

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor David called the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Watertown to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Alderpersons McFarland, Smith, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Coughlin, Tietz, Maron and Romlein. (9) Absent: None (0). Also present were Fire Chief Greg Michalek, Police Chief Tim Roets, Engineer Project Manager Jay Haberkorn, City Attorney Will Gruber and City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Rupprecht.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor David inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Monday, November 3, 2014. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Susan Dascenzo, representing the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street and Tourism Boards, 519 E. Main Street, was present to update the Council. The Watertown Chamber of Commerce will be joining 40 other Chambers in a statewide Strategic Planning Session on December 3, 2014. The purpose of this planning session is to shape what the Wisconsin business climate will look like for the next 20 years. On the Main Street side of things, Susan reminded the Council that this is the Women's Only Weekend. The Main Street Board is also getting ready for the arrival of Santa later this week and they are preparing for the Holiday Parade of Homes, which will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The Tourism Group is planning for next year and attempting to put together a Calendar of Events.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the public hearing at 7:04 pm for the removal of two properties from the flood plain which are 113 W. Spaulding Street and 115 W. Spaulding Street. There being no persons present wishing to speak on this public hearing, Mayor David declared it closed at 7:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, November 11, 2014. 1. Discuss and approve TEA Grant application through the Department of Transportation on the behalf of Baker Rullman Company. This grant would be to improve the rail spur to their building on W. Main Street which would aid in cutting their shipping costs. It is a pass-through grant, where the City's liability would be minimal. A resolution will be presented. 2. Discuss and approve applicant for the Emergency Preparedness/Environmental Health Specialist position. Health Officer Carol Quest presented the top 3 candidates. This is a position that is filled by both the City of Watertown and Dodge County. Dodge County will pay a total of \$42,000.00 towards the position, with the City paying approximately \$35,000.00. The time will be spent between Emergency Preparedness and Environmental Health. Carol was given approval to make an offer to the top candidate. Should this candidate decline, she has approval to move down to the next candidates. 3. Security cameras for Aquatic Center and Riverside Park Pavilion. The cost to install these is approximately \$18,000.00. Alderperson Tietz felt that they could get approximately \$9,000.00 in donations. Motion was made and seconded to bring this back to the Committee once the commitment for the donations has been received. 4. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for Union Negotiation Proposals. Motion was made and seconded to convene to closed session for the purpose of negotiations. Report was received and placed on file.

Public Works Commission, November 11, 2014. 1. Discuss Clean Sweep Program with Jefferson

County. Sharon Ehrhardt, of the Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program, was present to thank Street Superintendent Rick Schultz and the City for their great support and participation in this program. She provided additional information to the Commission for distribution. 2. Update status of Washington Park pond. The Feasibility Study was just completed by Rueckert Mielke and will be presented to the Commission at the December 9, 2014 meeting. 3. Review proposed Annual Street Construction Budget. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz updated the Commission on the progress of the 2014 Streets and presented the proposed list of streets for reconstruction, resurfacing and sealcoat crack filling for 2015. There will be 1.52 miles of reconstruction work, with 1.61 miles of resurfacing and an unprecedented 19.52 miles of sealcoat/crack filling, at an estimated cost of \$1,901,235.00. 4. Defective sidewalk at 308 N. Warren Street. The property owner has rectified the situation so this is no longer an issue. Report was received and placed on file.

Public Safety & Welfare Committee, November 5, 2014. 1. Neenah Street to Boomer Street extension

signage. The Public Works Commission has approved to extend Neenah Street to Boomer Street and asked Public Safety to review signs needed. It was decided to place a stop sign on Neenah at Boomer and extend the 25 mph speed limit on Boomer to where the Engineering Department determines it should be. 2. Request to remove parking on S. Third Street. A request was made by a resident for one-side parking on S. Third Street, between Clark and Mary Streets. It was decided to send letters to residents in this area to get their input and this will be brought back to a future meeting. 3. Discuss the Riverside Park Upper Pavilion activities. Many ideas were discussed on how to curb some of the activities that are causing problems. The ideas were that no wheeled devices would be allowed in the Pavilion area, that there should be an extended “no parking area” in front of the Pavilion, that cameras could also be placed in the area and finally, that a Park Use Suspension Ordinance could be presented to suspend park privileges for those to be found in violations. 4. Brandenstein parking, Spaulding Street parking. Numerous ideas were discussed as to how to improve safety in the area. With parking on both sides, it is dangerous to cross the street with the amount of traffic during ball games. After the discussion it was decided to refer this back to the Park & Rec. Commission to see if there is a possibility to reconfigure the park, including a basketball area and a parking lot. 5. River Mill Apartment driveway exit area. Visibility in this area is very difficult. An Ordinance will be presented to remove some parking. 6. Update on cross walk near Hayes Auto. After discussion, this will happen during the 2015 Annual Street Program, with curb cuts and handicap ramps. 7. Madison Street Parking Lot Review. This is currently a two hour lot, but a request was made to change it to either a four or 10 hour lot. After discussion, it was decided that more support for the change would be needed and it will be reviewed at a future date. 8. Signage request for S. Washington Street. A resident in the 600 block of S. Washington Street requested a “Children at Play” sign, as there are currently 16 children living in this block. This street will become a dead end with the expansion of Fisher Barton, in the very near future, therefore, it was decided to deny this request. The report was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor David presented several appointments: Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission: Peg Theder, 500 S. Fourth Street, 3rd Term; Melissa Lampe, 400 N. Washington Street, 3rd Term; Michael Opager, 811 S. Seventh Street, partial term replacing Sarah Streed. Cable TV Regulatory Board: Pepe Betancio, 400 S. Third Street, #2, 1st Term, replacing John Siedschlag. Alderperson Maron moved to approve these appointments, seconded by Alderperson Romlein and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Mayor David then informed the Council that he had received a letter from John Coughlin indicating his resignation as of December 31, 2014. Mayor David asked for approval to begin the process of placing ads in the paper to encourage interested persons to submit letters of intent to replace Alderperson Coughlin.

