

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, January 6, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Alderpersons McFarland, Smith, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Raether, Tietz, Maron and Romlein. (9) Absent: None (0). Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Kraig Biefeld, 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 meetings held Tuesday, December 16 and Tuesday, December 30, 2014. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Barry Baumann, 1303 S. Ninth Street, was present to speak regarding the proposed changes to the Council Agenda. Mr. Baumann felt that this would be eliminating free speech and felt that the Alderpersons were here to serve.

Rick Tortomasi, 315 Creekside Court, was also present to address the issue of Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present. Mr. Tortomasi served as an alderperson in the City of Waukesha under three different Mayors. They put in a strict two minute limitation on comments and it was up to the Mayor to hold citizens to it.

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The following reports were presented: Board of Health – November 13, 2014. Family Center Board of Directors – December 23, 2014. Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission – December 1, 2014. Payroll Summaries – December 10 – December 23, 2014. Senior Center Advisory Board – December 17, 2014. Site Plan Review Committee – December 22, 2014. Alderperson Berg made comment regarding the Site Plan Review Committee minutes regarding a development that is proposed to take place on N. First Street. Alderperson Berg stated concern about the density that was being requested and felt it would be controversial. All reports were accepted as printed.

ORDINANCES

Ord. #14-33, to amend Section 22.02(8)(a)(1) & 22.02(8)(b) Floodplain and Shoreland-Wetland Zoning Code of the City of Watertown was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Berg and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #14-34, to create Section 7.09(1)(z-176) to prohibit parking on the west side of Labaree St. from a point 40' south of the north curb line of Ann Street extended to a point 333' 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 Larsen and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No - None.

Ord. #14-35, to create Section 11.171(14), Miscellaneous Conduct of Chapter 11 was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson 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. #14-36, to create Section 2.05(7)(f), Park, Recreation & Forestry of Chapter 2 was presented.

Sponsor: Alderperson Tietz. From: The Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission. Alderperson Tietz 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. #15-1, to create Section 3.21, Spilled Hazardous Materials Removal Responsibility of Chapter 3, Finance Code, was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Maron moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Ord. #15-2, to repeal Section 1.03, Rule 4(14), Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present and to amend Section 1.04, Rule 12(3) of Chapter 1, the Common Council was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Raether. Alderperson Smith then moved to defer consideration of this ordinance to a point in our agenda until after Resolution #8118 had been acted upon. This was seconded by Alderperson Berg and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

RESOLUTIONS

Preliminary Resolution, Exhibit #8116, to assess curb and gutter on Milford Street from the railroad tracks to Commerce Drive, approximately 6,100' (east side) and on Benton Street, south to Crestview Drive, approximately 600', on the east side, was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – McFarland, Smith, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Raether, Tietz and Romlein (8). No – Maron (1).

Exhibit #8117, to adopt an updated policy regarding Compliance of Post Issuance for Tax Exempt and Tax Advantage Obligations and Continuing Disclosure was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson McFarland moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – None.

Exhibit #8118, to address limitations on Comments and Suggestions of Citizens Present during Council Meetings 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.

Discussion then took place regarding Ordinance #15-2. After discussion regarding the elimination of the second Comments and Suggestions at the end of the meeting, this ordinance failed on the following roll call vote: Yes – Smith, Raether and Tietz (3). No – McFarland, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Maron and Romlein (6).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson Raether moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Berg and carried on a voice vote. The time being 7:52 p.m.

Cynthia D. Rupprecht

City Clerk/Treasurer

CDR/dn

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(DISCLAIMER: These minutes are uncorrected and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.)