

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following present: Ald. Mudler, Tortomasi, Ruetten, Larsen, Raether, Schmid, Maron and Kilps. Absent: Ald. Holthaus. Also present: Police Chief Robert Kaminski, Asst. Fire Chief Chad Butzine, City Attorney Rose Simon-Silva, City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway, Zoning Administrator Jacob Maas, 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 the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, November 5, 2019. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Ina Trummer, 807 Fieldcrest Ct., spoke in protest of the 2020 budget. Ina stated that all budgets should balance and if expenses exceed revenue it doesn't balance. She estimated that 75% of the budget is salaries and benefits. Ina expressed concern over life insurance benefits for employees, increases in salaries for the Mayor and Alderpersons, travel/constituent service account for Alderpersons, publication costs and the amount allocated to the Tourism Commission from Room Taxes. Ina also commented on the Water and Wastewater budgets and said there are too many employees in those departments. Ina recommended taking the budget back to the Finance Committee to remove unnecessary items. She asked the Council to stand up for the citizens.

Theodore Frank, 219 Summit Ave., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Mr. Frank quoted various State of WI statutes in regards to solidifying terms of use of 727 E. Cady St. Mr. Frank feels that Watertown is in a unique position to grant a favorable lease to support veterans. He also discussed the benefits of encouraging military veterans to work and live in Watertown.

Eric Gerard, 902 Clyman St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Mr. Gerard read a letter from School Superintendent Cassandra Schug thanking the AmVets for donations to Watertown Unified School District. Mr. Gerard said the AmVets would not be able to donate to local organizations without storage space for their rummage sale items.

Brandon Kaulitz, 24 Park View Ln., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. He thanked the Council for taking time to hear the AmVets and believes the community is supportive to veterans' organizations and provided examples of local memorials and celebrations. He also described positive work that AmVets does which are largely funded by their rummage sales. He asked that the Council not remove the AmVets from the storage space on Cady Street.

Laurie Hoffmann, 1009 N. Second St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Laurie stated the City has allowed a number of non-profits to use the Cady Street building over the years, but recently learned the City is in need of storage for equipment which is developing maintenance issues due to weather exposure. Laurie said she is a veteran herself and understands fundraising is challenging. Laurie urged the AmVets to reach out to the public for an alternate location for storage and if not possible to improvise, adapt and overcome.

Jennifer Thorman, 902 N. Fourth St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Jennifer stated that her grandfather was a WWII Vet. Jennifer said that her home and belongings were lost in a fire in 2013 and the AmVets rummage sale allowed her to recoup many household items in exchange for a donation. She said this made her feel like she was

helping other people and not just taking. Jennifer supports the AmVets rummage sale and asked the Council for time for them to find a new storage location before displacing them.

Jim Romlein, 1042 Richards Ave., thanked Ald. Larsen for bringing forward Resolution #8901. He feels the resolution proposes a solution for the AmVets. Mr. Romlein spoke of the impact of this space on the City, referencing Mayor McFarland's memo of Oct. 17, 2019, listing the cost, liability exposure and direct impact on the budget. Mr. Romlein stated that this building's location has a strategic value and the AmVets space is the heart of the complex. Mr. Romlein stated his support for veterans and said the AmVets are a great organization but the Cady Street building is critical space and the AmVets need to find another space.

Yvonne Duesterhoeft, Jefferson County Veterans Services Officer, spoke regarding Resolution #8901. She said she appreciated the honorable intentions of everyone in the room. Yvonne stated her job is to advocate/connect resources with veterans and AmVets steps up to help often. She said she understands the balance of trying to govern fairly and asked if we can support the AmVets in another location.

Allen Zabel, 701 N. Church St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. He informed the Council that AmVets donate items without cost, including delivery. Mr. Zabel stated that they spend over 100 days picking up items, as well as delivering items for sale or to those in need. He feels this helps the City itself, because it keeps these items out of landfills. Mr. Zabel stated that AmVets not only supports veterans, but the community as well.

Misti Hawn, 118 Lynn St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Ms. Hawn thanked the Mayor for her work with the Heroes Café and bringing the moving wall to the City. Ms. Hawn feels that Mayor McFarland's work for veterans has been undermined by this issue and doesn't feel this issue means the Council and Mayor lack support for veterans. She asked that everyone look at the facts and not allow emotion to make the decision and to cease name calling.

