

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, July 15, 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, July 1, 2014. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as published.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Susan Dascenzo, representing the Watertown Chamber Main Street and Tourism Program, 519 E. Main Street, addressed the Council. Also present with her were Sandy Budewitz, owner of Sandra D's and Peg Checkai, Director of the Library. On the Chamber side of events there will be a New Teacher Breakfast at Maranatha Baptist Bible College on August 21, 2014. Susan will need an approximate head count attending a week prior to the event. She will be forwarding more information to the Mayor to distribute. Leadership Watertown for 2014-2015 is moving forward with their orientation on Aug. 27, 2014. On Sept. 17, 2014, the Leadership Watertown Program will be hosting the Rock Man Challenge Course. Susan encouraged a team from City Hall, as it will provide team building exercises. On the Main Street side of things, the Rock the River was just completed and was very well received. They will be having their wrap up meeting with plans for next year's event. Also coming up will be the Pumpkin Palooza and the Zombie Runs. As for Tourism, they are gearing up for the ball tournament which will be occurring in two weeks. They are asking various businesses to provide coupons, etc. Susan also wanted to recognize the Park Department employees for their dedication in getting the ball diamonds playable.

John Ebert, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Library, then spoke. Along with him were Peg Checkai and Erin O'Neil. John was present to give the Council an update regarding the status of the Library Expansion Project. The building at 209-211 W. Main Street was recently purchased for \$155,000.00. The next milestone that has occurred is that an architect has been engaged to do conceptual plans. Studio GC was selected out of four. The first phase will be approximately a four to six week period where the building will be prepped for demolition, along with asbestos abatement. Once preliminary plans are received from an architect they would like to make a presentation to the Council. The board will be doing a Feasibility Study regarding raising private funds. Their hope is that this would be a 50/50 contribution, 50% private, 50% government. John views this as a major boost to the downtown redevelopment.

Bob Mudler, 520 Oak Park Avenue, addressed the Council. Last weekend Bob was involved with the Inaugural Finger Prickin' Good 5K Run, which was a trail run throughout Brandt/Quirk Park. Bob thanked the Park & Rec. Dept., specifically Cindi Braasch, Augie Tietz and Bill Fincutter in their tremendous support in getting this run underway. There were 115 participants from as far away as Ireland, South Dakota, New York and Massachusetts. Proceeds from this event were to support the Watertown Area Cares Clinic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, July 7, 2014. 1. Discuss the Radio System. Considerable discussion was held regarding the Radio System and the recommendation of the Committee. Three different contracts and vendors will be used to create the new Radio System. Originally \$800,000.00 was estimated for this project, however; the actual net cost will be approximately \$995,000.00. Discussions took place about budget ramifications and where the additional funds will come from. The conclusion was that we will borrow additional funds in 2015 to make the remaining \$200,000.00 payment. Alderperson Smith made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Committee and follow the proposed payment schedule. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Resolutions will be presented concerning the contracts for the Radio System and for the additional borrowing. 2. Consider Residency Waiver Request for a Police Department Employee. Jacob Reitz has requested that he be allowed to move five miles outside the current 25 mile limit in the Police Union Contract. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve this waiver. 3. Brandt/Quirk Scoreboards. The five scoreboards at Brandt/Quirk Park currently are not working properly. The City is hosting a very large National Tournament at the end of July and it is imperative that these scoreboards work. Mayor David made an emergency executive decision to replace these scoreboards at a cost of approximately \$18,000.00. A resolution will be presented. 4. Discuss Inspection Department Vehicle. Engineer Holloway informed the Committee that the vehicle in the Inspection Department is in need of transmission repair costing a little over \$1,900.00. The vehicle is not worth that much. She informed the Committee she will be taking the car out of service and they will be using an Engineering truck, but wanted them to be aware that she will be requesting to replace that vehicle in next year's budget. 5. Update on a housing loan foreclosure short sale. The Mayor informed the Committee that a decision had been reached to accept \$1,000.00 on a short sale, versus allowing the property to go into complete foreclosure, where the City would have received nothing. A resolution will be presented. 6. Motion to go into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss performance evaluations. Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session. Following the closed session discussion the Committee reconvened to open session where a discussion continued concerning providing the performance evaluations for Police & Firefighters to the Police & Fire Commission for their review. Motion was made and seconded and this passed unanimously. The report was received and placed on file.

Public Works Commission, July 8, 2014. 1. Review/Approve State Salt Contract for 2014-2015 Winter Season. Motion was made and seconded to recommend that the City participate in the Salt Purchase Program for 2014-2015 at a price of \$69.41 per ton. This was approved unanimously. A resolution will be presented to the Council. 2. South First Street Improvement Update. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz informed members that he got a letter from D.O.T. reviewing our request for funding under the LRIP program, to do S. First Street with new concrete, curb & gutter and other improvements. The state came back with a proposal of \$793,000.00 with only a \$56,013.00 State contribution. As a result there was no support for this project. Rick will see if the \$56,013.00 can be used elsewhere. 3. Discuss 1300 Colonial Drive Letter to City of Watertown and the PSC Response. Water Systems Manager Freber provided a update on a complaint that had been filed about water service being disconnected due to a failure to provide access to City Staff to do a water meter change order. Service was later restored to the home on the condition of payment of the \$60.00 service fee, which the homeowner initially refused to pay. The Public Service Commission reviewed all the procedures followed by the Water Department and found the City had followed all procedures necessary. The Commission complimented Kevin on the way his Department handled the matter. 4. Review complaint at 216 Lynn Street. After inspection, it was noted there were several areas of neglect at this property, some of which were forwarded to the Building Inspection for further review. It was noted that 8 sidewalk squares along Vine Street were in bad condition requiring replacement. The

