

## **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, October 21, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Alderpersons McFarland, Smith, Berg, Zgonc, Maron and Romlein. (6) Absent: Larsen, Coughlin and Tietz (3). Also present were Fire Chief Greg Michalek, Police Chief Tim Roets, City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway, 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 Tuesday, October 7, 2014. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

Brad Geiger, 622 Collins Road, Jefferson, was present representing the "Move to Amend Rock River Affiliate Group". Brad explained that this group is collecting signatures to start a direct legislation referendum question to be placed on the April 7, 2015 ballot, asking Watertown voters to show support for a constitutional amendment to control the huge amounts of money in political campaigns. Brad urged the Council to support this movement.

Susan Dascenzo, representing the Watertown Main Street and Tourism Committee, 519 E. Main Street, was present to update the Council on various events. The Pumpkin Palooza and Zombie Run will be held this weekend, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, with the Zombie Ball at 210 S. Water Street on Saturday evening. A women's only weekend will be held November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> with 33 merchants participating. Susan then reminded the Council that Santa will be arriving on November 29<sup>th</sup> with hours in his house on the Plaza. The Holiday Parade of Homes will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Susan also informed the Council that the Chamber is doing work with Future Wisconsin Project, which involves strategic planning sessions throughout the State with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and the Department of Workforce Development. The Chamber is also planning their annual event, which will be held on February 19, 2015. Finally, Susan expressed their excitement about the Redevelopment Plan that was presented to the Council two weeks ago. Mr. Lindborg, who has purchased the Schempf Building on Main St, will be in town with family this weekend. She updated the Council that he is currently waiting on word regarding the grant and tax credits that were applied for. They are presently doing tenant recruitment.

Francine Gies, 609 W. Main Street, was present to also speak in support of the "Move to Amend" project. She is a volunteer who is seeking signatures and urged the Council to support this movement.

Jo Bostrom, 211 Air Park Drive, also spoke regarding the "Move to Amend" project, stating there is much money in politics causing corruption. She, too, urged the Council to support this movement.

Greg David, W4512 Riverdale Lane, also spoke in support of this movement. Greg is a member of the County Board and the County did pass a similar resolution at the County level.

Daniel Fary, W744 Cty. Rd. J, Fort Atkinson, also explained some history behind this movement. He, also urged the Council to support this process.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the public hearing regarding the Taxi Capital Grant Application at 7:22 p.m. There were no persons who wished to speak in favor or in opposition to this grant application. Mayor David then closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance Committee, October 6, 2014.** 1. American Transmission Company ATC Grant. This is a \$5,000.00 grant to help municipalities with tree planting. There are no matching funds required. A resolution will be presented. 2. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban Forestry Grant. This is a \$10,000.00 grant requiring a 50% match, which can be in-kind, including labor and machinery used. A resolution will be presented. 3. Replacement of retiring Street Department employee. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz informed the committee that Gerry Zeitler will be retiring at year end. Rick was given approval to start the process for replacement. 4. Discuss a Cable TV transfer of money from the Capital Account to the Salary Account. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer of money. A resolution will be presented. 5. Engagement letter with Quarles & Brady. Clerk/Treasurer Rupprecht presented an engagement letter from Quarles & Brady to assist in the City's participation in the MCDC Initiative in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion was made and seconded to authorize entering into this engagement. 6. Continuing discussion of the 2015 Budget. Alderperson Smith took over as Chairman for the Budget Process at this point. He outlined various additions and cuts to the Budget that he was suggesting. After review of the General Budget, they moved on to review the Capital Budget. Alderperson Smith suggested approximately \$72,150.00 could be transferred into Annual Streets from some other savings, which would help to rehab two additional streets. The report was received and placed on file.

**Finance Committee, October 8, 2014.** 1. Finance Committee exchanged proposals with Fire Union. Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session to discuss Labor Negotiations per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e). The report was received and placed on file.