Rhiannon Lucente, PO Box 302, spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Ms. Lucente read a thank you letter regarding the AmVets blood drive. She said the City has many parcels of land and needs to house equipment and asked what the City can do to accommodate the AmVets need for space.

Joseph Farmer, 900 Oak St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Mr. Farmer said he is a veteran and does not feel entitled, but wants to work with the City to resolve this issue. Mr. Farmer stated the bashing is not coming from the AmVets. He feels AmVets are being good stewards by taking items the City would have to pay to dispose of and giving items and money from their sales back to the community. Mr. Farmer told the Council he joined the AmVets because they give so much to the community. He asked the Council to help find the AmVets another location if they must leave.

Jorge Monterrey, 500 A Bernard St., spoke regarding Resolution #8901. Mr. Monterrey stated that he was a Marine, having served two tours and has also served as a firefighter and EMT. Mr. Monterrey feels the AmVets are doing a great job, but this issue should not be a veterans versus civilians issue. Mr. Monterrey reiterated the sentiment of an earlier speaker, "adapt, improvise, overcome". Mr. Monterrey suggested, when we come across something we can't handle, find a way to fix it and stated that no one joined the military for freebies and handouts. He stated this is a matter of what is best for the City and a precedent should be set.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McFarland declared open the public hearing regarding a request of Audubon Park Outlots, LLC (Steve and Charlie Boysa) to rezone 231 and 233 Air Park Drive from General Industrial (GI) to Multi-Family Residential-10 (MR-10) at 8:09 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Friedl read a letter from John DeWitt expressing his opposition to the Boysa request to rezone industrial land along Airpark Drive to multi-family. Mr. DeWitt cited two reasons for his objection: that there are

already properties on the market zoned multi-family and that he feels the rezone runs counter to the City's Comprehensive Plan. There being no one else present to speak, the public hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, 11/11/19. Minutes of Oct. 21, 2019. Motion carried to approve minutes as presented. Disposal of 2008 Ford Crown Victoria used by Transit by auction. Motion carried to approve recommending the sale of this vehicle. Budget amendment to allow payment of an invoice from Monroe Truck for the purchase of a forestry truck body in October of 2017. It was not realized that this was not billed in 2017 so funds were not carried over. Motion carried to recommend approval of this budget amendment for payment of the 2017 invoice. Hiring Victoria Parker at Grade K, Step 1, \$26.27/hr for the Environmental Health/Emergency Preparedness position. Motion carried to approve this hire with permission to offer to first alternate if necessary. Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation Multimodal Local Supplement Program application. Motion carried to recommend approval to apply for this grant. Removal of College Avenue realignment with purchase of hot patch machine, seal material and street preventative treatment in the 2020 proposed budget. The suggestion for this amendment was made by Ald. Tortomasi. After discussion there was no action taken on this item. Report received and placed on file.

Plan Commission, 11/11/19. Site Plan Review minutes of Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 2019. Motion carried to approve minutes as presented. Joint COW/Plan Commission minutes of Oct. 14, 2019. Motion carried to approve minutes as presented. Plan Commission minutes of Oct. 28, 2019. Motion carried to approve minutes as presented. Extraterritorial Preliminary CSM – W5176 Banon Road. Owner would like to create a separate 34.825 acre parcel from a 102.566 acre parent parcel. Motion carried to approve Preliminary CSM without conditions. Subdivision Preliminary Plat – 1225 Perry Way. Owner wants to subdivide and develop 1225 Perry Way into 15 single-family residential lots (1 outlot for possible park dedication). Motion carried to recommend approval of Preliminary Plat with conditions identified by the Plan Commission. Report received and placed on file.

Public Works Commission, 11/12/19. Minutes from Oct. 22, 2019 meeting. Motion carried to approve these minutes. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Town of Ixonia. Motion carried to approve the proposed MOU, removing the recycling of carpeting and adding an additional \$5 per mattress and box spring and require having each unit bagged. Possibility of getting salt from Dodge County if needed before year-end and replacing after January 1, 2020. It was agreed by the Public Works Commission that this action should be pursued if weather conditions require additional salt supplies and Dodge County Highway Commission is in agreement. Section 288-20B for possible additional language in regard to the current wording of “a simplified plan for drainage for property development”. Ald. Larsen brought this to the Commission's attention for one of his constituents. The City Engineer is currently working with this business owner on the matter. This issue will be brought to a future meeting for further consideration. Report received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Jonathan Lampe, President of the Library Board of Trustees spoke regarding the future Library Center and said that, when we talk about quality of life in Watertown, people look for amenities when deciding where to live. He noted progress on the Library Center project and the partnership with the RDA to provide restroom facilities in the Center to be shared with the Town Square. Lampe congratulated the Library's Fundraising Committee on having met almost every goal to date and thanked various organizations, businesses and individuals that have helped with and led fundraisers. He thanked the Council for continued support and said that more exciting information about the project will be shared with the Council soon.

