudler inquired how the current situation will affect upcoming events in the City like Riverfest and the Chamber of Commerce 100-year Anniversary. Quest indicated it is too early to tell but the Health Department is in contact with organizers of special events to discuss potential changes or postponements. Ald. Wendt asked about mutation of the virus and whether a vaccine will be effective. Quest answered that the genetic makeup of the virus is constant and that determines the makeup of the vaccine. Ald. Mudler inquired whether there could have been cases prior to March that were undiagnosed. Quest replied that there is ongoing research on this topic and that it is possible there were cases before the first positive tests. Mayor McFarland commented that the City is very lucky to have its own Public Health Department and thanked Quest and her team for their hard work during this pandemic.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$227,924.10 were presented. Ald. Mudler moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0. (Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection in City Clerk/Treasurer's office.)

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Reports presented: Airport Commission 4/8/20; Park, Recreation & Forestry 3/2/20; Payroll Summaries 4/8-4/21/20. All reports were accepted as presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #20-13, to amend Chapter 550, Zoning Code through the addition of language and an illustration to Section 550-123B: Fencing Standards, Definitions. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Plan Commission.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Ord. #20-14, to amend Section 500-9(C), "Parking Prohibited In Winter Months" of Chapter 500, "Vehicles & Traffic". *Sponsor: Ald. Raether. From: Public Safety.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Holthaus and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Exh. #9001, Resolution to approve materials testing contractor for annual streets projects, Behnke Materials Engineering – 2020. *Sponsor: Ald. Mudler. From: Public Works.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Wetzel. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9002, Resolution to approve Michels Corporation Payment Application No.4 – Final 2019 Cured in Place Pipelining (CIPP) Contract #07A-19. *Sponsor: Ald. Mudler. From: Public Works.* Ald. Holthaus moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Bartz. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9003, Resolution to approve Drinking Water Well #3 Rehabilitation. *Sponsor: Ald. Mudler. From: Public Works.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Wetzel and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9004, Resolution for approve East Drinking Water Treatment Plant Booster Pump Motor Rehabilitation. *Sponsor: Ald. Mudler. From: Public Works.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9005, Resolution to install an entrance gate at the city quarry. *Sponsor: Ald. Mudler. From: Public Works.* Ald. Holthaus moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Wagner. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9006, Resolution to proclaim International Migratory Bird Day. *Sponsor: Ald. Bartz. From: Park, Rec & Forestry.* Ald. Bartz moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by voice vote.

Exh. #9007, Resolution for Commendation of Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office, City Staff and Poll Workers. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by voice vote.

Exh. #9008, Resolution to approve purchase of minivan for Watertown Transit System. *Sponsor: Ald. Mayor McFarland. From: Finance.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Wetzel. Ald. Wetzel inquired if Kayser bid on the vehicle and the Clerk/Treasurer responded that the bid packet was sent to them, but they declined to respond to the bid packet. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9009, Resolution to approve public depositories. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance.* Ald. Wetzel moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

Exh. #9010, Governmental Responsibility Resolution for Runoff Management Grants. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Holthaus. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-9; No-0.

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CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(f) to consider the medical history of specific persons and the possible disclosure of such information by City personnel, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such medical histories. Ald. Holthaus moved to enter into closed session at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Ald. Schmid moved to return to open session, seconded by Ald. Wagner and carried by voice vote at 9:00 p.m.

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 9:01 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.)