**Finance Committee, October 13, 2014.** 1. Discuss and approve speed boards. Alderperson Berg has received requests for more speed control and is requesting we purchase them. The initial cost was thought to be about \$6,000.00, but has risen to just over \$9,000.00 per board. After discussion the Committee decided more information was needed regarding whether or not WE Energies would allow us to mount these on their posts, what the complete cost would be, what the best options would be (portable signs or something more permanent). This item was tabled until answers to these questions could be obtained. 2. Discuss and approve Radio Project Antenna upgrades report. The antenna upgrade was originally thought to be about \$10,000.00, however; the price has come in at \$19,475.00. After discussion about where this money would come from it was decided to give Chief Roets the flexibility to move forward with the work, as it has to be done to complete the project. It will be brought back in the future to figure out where the money is going to come from. 3. Discuss electrical work in the Police Department Communications Center. Extra, unexpected, electrical work has come up in the Dispatch Center which will require increased cabling and more outlets. Two bids were received. Motion was made and seconded to select United Electrical to do the work. The Police Chief will try to find funds in his department to pay for part of this and will also talk to the Fire Chief about some additional funds from his budget. 4. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss Union Negotiations. Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session to discuss Labor Negotiations with our Labor Attorney. Motion was made and then seconded to reconvene to open session, where the exchange of initial bargaining proposals with the Police Union-Labor

Association of WI took place. Following the exchange of initial proposals, a motion was made and seconded to go back into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to begin negotiations. The report was received and placed on file.

**Public Works Commission, October 14, 2014.** 1. Discuss extending Neenah Street to Boomer Street.

After considerable discussion a motion was made and seconded to open Neenah Street to Boomer Street with no restrictions, other than those requested by Public Safety, for safety reasons, which was approved on a 3 to 1 vote. 2. Discuss dip netting from Milwaukee Street Bridge. Cindi Braasch, representing the Park & Rec. Department spoke about the behavior of some of those participating in this activity, causing damage and clean up as a result. After considerable discussion, Jim Romlein moved to table this issue for up to 3 months while discussions and meetings can occur to help try to salvage this activity, with guidelines that everyone can live with. 3. Review bids for replacement of Trailer Mounted Generator at Wastewater Department. Our generator is from 1997 and is not reliable. The generator is needed for our lift stations and administrative offices and is portable. A resolution will be presented recommending Wolter Power Systems at a bid amount of \$37,819.00. 4. Review bids for replacement of Utility Vehicle at Wastewater Department. Several bids were received. A resolution will be presented recommending Bobcat of Madison at a low bid of \$15,285.00. 5. Review bids for replacement of van at Wastewater. Several bids were received. A resolution will be presented recommending Ewald Dodge at a low price of \$20,815.00. The report was received and placed on file.

**Public Safety & Welfare Committee, October 8, 2014.** 1. Eighth Street parking concern near YMCA.

Two residents were present to discuss issues they are having with cars parking too close to their driveways. After discussion it was decided to create a No Parking Zone between 408 & 412 S. Eight Street with an ordinance to be presented. 2. West Street eastbound visibility possible Bike Lane. A resident asked if it could be possible to establish a bike lane on West Street, near Wis-Pak, going up the hill, as this is a narrow road with low visibility. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz informed the Committee that the Street Department will be working on Benton Street next year and may be able to accommodate some sort of a pedestrian lane in that area. He will get cost estimates and come back to the Committee. In the meantime, it was decided to place warning signs at the base of the hill in both directions indicating motorists should be aware of bike and pedestrian traffic. 3. Proposed signage on Neenah Street if connected to Boomer Street. Public Works Commission previously approved the construction to connect Neenah Street to Boomer Street, with limited access being posted for authorized vehicles only. Attorney Gruber and Police Chief Roets expressed concern about placing these restrictive driving signs, as it would be impossible to enforce. After discussion it was decided to send this item back to the Commission with a recommendation to open the road without any driving restrictive signs. The report was received and placed on file.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor David presented the final estimates of January 2014 population. The estimated population in the Jefferson County portion of Watertown is 15,472 persons with the population in the Dodge County portion of Watertown estimated at 8,439.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Certified accounts in the amount of \$752,261.36 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. 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 – September 10, 2014. Committee of the Whole – October 7, 2014. Community Development Authority – September 25, 2014. Historic Preservation & Downtown Design

Commission – September 18, 2014. Library Board of Trustees – September 11, 2014. Licensing Board – October 15, 2014. Payroll Summaries – Oct. 1 - 14, 2014. Plan Commission – October 13, 2014. Police & Fire Commission – October 13, 2014. Site Plan Review Committee – October 13, 2014. All reports were accepted as printed.