Mayor McFarland recognized the following City employees for their years of service: Jay D. Blasé, Auxiliary Fire, 10 years; Wayne C. Boyd, Solid Waste Department, 20 years; and Randy L. Krause, Street Department, 20 years.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$276,094.26 were presented. Ald. Tortomasi moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain; Mudler. (Complete listing of accounts payable is open for public inspection in City Clerk/Treasurer's office.)

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Reports presented: Airport Commission-09/11/19 & 10/09/19; Cable TV Regulatory Board-10/08/19; Cash & Investment Summary-10/31/19; Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission-10/16/19; Housing Authority-09/19/19; Library Board of Trustees-06/03/19, 06/13/19, 09/12/19; Licensing Board-11/14/19; Main Street Program Board of Directors-10/15/19; Payroll Summary-10/23/19-11/05/19; Police & Fire Commission-09/09/19; Redevelopment Authority-11/11/19; Reserve Balances-10/31/19; Site Plan Review Committee-11/04/19 & 11/11/19; Tourism Commission-11/14/19. All reports were accepted as presented.

LICENSES

Beverage operator licenses for year ending June 30, 2020: Renee Berry, Nickolas Demetropoulos, Amado Fuentes Jr., Lisa Graham, Micah Lancaster, Brennan Listle, Shannon Lubben, Elizabeth Madison, Michele Masullo, Amanda Medina, Michael Rowoldt, Erin Schimmel, Lindsey Skladanek, Jennifer Wallace, Randy Westover Jr. Motion was made by Ald. Larsen to approve these licenses, seconded by Ald. Raether and carried by voice vote.

Temporary Class "B" malt license and Temporary "Class B" wine license: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, annual CMN movie at Towne Theater, 308 E. Main Street, December 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Rich Moen). Motion was made by Ald. Raether to approve this license, seconded by Ald. Maron and carried by voice vote.

"Class B" Malt and Liquor license: Plattdeutscher Hall LLC dba Plattdeutscher Hall, 115 S. Second Street, (Ronald Griebnow, Agent). Motion was made by Ald. Larsen to approve this license, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by voice vote.

Secondhand Article Dealer License, ecoATM, LLC, 624 S. Church Street, (Bjorkman E. Hunter). Motion was made by Ald. Larsen to approve this license with an amended application to reflect the correct location of 624 S. Church St., seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by voice vote.

Special Event Permit: Boy Scouts of America, CubMobile pushcart race, Anne Street, May 30, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (John Snipes). Motion was made by Ald. Raether to approve this permit, seconded by Ald. Mudler and carried by voice vote.

Special Event Permit: 2019 Breakfast with Santa, BPOE-Watertown Elks Lodge #666, 117 N. First Street, December 7, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Joy Swantz). Motion was made by Ald. Larsen to approve this permit, seconded by Ald. Tortomasi and carried by voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #19-20, to repeal and amend Article II, Section 428-7 thru 428-10 "Special Events License" of Chapter 428, "Public Events" was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Licensing Board.* Ald. Maron moved for adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Ald. Mudler and carried by roll call vote: Yes-6; No-1 (Larsen). Abstain; Schmid.

Ord. #19-24, to amend Sect. 114-7(A), Common Council Rules of Procedure was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Ord. #19-25, to amend Sect. 500-9(A), Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, to allow parking on Highland Ave., south of Hus Dr. was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Raether. From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee.* Ald. Raether moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Ord. #19-26, to repeal Sect. 52-8 "Special Registration Deputies" was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Ruetten moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Mudler and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Ord. #19-27, to amend Sect. 550-57B: Temporary Land Use, Outdoor Assembly was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Plan Commission.* Ald. Tortomasi moved for adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Exh. #8891, to authorize a Joint Powers Agreement County 911 Emergency System with Jefferson County was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Raether moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Maron and carried by voice vote.

