

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, January 7, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Alderpersons McFarland, Smith, Berg, Kuehl, Zgonc, Coughlin, Tietz, Stocks and Romlein. (9) Absent: None (0). Also present were Fire Chief Greg Michalek, Police Chief Tim Roets, City Attorney Will Gruber, City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway 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 meetings held Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and Friday, December 27, 2013. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as published.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Steve Roets, 813 Werner Street, was present to speak in opposition of the resolution for the vacation of a portion of Hidde Drive. Mr. Roets felt that this would create traffic issues to other streets in the area.

Tom Pederson, 901 Werner Street, was also present and spoke in opposition to the vacation of Hidde Drive. He too felt that this would cause traffic issues to other streets and urged the Council to look at the traffic counts again.

Laurie Hoffmann, 1009 N. Second Street, was present. She thanked the City for allowing them to hold their dog training classes and provided additional information about future classes Watertown ABC would be holding.

Kim Erdmann, Watertown Economic Development Director, 519 E. Main Street, was present. Kim reminded the Council members and Department Heads of the three hour session being held next Tuesday, January 14, 2014, on the Economic Development Initiative. He thanked the Council members for their commitment and support in moving forward to promote Watertown and its economic development.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the Public Hearing regarding amending Sections 18.027, 18.307, 18.407 and 18.408 of Chapter 18 of the Zoning Code at 7:08 p.m. There being no persons wishing to speak in favor or opposition to changing these sections of the Zoning Code, Mayor David declared the public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were presented and contained the following items:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, December 17, 2013. 1. Discuss hiring of Environmental Health Specialist. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Carol Quest, Health Officer, to begin the selection process to replace an employee who has recently resigned. Carol was authorized to replace her with either an Environmental Health Specialist or a Supervisor, if the appropriate candidates are available. 2. Purchase of vehicles for Environmental Health Program. Health Officer Carol Quest has two vehicles with well over 100,000 miles on them. She is looking to replace them and make these two vehicles City Nurse vehicles. A motion was made and seconded to allow Carol to start the process to replace these two vehicles with vehicles either all-wheel drive or 4-wheel drive. The report was received and placed on file.

Public Works Commission, December 17, 2013. 1. Replacement of snow bars and gutters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A motion was made and seconded to award the bid to Capital City Sheet Metal for \$64,450.00. A resolution was presented at the December 17, 2013 Council meeting. The report was received and placed on file.

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The following reports were presented: Board of Health – November 21, 2013. Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission – December 2, 2013. Payroll Summaries –December 11 – December 24, 2013. Senior Center Advisory Board – December 18, 2013. All reports were accepted as printed.

ORDINANCES

ORD. #13-37, amend Section 25.04(4), Municipal Court Fees of Chapter 25. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

ORD. #13-38, amend Section 25.07, “Title: Effective Date: Citation” of Chapter 25. *Sponsor Alderperson Smith. From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Smith pointed out at the last meeting that Ordinances #13-38, #13-39 & #13-40 were taken together, therefore Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of these three ordinances on their second reading, seconded by Alderperson Kuehl and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

ORD. #13-39, amend Section 25.09(1), Statutory Authorization, the citation method of enforcement. *Sponsor: Alderperson Smith. From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee.*

ORD. #13-40, amend Section 25.09(7), adopt Chapter 800 of the Wis. Court Procedures. *Sponsor: Alderperson Smith. From: Public Safety & Welfare Committee.*

ORD. #13-41, amend Section 22.02(8)(e), Floodplain and Shoreland-Wetland Zoning Code. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Tietz 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 – 0.

ORD. #13-42, repeal Section 2.025, Administrative Review Commission of Chapter 2. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Kuehl and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

ORD. #14-1, to repeal and recreate Section 18.095(10), Conditional Use Review and Appeal Procedures of the Zoning Code. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Berg 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 – 0.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #7987, authorizing the vacation of a portion of Hidde Drive. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson Coughlin moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Stocks and carried on a voice vote. The time being 7:34 p.m.

Cindy Rupprecht
City Clerk/Treasurer
CDR/dn

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