### LICENSES

The following have made applications for Beverage Operator Applications for year ending June 30, 2015: Katelyn Boyd, N2069 Cty. Rd. EM, Watertown, WI 53098; Bridget C. Brown, 114 Renner Lane, Watertown, WI 53094; heather R. Brown, 2103 Maple Grove Dr., Madison, WI; Jessica Carlson, W260 Vista Dr., Oconomowoc, WI 53066; Lisa M. Crum, 204 N. Church St., Watertown, WI; Brandon S. Downs, 216 ½ S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Watertown, WI 53094; Deanna L. Drost, 132 Morningside Orchard Dr., #1, Oconomowoc, WI; Susan M. Fricker, 203 W. Spaulding St., Watertown, WI 53098; Matthew J. Gehring, N6565 Valley View Ln., Iron Ridge, WI; Jeremy J. Gibbons, 1480 Evergreen, #5, Watertown, WI 53098; Amanda C. Gilmer, 813 Cole St., Watertown, WI 53094; Stephanie M. Heiden, 1153 Boughton St., #10F, Watertown, WI; Stephenie L. Hellenbrand, 815 John Adams St., Sauk City, WI 53583; Darwin L. Lemke, N1087 Cty. Rd. L, Watertown, WI 53098; Michelle D. Lemke, N1087 Cty. Rd. L, Watertown, WI 53098; Jay J. Lieblang, N6075 Grey Fox Tr., Sullivan, WI 53178; Melissa A. Luetzow, 553 E. Ogden St., Jefferson, WI 53549; Julie A. Miller, 1130 Clement St., Watertown, WI 53094; Deandre A. Newson, 2014 Elka Ln., #3, Madison, WI; Christy Anna Rowley, 110 ½ S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Watertown, WI; Deborah K. Smith, 412 Humboldt St., Watertown, WI 53094; Shane A. Svsonexay, 3000 Cahill #11, Fitchburg, WI 53711; Danielle VanEnkenvort, 506 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Watertown, WI 53094; Raquel Villanueva-Otto, 315 ½ N. Montgomery St., Watertown, WI; Stacy L. Wagner, 811 W. South St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066; Rhiannon J. Watts, 122 Hospital Dr., #6, Watertown, WI 53098; Christine L. Wieder, N8431 CTH X, Watertown, WI 53094. The following applied for an Agent Change, Applebee's Store No. 281, 1512 S. Church St., to Eric Polinsky. Alderperson Maron moved to grant the licenses, including the Bartender Exhibit A and the Agent Change for Applebee's, seconded by Alderperson Smith and carried on a voice vote.

### ORDINANCES

**Ord. #14-26**, to amend Section 7.06(1)(b)(20) to create a Loading Zone – No Parking on the south side of Jones Street from the east curb line of N. Fifth Street to a point 98 feet east, between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday on School Days for bus loading 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 and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. No – None.

**Ord. #14-27**, to create Section 7.09(1)(z-176) to prohibit parking on the east side of S. Eighth Street from a point 175 feet south of the south curb line of Dodge Street to a point 125 feet further south 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 Romlein and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. No – None

### RESOLUTIONS

**Exhibit #8096**, to amend the Capital Outlay Account #01-51-84-60 to be reduced by \$2,500.00 and to increase Cable TV Salaries Account #01-51-84-10 by \$2,500.00. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. No – None.

**Exhibit #8097**, to enter into the Fire Protection and EMS Agreement with the Townships of Shields, Emmet, Milford and Watertown was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a voice vote.

**Exhibit #8098**, to authorize the purchase of a portable 35KW Emergency Generator from Wolter Power Systems of Brookfield in the amount of \$37,819.00 to be charged to Account #02-98-00-00 Replacement of Equipment was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. No – None.

**Exhibit #8099**, for authorize the purchase of a Diesel Utility Vehicle from Bobcat of Madison in the amount of \$15,285.00 to be charged to Account #02-98-00-00 was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Romlein and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. No – None.

**Exhibit #8100**, to authorize the purchase of an SUV from Ewald Dodge of Oconomowoc in the amount of \$20,815.00 to be charged to Account 02-82-00-00 was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Romlein and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 6. No – None.

#### **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

Greg David, W4512 Riverdale Lane, complimented the Council on its proceedings. He also wanted to know more about the Tax Payer Benefit Preference that was referenced regarding several purchases made. It was suggested that he discuss this with Alderperson Berg following the meeting.

Brad Geiger, 622 Collins Road, Jefferson, thanked the Council for listening to their “Moved to Amend” presentations and informed the Council that the committee members would be available to discuss and answer any questions they might have following the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson McFarland moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a voice vote. The time being 7:40 p.m.

Cynthia D. Rupprecht

City Clerk/Treasurer

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(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.)*