Committee instructed the Engineering Department to send a letter to the property owner requiring them to notify us if they will contract out privately for the repair or request the City do the job and bill them for this work. The report was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor David then presented the following appointment: Community Action Coalition Board: Joyce Hughes for re-appointment. Alderperson Berg moved for the approval of these appointments, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – none.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$724,161.09 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Larsen 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: Family Center Board of Directors – June 24, 2014. Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission – May 29, 2014. Library Board of Trustees – June 11, 12 & 30, 2014. Licensing Board – July 1 & 9, 2014. Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission – June 2, 2014. Payroll Summaries – June 25 – July 8, 2014. Reserve Balances for Period Ending June 30, 2014. Senior Center Advisory Board – June 18, 2014. Alderperson Berg noted the discussion regarding dip netting in Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission minutes. Alderperson Tietz updated the Council that a decision was made to end dip netting, as the rules are not being followed and the bridge continues to be discolored and damage done. Rock River Rescue Group agreed with this as well. All reports were accepted as printed.

LICENSES

The following have made applications for Beverage Operator Applications for year ending June 30, 2015: Joelle M. Bauer, 220 First St, Johnson Creek, WI; Chrystal M. Begovatz, N2479 Halter Lane, Watertown; Malisa J. Biewer, 1614 N. 2nd St, Watertown, WI; Michael R. Buchert, N7725 Winter Ln, Oconomowoc, WI; Dana M. Busler, 503 Humboldt St, Watertown, WI; Sidney M. Chartier, 602 Bridlewood Ln, Watertown, WI; James M. Clark, 1605 S. 9th St, Watertown, WI; Serena R. Coleman, 1200 Meadowbrook Dr, Watertown; Abby L. DeValkenaere, W163 N10590 Ridgeview Ln, Germantown; Adriana Valle Gonzalez, 821 Lum Ave, #5, Waterloo, WI; Vladimir C. Haupt, 407 S. Church St, Watertown; Cynthia M. Hansen, 207 ½ S. Second St, Watertown; Tammie M. Hines, 320 N. Montgomery St, B, Watertown; Matthew C. Hoffman, N7761 Vicksburg Way, Unit E, Ocon; Nicole C. Johnstone, 116 N. Montgomery St, Watertown; Lindsey A. King, 307 Washington St, #110, Horicon, WI; Britney A. Klokow, 628 Brookstone Way, Watertown, WI; LeAnna F. Price, 201 N. Washington St, Watertown, WI; Roxanne K. Rice, 815 S. 12th St, Watertown, WI; Courtney Saniter, 1602 County Club Lane, Watertown; Stephanie Ann Schoenherr, 409 Baxter St, Watertown, WI; Corey Allen Schultz, 1407 River Dr, Watertown, WI; Tamara M. Sell, 1421 Prospect St, Watertown, WI; Kaley J. Shea, 1153 Boughton St, #19B, Watertown; Jan M. Taylor, 1204 Virginia Ave, Watertown, WI; Sarah A. Thao, 1420 Henry St, Watertown, WI; Melissa Jo Theder, N1772 West St, Lebanon, WI; Keeley L. Witt, 1017 Clement St, #D, Watertown; Shena M. Zempel, 310 Emerald St, Watertown, WI. Alderperson Smith moved to grant these licenses, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Exhibit #8061, to approve the Police/School Officer Liaison Contract for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David.* Alderperson Coughlin moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8062, to write off the balance of a Housing Block Grant Loan Program for the property at 516 N. Water Street 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 #8063, to authorize the purchase and installation of scoreboards and controllers from All American Score Board at a cost of \$17,500.00 to be taken from the following accounts: \$8,217.87 from Account #01-58-11-21 and 9,282.13 from Account #05-58-11-21. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8064, to authorizing the City to enter into agreements with General Communications (Harris) for \$631,948.00, Communications Services (Motorola) for \$350,145.00 and Eaton (Dispatch furniture) for \$44,943.24 to be charged to Police Department Capital Outlay Account #05-52-11-70 was presented. The Police Department Capital Outlay Budget #05-52-11-70 will be amended from \$800,000.00 to \$1,000,027.37. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this resolution and Exhibit #8065, seconded by Alderperson Smith.

Exhibit #8065, Official Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures on Public Safety Radio Projects From Proceeds of Borrowing. The motion to approve these two resolutions as presented carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8066, to authorize the purchase of Bulk Rock Salt from North American Salt for \$69.41 per ton, for the 2014-2015 Snow Season was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8067, to authorize the Fire Department to begin In-house Billing on September 1, 2014 for EMS Services, with a checking account to be opened at JPMorgan Chase Bank was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Maron moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Larsen 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 Tietz and carried on a voice vote. The time being 7:50 p.m.

Cynthia D. Rupprecht

City Clerk/Treasurer

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(Complete video of Council Proceedings on DVD.)

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