

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor John David called the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Watertown to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Alderpersons McFarland, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Raether, Tietz, Maron and Romlein. (8) Absent: Smith (1). 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 17, 2015. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Barry Baumann, 1303 S. 9th Street was present to address the council about dip netting. He stated he never saw any signs put up about the rules and wondered if anyone checked permits. He further stated that if the brackets on the rigs are what is causing the problem then take that out and require a rope. Using a rope would not cause damage. He stated the sidewalks should be sealed also. He urged the council to leave dip netting in place as it is a historic activity here in Watertown.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Kim Erdman, representing WEDO was present to invite all alderpersons and department heads to Fischer Barton on Tuesday, December 10 where Fisher Barton will be recognized and presented with the 2015 Community Impact Award. Kim stated their facility is an asset to the City.

Mayor David presented an appointment to the Branding Committee: Julie Olver, 411 S. 5th St, replacing Kim Erdman. Alderperson McFarland moved to approve this appointment, seconded by Alderperson Romlein and carried on a roll call vote: Yes-8. No-none.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$186,397.21 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8, No – None. (A complete list of accounts payable is on file and is open for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer.)

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The following reports were presented: Joint Review Board – November 23, 2015, Payroll Summaries – November 11 to November 24, 2015, Plan Commission – November 23, 2015, Police & Fire Commission – November 16, 2015, Site Plan Review – November 23, 2015, Tax Rates by County for 2015, Transit Commission – November 19, 2015, and Watertown Family Center Board – November 17, 2015. All reports were accepted as printed.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #15-40, to amend Section 8.085, Dip Netting from Bridges Prohibited and to repeal Chapter 8 Bond Schedule page 1 as it relates to this section was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Zgonc. From: Public Safety and Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Tietz. Alderperson Maron moved to reinstate the stricken verbiage and direct the City Attorney to fashion language to allow dip netting without rigging. After discussion about how and when this motion could be voted on the way

it was presented, consensus was to vote this motion down and have a new motion to refer this back to the Public Safety Committee so this motion failed on a roll call vote: Yes – none. No - 9. Alderperson Maron then moved to refer this ordinance back to the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Alderperson Romlein which carried on the following roll call vote: Yes – McFarland, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Rather, Maron and Romelin (7) No – Tietz.(1)

Ord. #15-41, to create section 7.03(2)(z-129) to place a stop sign on the northeast corner of Werner and Anne Street where Anne Street shall stop for Werner Street and

Ord. #15-42, to create section 7.03(2)(z-130) to place a stop sign on the northeast corner of Werner Street and Perry Street where Perry Street shall stop for Werner Street was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Zgonc. From: Public Safety and Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of these two ordinances on their first reading, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote:

Ord. #15-43, to create section 7.09(1)(z-178) to prohibit parking on both sides of West Street from the west curb line of South Water Street to a point 50 feet west. *Sponsor: Alderperson Zgonc. From: Public Safety and Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Raether and carried on a roll call vote:

Ord. #15-44, to amend section 33.06(2) rates and charges in Chapter 33 Storm Water Management was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David/Alderperson Berg. From: Finance/Public Safety and Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Romelin moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote:

Ord. #15-45, to create section 7.03(2)(z-131) to place a stop sign on the southwest corner of Pine Ridge Court and Humboldt Street where Pine Ridge Court shall stop for Humboldt Street was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Zgonc. From: Public Safety and Welfare Committee.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote:

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Barry Baumann, 1303 S. 9th Street again addressed the council to thank them for their efforts to work something out regarding dip netting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson McFarland moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a voice vote, the time being 7:39 p.m.

Cindy 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.)