

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council President Ruetten called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW ALDERPERSONS

The Clerk/Treasurer administered a ceremonial oath of office for Alderpersons Pasch, Wendt, Bartz and Wagner.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present: Ald. Pasch, Wendt, Ruetten, Bartz, Holthaus, Wagner, Schmid and Kilps. Absent: Mayor McFarland and Ald. Wetzel. Staff 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

President Ruetten inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, June 16, 2020. A typo was noted and should be corrected to read: Ald. Pasch asked how many locations were considered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed: Finance Committee 06/22/20, Plan Commission 06/22/20, Public Safety & Welfare Committee 06/23/20. 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

President Ruetten presented appointments of Sean Lapp to the Airport Commission; Laci Cummings and Kraig Biefeld to the Family Center Board; Kate Lapin, Kim Rahfaldt and Betsy Gerike to the Library Board. Ald. Kilps moved to approve the appointments as presented, seconded by Ald. Schmid. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Melissa Lampe, Executive Director of the Main Street Program gave an update on the Main Street Program. She noted that Governor Evers had proclaimed July 7-10 as Main Street Days in Wisconsin. Lampe reported that the Main Street Program is distributing \$26,500 in façade grants for downtown properties. She also noted that new directional parking lot signs had been placed and volunteers planted over 60 pots and planters in the downtown area.

There was no COVID 19 update for this meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$410,153.64 were presented. Ald. Bartz moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Pasch and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-1 (Ruetten). Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection in City Clerk/Treasurer's office.

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Reports presented: Airport Minutes 5/13 and 6/10/20; Committee of the Whole Minutes 6/16/20; Joint Review Board Minutes 6/15/20; Park, Recreation & Forestry Minutes 6/1/20; Payroll Summaries 6/3-6/16/20 6/17-6/30/20; Senior Center Advisory Board Minutes 6/17/20; Site Plan Review 6/22/20; Watertown Tourism Minutes 3/12/20; Zoning Board of Appeals minutes 6/10/20. All reports were accepted as presented.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #20-15, to amend Section 220-3(G) Operator's License. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Licensing Board.* Ald. Kilps moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Holthaus and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-1 (Schmid).

Ord. #20-16, to amend Chapter 550, Official Zoning map of the City of Watertown. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Plan Commission.* Ald. Holthaus moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Ord. #20-17, to amend Section 500-9(A), "Parking Prohibited in Specified Places" of Chapter 500 Traffic Code of the City of Watertown. *Sponsor: Ald. Schmid, From: Public Safety.* Ald. Schmid moved for adoption of the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Kilps and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Ord. #20-18, to amend Chapter 453 Stormwater Management, Article 1 Stormwater management Utility, Section 453-6 Acquisition of Facilities; Rate and Charges. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance and Sponsor: Ald. Pasch, From: Public Works.* Ald. Holthaus moved for adoption of the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Wendt and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-2 (Schmid, Kilps).

RESOLUTIONS

Exh. #9042, Resolution to purchase a ¾ ton utility van for Park Department. *Sponsor: Ald. Pasch, From: Public Works.* Ald. Kilps moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #9043, Resolution to purchase a 4x4 tractor with broom for Park Department. *Sponsor: Ald. Pasch, From: Public Works.* Ald. Bartz moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Holthaus and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #9044, Resolution to approve EMS Paramedic Intercept agreement with Mayville EMS. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance.* Chief Biefeld explained that this would only be in place to allow Watertown to intercept patients coming to this area from the Mayville EMS service area as Mayville EMS covers some areas closer to the Watertown Regional Medical Center as we are the closest paramedic service to some of the area served by Mayville EMS. Ald. Pasch moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Wagner and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #9045, Resolution to approve merchant service agreement with CSG Forte Payments Inc to allow payment of ambulance bills by credit card. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance.* Chief Biefeld explained that Lifequest currently does not accept credit cards for payment of Watertown ambulance bills and this would allow patients to use this method of payment. He reported the costs involved but said there will be a 3% user fee for those choosing this method of payment to help offset those costs. Ald. Pasch moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Wagner and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #9046, Resolution to purchase two certified used unmarked squad cars for Police Department. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance.* Ald. Schmid inquired what these cars are used for. Chief Kaminski reported that they are unmarked cars for the Chief and Captains to use as well as officers to use when attending court. He reported they are properly equipped but cannot be used in pursuit per department policy. Ald. Wagner moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Bartz and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #9047, Resolution to approve ambulance restocking agreement with Watertown Regional Medical Center. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland, From: Finance.* Ald. Wagner moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #9048, Resolution to enter into leases for the purpose of operating the Watertown Park and Recreation Kart Park Program. *Sponsor: Ald. Bartz, From: Park, Rec & Forestry.* Ald. Bartz explained that this is a new program created

by the Park and Recreation Department. The program will be run out a donate trailer and the lease is for use of two privately owned lots for \$1 through September for the new program. Ald. Bartz moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Holthaus and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION PER WIS. STAT. 19.85(1)(C) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Bradley J. Hering). Ald. Schmid moved to enter into closed session, seconded by Ald. Wagner and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Ald. Schmid moved to return to open session, seconded by Ald. Wagner and carried by voice vote.

DECISION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Ald. Schmid moved to approve the retirement agreement between the City of Watertown and Bradley J Hering subject to the appropriate parties making the proper updates to Exhibit A, seconded by Ald. Wagner and carried by a roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Kilps moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Schmid and carried by voice vote at 7:40 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.)