Mayor David then presented a copy of a Proclamation issued by the Governor in recognition of Snow Plow Driver Day, for Thursday, November 20, 2014.

Finally, Mayor David presented a communication from the Canadian Pacific Railway informing us that they must install three PTC antenna poles within the right-of-way in Watertown, as a requirement by the U.S. Congress to enhance training safety.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$609,577.19 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – 0.. (Complete listing of accounts payable is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer.)

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The following reports were presented: Airport Commission – October 8, 2014. Board of Canvassers – November 7, 2014. Community Development Authority – October 16, 2014. Family Center Board – October 25, 2014. Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission – October 15, 2014. Library Board of Trustees – October 9, 2014. Licensing Board – November 12, 2014. Payroll Summaries – Oct. 29 – November 11, 2014. Police & Fire Commission – November 11, 2014. Reserve Balances for period ending October 31, 2014. All reports were accepted as printed.

LICENSES

The following have made applications for Beverage Operator Applications for year ending June 30, 2015: Marissa Campos, N866 Cty Rd R, Watertown, WI; Kelly L. Freson, 1126 S. 10th St, Watertown, WI; Phillip Friend, 808 East St., Fort Atkinson, WI; Christina C. Gabrus, W237S8115 Sunset View Ct, Big Bend; Ariane Gunderson, 215 N. Montgomery St, Watertown; Michelle Lyn Higgins, N8210 High Rd, Watertown, WI; Nathaniel James Husser, 134 Serenity Oaks Terrace, Watertown; Ryan M. Jones, 1409 S. Third St, Watertown; Jennifer Junker, 346 N. High Ave, Jefferson, WI; Heather M. Michols, N161 Summer Hill Ct, Watertown; Timothy J. Miller, Cty Rd R, Watertown, WI; Nesbit M. Mongare, 113 Hospital Dr, #3, Watertown; Zanetta Neesam, 1199 N. 4th St, #2, Watertown, WI; Krista R. O'Connor, 108 E. Milwaukee St, #5, Watertown; Della C. Olson, 409 Center Cir, Clyman, WI; Erin E. Ratka, 807 E. Division St, Watertown; Michael J. Rowoldt, 401 Bradley St, Watertown; Deborah J. Sell, 424 E. Water St., Watertown, WI; Elizabeth Anne Timm, 1412 Randolph St, Watertown, WI; Sara B. Tobias, 1403 S. 3rd St, Watertown; Marissa Vickers, 415 N. 5th St, Watertown. The following made application for a "Class B" Malt & Liquor license, Michael R. Buchert (Tree House) dba RJ's Tree House, 110 S. Third Street. The following made application for a Special Event License: Watertown Area United Way, CMN movie night at Towne Theater, December 2, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Rich Moen. Alderperson Smith moved to grant all of the licenses, including Beverage Operators as listed on Exhibit A, the "Class B" Malt & Liquor License for Michael Buchert, dba RJ's Tree House at 110 S. Third Street and the Special Event License for Watertown Area United Way for their Movie Night at Towne Theater on December 2, 2014, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #14-28, to amend Section 7.13(6) of the Bond Schedule of Chapter 7, Traffic Code, was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Zgonc. From: The Public Safety & Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #14-29, to create Section 10.24, Communicable Disease of Chapter 10, Health and Sanitation of the City Code was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Coughlin. From: The Public Health Board.* Alderperson Coughlin moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #14-30, to recreate Section 7.09(1)(z-20), Parking Prohibited in Specified Places as follows; on the west side of S. Water Street, from the north curb line of W. Milwaukee Street, to the north curb line of Lafayette Street; on the east side of N. Water Street, from the north curb line of W. Milwaukee Street, to a point 35 feet north of the north curb line of Lafayette Street except for the Loading Zone at 415 S. Water Street, which is 105 feet north of the north curb line of W. Milwaukee Street was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Zgonc. From: The Public Safety & Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #14-31, to create Section 11.175, Park Use Suspension of Chapter 11, Orderly Conduct was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Zgonc. From: The Public Safety & Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Smith. After some discussion Alderperson Smith moved to strike the four words “Director of Parks or” in the second line, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None. After further discussion, it was asked that Attorney Gruber present at the next meeting, a possible Legislative Appeal Process for consideration by the Council. The motion to adopt this ordinance on its first reading carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

RESOLUTIONS

Exhibit #8103, to approve the 2015 tax levy for the City of Watertown for the General Fund of \$7,868,436.00 and for the Debt Fund of \$3,653,217.00 for a total of \$11,521,653.00 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Exhibit #8104, to adopt the Budgets for the following: Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water, Capital Outlay, TID #3, Developer Parks, TID #4, TID #5, TID #6, Library Special Revenue, Riverfest, Transit, Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness, Storm Water Utility, Solid Waste, Special Revenue, Seal-A-Smile, Library Trust, Economic and Housing Revolving Loan Block Grant Funds for 2015 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Exhibit #8105, to authorize the City of Watertown to make application for a TEA Grant to benefit Baker-Rullman Manufacturing was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson Coughlin moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a voice vote. The time being 8:23 p.m.

Cynthia D. Rupprecht
City Clerk/Treasurer
CDR/dn

(Complete video of Council Proceedings on DVD.)

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