

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 Monday, November 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 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 21, 2014. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Melissa Lampe, 400 N. Washington Street, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission, was present to speak regarding the resolution recommending that the Schempf Building, located at 207-209 E. Main Street be designated as a Locally Designated Landmark. Even though this building is currently in the downtown historic district, this designation would make it historically stand on its own.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the public hearing regarding any of the 2015 Budgets at 7:04 p.m. There being no persons present wishing to speak on these Budgets, Mayor David declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, October 27, 2014. 1. Radio Network Antenna Upgrade. Ralph Evans was present to explain why the upgrade is needed and why the costs were higher than originally anticipated. After explanation the Finance Committee decided the additional money for this should come from Contingent. The estimated cost is to be \$20,920.00. A resolution will be presented. 2. Fund Balance Policy. City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Rupprecht has been working on a new Fund Balance Policy. Our current policy and our status of 22.6% of unrestricted fund balance is still low compared to many of our surrounding communities. One recommended range was 20%-30%, with a goal of 25%. This item will come back to the Committee for further discussion and recommendation in the future. 3. Discuss 5 Year Plans. Some information is still lacking, such as infrastructure and IT. Those will be coming in the future and the Finance Committee will be getting copies for future discussion and planning to be used in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Sessions. 4. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss performance evaluations. Roll call was taken and passed unanimously to go into closed session. 5. Reconvene to open session. Motion was made and seconded to reconvene into open session. Following this a motion was made and seconded to approve the performance evaluations. 6. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to discuss potential litigation. Motion was made and seconded to return to closed session and passed unanimously. Following discussion in closed session, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Report was received and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the 2015 Budget. Alderperson Berg asked to have a little bit more information regarding the development of the 2015 Budget and then discussion to include some of the main points. Alderperson Smith, who

was the Chairman of the Finance Committee during the budget process, explained the process as to how the budget was initially developed by the Mayor and ultimately turned over to the Finance Committee for their review and their goals. He highlighted the pay inequity that exists between Watertown and surrounding communities, and the goal to include a 3% pay increase to alleviate some of that inequity. Another major focus was street improvements. The goal was to attempt to resurface or reconstruct up to 20 miles of streets. It was pointed out that while this budget includes borrowing \$3 million dollars, \$3.8 million in debt service will be paid off so we will still be decreasing our debt. It is anticipated that closer to \$2 million will be borrowed per year in the future. Other general discussion regarding the budget and tax levies then took place.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$519,269.91 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 Health – August 28, 2014. Family Center Finance Committee – October 6, 2014. Payroll Summaries – Oct. 15 - 28, 2014. Plan Commission – October 27, 2014. Police & Fire Commission – October 28, 2014. Senior Center Advisory Board – October 15, 2014. All reports were accepted as printed.

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 second reading, seconded by Alderperson Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #14-27, to create Section 7.09(1)(z-176) to prohibit parking on the west 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 second reading, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None

Ord. #14-28, to amend Section 7.13(6) of the Bond Schedule of Chapter 7, Traffic Code, was presented for its first reading. *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 Coughlin and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

RESOLUTIONS

Exhibit #8101, to amend the following 2014 budget accounts as follows: Contingent Account #01-51-81-58 be reduced by \$20,925.00 and Police Department Capital Outlay Account #01-52-11-60 be increased by \$20,925.00 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 roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Exhibit #8102, to designate the Schempf Building, located at 207-209 E. Main Street, as a Locally Designated Landmark was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Historic Preservation Commission.* Alderperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Berg and carried on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Cynthia D. Rupprecht

City Clerk/Treasurer

CDR/dn

(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.)