

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, June 3, 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, 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 meeting held Tuesday, May 20, 2014. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as published.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Mike Hoppenrath, 1302 Newcastle Court, addressed the Council informing them that their Clerk/Treasurer would be celebrating 35 Years of Service to the City of Watertown tomorrow. Mike personally thanked Cindy for her service to the City of Watertown and its citizens.

Kim Erdmann, representing WEDO, passed out an article regarding the Economic Development opportunities that are happening. Jefferson County support in 2014 of the River Trail Transit Commission is ongoing. The EPA recently awarded a Brown Fields Grant to Jefferson County. The City of Watertown is currently undergoing its Branding Project and its Strategic Planning Sessions. Redevelopment Resources has begun its grant work for redeveloping downtown and Clasen is currently in the process of hiring 15 full-time positions. Kim also spoke briefly about the expansion of Idle Free Systems and all of the positive momentum that is happening in area of economic development area.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the public hearing to consider the request of Marquardt Village for Precise Implementation Plan (PIP), General Development Plan (GDP) approval for their Planned Unit Development.

Tom Pederson, 901 Werner Street, addressed the Council in opposition of this request, stating that this is a hazard to the area. It will devalue properties due to the large number of semis and other trucks coming through the Werner Street area.

Gerry Martin, representing Martin Real Estate, also addressed the Council. She was asked to give an opinion of the value of the properties for the owners in this area. She could not give a value and requested that the Council consider the property owners, not just the entity of Marquardt Village.

Steve Roets, 813 Werner Street, lives in the area where they want to place the loading docks. Currently there would be 8 semis, 53' in length, 5 garbage trucks, and approximately 24 other trucks that would be, basically, in his backyard. He is opposed and presented petitions from citizens against this request.

Karen Sherry, 910 Werner Street, addressed the Council with concerns about the children going to the Middle School and to the Aquatic Center. She requested that the Council reconsider the truck entrance and place this through Werner Street.

There being no other persons wishing to be heard, Mayor David closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were presented and contained the following items:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, May 26, 2014. 1. Discuss Dodge County Law Enforcement Memorial. Chief Roets is requesting a \$3,000.00 donation for this Memorial. A motion was made and seconded to recommend taking the \$3,000.00 from the Contingent Account. A resolution will be presented. **2. Discuss of Impact Fees.** Mayor David presented a resolution proposing putting a 3 year moratorium on Sewer Connection Fees and Parkland Improvement Fees for new residences in the City. The Mayor explained that he is attempting to come up with some method of stimulating residential development. After considerable discussion about the pros and cons, the Mayor was directed to come up with a resolution just addressing the Sewer Impact Fee and leaving the Park Improvement Fees in place. By eliminating the Sewer Connection Fee, which is basically \$3,200.00, this would put us in the middle of the pack for communities in our area that have fees. This will be brought back at a future Committee meeting. **3. Resolution to allow temporary appointment of Vice President of the Common Council.** A motion was made and seconded to recommend this resolution to the Council. **4. Discussion of credit card rebate and purchases.** Mayor David shared with the Committee the rebates that were recently returned to communities that participate in the program. These rebates ranged anywhere from \$7.10 all the way up to the City of Madison receiving \$271,000.00. The Mayor and Committee are encouraging departments to use the credit card for more purchases. City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Rupprecht will be providing them with a copy of all of the purchases that have been made through the credit card program. The report was received and placed on file.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, May 27, 2014. 1. Review and approve Brandt/Quirk Tennis Court bids. Valley Sealcoat Inc. is being recommended to do the north half of the Tennis Courts at a cost of \$134,985.00. A resolution will be presented. **2. Review and approve Bucket Truck quotes.** A resolution will be presented recommending Dueco, Inc. for this truck purchase. **3. Options for Street Paving Maintenance in 2014.** Alderperson Ken Berg handed out a sheet outlining the City's Street Repair Program for 2014. Ken is advocating doing more maintenance milling work, versus resurfacing of streets, due to the fact that maintenance projects mill off a few inches from the existing surface and re-asphalt these with a couple of inches of new asphalt. This approach allows more streets to get done, but not all streets qualify for this type of maintenance. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz did inform the Commission that due to the wet spring, his crews and the asphalt companies are approximately 6 weeks behind. It is hard to tell how much can be made up over the summer months, but as much work as possible will be completed. The report was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor David presented the appointment of Steve Jones, 615 Labaree Street to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a first term, replacing Ron Buchanan. Alderperson Romlein moved to approve this appointment, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – none.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$340,520.25 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Maron 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: Board of Review – May 27, 2014. Family Center Board of Directors – May 27, 2014. Family Center Finance Committee – May 21, 2014. Payroll Summaries – May 14 – 27, 2014. Plan Commission – May 12, 2014. All reports were accepted as printed.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #8049, to authorize the Mayor to appoint a Common Council Vice President, as needed, 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 – 0.

RES. #8050, to authorize the purchase of a 55' Boom Truck w/Chassis from Dueco, Inc. for \$144,578.00 to be taken from the following: \$100,000.00 from 2014 Forestry Major Capital Projects Account #05-56-11-70 and \$44,578.00 from Park Major Capital Projects Account #05-55-41-70 was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

RES. #8051, to authorize a contract with Valley Sealcoat Inc., of Appleton, in the amount of \$134,985.00 was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin. Alderperson Tietz then moved to amend the resolution to correct the accounts this project would be charged to as follows: \$7,500.00 from Tennis Court Restoration Account #05-58-11-23 and \$127,485.00 from Park Improvement Account #07-58-11-15. This amendment was seconded by Alderperson Smith and carried on a voice vote. The motion to adopt this resolution as amended carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

RES. #8052, to authorize a contribution to the Dodge County Law Enforcement Memorial and amend the Contingent Account #01-51-81-56, decreasing it by \$3,000.00 and increasing Police Outside Services Account #01-52-11-17 by \$3,000.00 to allow for this contribution was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson McFarland and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

RES. #8053, to authorize the purchase of a Back-up and Recovery System from Unitrend and to amend the Contingent Account Budget Account #01-51-81-56, to decrease it by \$35,501.00 and increase Engineering City Wide Network Account #01-54-10-41 by \$35,501.00 to cover the cost of this emergency repair. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Maron 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 Tietz and carried on a voice vote. The time being 7:37 p.m.

Cynthia D. Rupprecht
City Clerk/Treasurer
CDR/dn

(Complete video of Council Proceedings on DVD.)

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