

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, December 2, 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, November 18, 2014. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Kim Erdmann, Executive Director of WEDO, was present to share several articles that have appeared in the paper recently regarding land and attracting potential businesses. Kim also had a hand out that compared different cities and the amount of land that they currently have available. Kim urged the City to work towards finding additional land, as that is critical when businesses are looking to relocate.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the public hearing to solicit comments on the designation of the Schempf Building, located at 207-209 E. Main Street, as a locally Designated Landmark at 7:06 p.m. Melissa Lampe, 400 N. Washington Street, Chairperson of the Watertown Historical Preservation Commission, was present to speak in favor of this nomination. She urged the Council to support it. There being no further comments, Mayor David closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, November 24, 2014. 1. Review and approve Solid Waste Rate Increase. Due to the closing costs and continued monitoring of the old landfill site, it was recommended during the Budget process to increase the rate from \$8.60 per month to \$9.20 per month. A resolution will be presented. 2. Approve promotions in the Street Department. Due to the retirement of a Class 5 Operator, Street Superintendent Rick Schultz was given permission to promote a Class 4 Operator into that position and then a Class 3 Operator into the Class 4 position. 3. Assisting Oak Hill Cemetery with replacement of a one ton Dump Truck. The Street Department was going to trade in the truck in 2015, however; due to the need by Oak Hill Cemetery, it was moved and seconded to spend approximately \$500.00 to get this truck ready for them to use and give it to Oak Hill Cemetery, instead of trading it in. A resolution will be presented. 4. Concerning a grant for lighting at Brandt/Quirk Park. The Brandt/Quirk Foundation has given the City a \$39,000.00 grant to pay for 50% of the lights for the ball diamonds at Brandt/Quirk Park, which means the City must come up with the additional \$39,000.00. This item will be laid over to 2015 and money will be taken from the Contingent Fund at that time. A letter will be written to the Brandt/Quirk Foundation indicating the City will match their 50% grant. 5. Approve and purchase storage containers from the Port of Milwaukee for Fire Department Training Facility. The Brandt/Quirk Foundation has granted the Fire Department \$20,000.00 towards this Training Facility Project. These containers, from the Port of Milwaukee, will cost \$11,000.00. They will be located on the Airport property. The remaining Brandt/Quirk Foundation money will be used to get that facility up and running. A resolution will be presented for the

purchase of the containers. 6. Request from Watertown Airport for funds for some signage. The Airport will review their budget to see if there is approximately \$4,000.00 that could be found somewhere to be transferred for these welcoming signs. This will return to the Finance Committee at a future date. 7. Discuss the sale of items at 207-209 W. Main Street, purchased for the Library expansion. There are items in the building which will be sold through the online auction service. Normally the City would get all the proceeds into a General Fund Account. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to split the proceeds 50/50 with the Library. 8. Discuss the rules of Public Comment during City Council meetings. After considerable discussion about amending the Common Council agenda, it was moved and seconded to have City Attorney Gruber come up with an ordinance and resolution for adoption, to be reviewed again at the meeting on December 8. 9. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) concerning land sale and purchase. Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session. Report was received and placed on file.

Finance Committee, November 18, 2014. 1. Discuss and approve applicant for Emergency Preparedness/Environmental Health Specialist/Vacation Issue. The final candidate that Health Officer Carol Quest is recommending for hire has indicated that she has two vacations planned for this spring. One is a one week vacation, the other is a two week vacation. Carol can only approve a one week leave of absence without pay, but it does take Finance Committee approval to approve the two week vacation. After discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve the extra two week unpaid vacation. 2. Approve submission for the Wisconsin DNR's Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement & Control (UWDAC) Grant. There are three grants that Jacob Maas wishes to apply for which would help to control the damage that urban wildlife can cause. Motion was made and seconded to approve applying for this grant. 3. Approve submission for the Wisconsin DNR's River Planning Grant. This grant would help to pay for approximately 75% of the cost of the sea wall reconstruction. Motion was made and seconded to approve applying for this grant. 4. Approve submission for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) Idle Industrial Site Redevelopment Grant Program. These grants help to revitalize redevelopment sites such as Brown Field Industrial Sites. Watertown is specifically looking at the redevelopment of the Lindberg Heavy Duty Site. Motion was made and approved to apply for this grant. Report was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor David presented two claims for damage being recommended for denial by our insurance carrier, Statewide Services. One from Erin Flynn, Windsor, WI, and the second from Ms. Flynn's Insurance Company, USAA. These claims were regarding damage to her vehicle during a wind storm on June 15, 2014. Motion was made by Alderperson Smith to recommend denial of this claim, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$474,561.01 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Berg 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: Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission – November 3, 2014. Payroll Summaries – November 12 – November 25, 2014. Plan Commission – November 24, 2014. All reports were accepted as printed.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #14-29, to create Section 10.24, Communicable Disease of Chapter 10, Health and Sanitation of the City Code was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Coughlin. From: The Public Health Board.* Alderperson Coughlin moved for the

adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #14-30, to recreate Section 7.09(1)(z-20), Parking Prohibited in Specified Places as follows; on the west side of S. Water Street, from the north curb line of W. Milwaukee Street, to the north curb line of Lafayette Street; on the east side of N. Water Street, from the north curb line of W. Milwaukee Street, to a point 35 feet north of the north curb line of Lafayette Street except for the Loading Zone at 415 S. Water Street, which is 105 feet north of the north curb line of W. Milwaukee Street was presented. *Sponsor: Ald. Zgonc. From: The Public Safety & Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Tietz 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 – None.

Ord. #14-31, to create Section 11.175, Park Use Suspension of Chapter 11, Orderly Conduct 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 Berg. Alderperson Zgonc then moved to refer this ordinance back to the Public Safety & Welfare Committee, seconded by Alderperson Smith.

RESOLUTIONS

Exhibit #8106, to approve increasing the Solid Waste Rate Fee from \$8.60 to \$9.20 per month was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Coughlin moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Smith and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Exhibit #8107, to authorize the transfer of a 1995 one ton Chevy truck from the Street Department to the Oak Hill Cemetery 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 #8108, to enter into the 2015 Labor Agreement with the Labor Association of Wisconsin Police Officers was presented. *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 – 9. No – None.

Exhibit #8109, to authorize the purchase of shipping container boxes from the Port of Milwaukee for \$11,000.00 to be take from Fire Department Training Facility Reserve Account #01-58-12-02 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc 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 Larsen and carried on a voice vote. The time being 7:34 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.)