Exh. #8892, to authorize sale of 2008 Crown Victoria Taxi on WI Surplus Online Auction Site was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #8893, to approve addendum to the contract to administer the Retail Food and Recreational Programs for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Tortomasi moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0. Abstain; Schmid.

Exh. #8894, to approve Department of Health Services-Division of Public Health Consolidated Contract; Calendar Year 2020 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Tortomasi moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0. Abstain; Schmid.

Exh. #8895, to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) HRSA Rural Health Network Development Program was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Maron and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0. Abstain-Schmid.

Exh. #8896, to approve adoption of the 2020 Budgets was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Raether and carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-3 (Tortomasi, Schmid, Kilps).

Exh. #8897, to approve the adoption of the General Fund and Debt Service Fund Levies and Tax Rates was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Mudler moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Raether and carried by roll call vote: Yes-5; No-3 (Tortomasi, Schmid, Kilps).

Exh. #8898, to authorize a one-year agreement with Town of Ixonia to dispose of mattresses/box springs and brush/yardwaste was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Maron. From: Public Works Commission.* Ald. Maron moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #8899, to amend the 2019 Budget for a Tilting Forestry Truck Body that was an un-invoiced purchase from 2017 was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Maron. From: Public Works Commission.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Mudler and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0. Abstain; Schmid

Exh. #8900, to authorize applying for WI DOT 2020-2021 Multimodal Local Supplement grant was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor McFarland. From: Finance Committee.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Ruetten and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0.

Exh. #8901, to authorize leasing of storage space to AmVets of Watertown was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Larsen.* Ald. Larsen moved for adoption, seconded by Ald. Kilps. Ald. Raether stated he supports veterans and current military and believes we owe the AmVets some time, but need to look at effect to taxpayers and liabilities. He stated he is not in favor of a 5-year lease but would like a one-year deal to give AmVets and the City time to review. Ald. Raether moved to amend Resolution #8901 to a 1-year lease, seconded by Ald. Tortomasi and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0. Ald. Ruetten stated he agreed with the amendment and that it is good to formalize the agreement with terms that are favorable to both parties. Ald. Maron stated he was also in favor of a one-year lease with the hope that the community may bring forth another opportunity for space. Ald. Mudler stated this is a happy medium at this time. He said he sees passion in the AmVets mission and can live with a one-year lease while the City and AmVets work together towards a more sustainable solution for both parties. Ald. Raether suggested that there be review with every lease renewal. Ald. Schmid said he agrees with the one-year lease. He feels it is in the best interest of the City, long term, to house our equipment in the space. He questioned whether the AmVets could work with the County Veterans Office to get grants for space to use. Motion was made by Ald. Maron to amend Resolution #8901 making the renewability clause also for one year instead of 5 year terms, motion was seconded by Ald. Larsen and carried by roll call vote: Yes-8; No-0. Motion to approve Resolution #8901 as amended carried by roll call vote: Yes-7, No-1 (Mudler). The City Attorney will draft a lease. Mayor McFarland stated this resolution does not supersede ordinance and there is a need for further discussion because the ordinance that delegates authority of property management to the Mayor supersedes the resolution. She questioned if it is the position of the Council to allow these same terms to other groups. Ald. Mudler responded right now he feels the answer is no. Ald. Raether stated he is willing to offer this resolution to AmVets to give time but does not recommend anyone else be allowed to use the building. Zoning Administrator, Jacob Maas, pointed out that by City Code, Chapter 550, storage use of the building would require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Mayor McFarland reported she had given groups using the Cady Street building until November 15, 2019 to vacate the premises and to let her know if this was not workable, receiving no input or request for extension from the AmVets. She stated that she will in the future have to ask for more money to build storage for equipment that should not be out in the elements, shortening the expected life span of the equipment. Mayor McFarland stated that she had taken inventory of all other City buildings and found space for only one piece of equipment. She did this assessment to be sure there is no other place for this equipment. She added the building needs to be rekeyed as there are areas the public should not have access to. She stated that she has done her best to resolve this matter amicably by offering extensions that were not requested. Mayor McFarland said she appreciates the AmVets and considers them an asset to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Larsen moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Maron 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.)