

## **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, July 7, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Alderpersons McFarland, Smith, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Raether, Maron and Romlein. (8) Absent: Tietz (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, June 16, 2015 or Friday, June 26, 2015. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Chad Bailey, 804 Linda Lane, spoke regarding the rezoning of the property on Perry Way to Heavy Industrial (HI). Chad stated he did not feel there was sufficient notice given regarding the Johnsonville Plant. He stated that access roads are narrow and urged the Council to review all of the HI zoned property in this area and get a better understanding of potential noise, light and odor issues before granting this rezoning.

Katia Cooper, 805 Casey Drive, also spoke regarding the rezoning of the property. Katia stated she is sensitive to smells and sounds and is questioning what will happen to home values should this rezoning take place.

John Kaliebe, 829 Richards Avenue, was present to speak regarding the rezoning of the property at 1222 Perry Way. John explained that he has been with Johnsonville for 30 years. He referred to the full Council Room, filled with employees, 25 of which have been with the company for 25 to 34 years. He stated that Johnsonville is a very good company to work for. They are great owners with competitive wages, benefits and profit sharing. They have been in the area since August of 1981. John encouraged the Council to remember that this rezoning would affect the fate of 120 families. They wish to keep these people employed and add additional jobs as well. John also stated that he lives near three manufacturing businesses, railroad tracks, and a grade school and has never been bothered by any of those.

Tim Krull, 104 E. Division Street, Plant Manager of Johnsonville, also spoke regarding the rezoning. He too referred to the many members of the company who were in the Council Chambers showing their support. Tim gave background that they have been in Watertown since August of 1981. Prior to that the plant was known as Royal Meats. They want to maintain their position in Watertown and provide for job growth. Since the fire which occurred in May, their members have volunteered more than 500 hours to the community, which shows their efforts to be part of this City. He encouraged the Council to remember that this rezoning will determine the fate of 120 employees and their families. He stated that Johnsonville has been in Watertown for 35 years in a residential area and there have been no issues. They will make every effort to continue to be good neighbors at the Perry Way site.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor David declared open the public hearing to discontinue public way of an area on N. Church Street, near and about the intersection with Margaret Street. The public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. There were no persons wishing to speak at this public hearing, therefore, Mayor David closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

WEDO – Kim Erdmann, Executive Director of WEDO, handed out a pamphlet regarding Economic Development Cycles. Kim pointed out the various industries in the City and that we are a manufacturing community. He stated that Watertown is in the middle of the nation's bread basket, we make food. Examples are: Wis-Pak in Watertown, producing Pepsi, Emil's Pizza, marketing pizza products, Miller/Coors, marketing hops, Berres Brothers with their coffee production, Kraemer's and various others with cheese, and Johnsonville with their brats. Kim urged the Council to remember Economic Development and that zoning is a crucial part of keeping businesses here in Watertown. He too urged the Council to approve the zoning to Heavy Industrial so Johnsonville could remain here in the City.

Mayor David then presented a communication from Jefferson County Administrator Ben Wehmeier, regarding the joint effort to withdraw from the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System and create the two county Federated Library System consisting of Waukesha and Jefferson Counties.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$315,427.89 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Berg and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8, No – None. (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: Branding Committee – June 18, 2015. Economic Revolving Loan Committee – July 1, 2015. Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission – June 2, 2015. Payroll Summaries – June 9 – 23, 2015. Plan Commission – June 22, 2015. Senior Center Advisory Board – June 17, 2015. Site Plan Review – June 22, 2015. Watertown Family Center Board of Directors – June 23, 2015. All reports were accepted as printed.

### LICENSES

The following applied for: Secondhand Article & Secondhand Jewelry Dealer licenses, Rock River Properties LLC dba "Clara's Antiques", 100 E. Main Street (Tina Nelson proprietor). Motion was made by Alderperson Maron, seconded by Alderperson Raether to approve these licenses. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Non-renewal of Beverage Operator license for Kiesha Demetropoulos. Attorney Gruber gave a brief explanation of the hearing and proceeding. Motion was made by Alderperson Berg, seconded by Alderperson Smith to uphold the recommendation of the Licensing Board to non-renew her license. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8. No – None.

### ORDINANCES

**ORD. #15-22**, to amend Chapter 18, to change the zoning from GI (General Industrial) to HI (Heavy Industrial) for the property located at 1222 Perry Way was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission with a positive recommendation.* Alderperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Berg and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8. No – None.

**ORD. #15-23**, to amend Section 21.02(2) and to create Section 21.06, Maintenance of Vacant & Foreclosing Residential Properties was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Zgonc moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8. No – 0.

**Exhibit #8195**, to adopt the Petition for Annexation of road right-of-way from the Town of Emmet into the City of Watertown 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 – 8. No – None.

**ORD. #15-24**, to annex a portion of N. Fourth Street from the Town of Emmet into the City of Watertown, which is road right-of-way, was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson McFarland moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Raether and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8. No – None.

### RESOLUTIONS

**Final Exhibit #8194**, to discontinue the public way on N. Church Street, near and about its intersection with Margaret Street: Part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Town 9 North, Range 15 East, City of Watertown, Dodge County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 33; thence North 29°02'50" East, 1712.06 feet to a point; thence North 50°24'54" West along the Northeast line of North Church Street, 44.83 feet to the point of beginning of the following description: thence North 50°24'54" West along said Northeast line, 30.31 feet to the Southwest corner of Outlot 12; thence South 89°38'20" East, 91.52 feet to a point on a curve; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 144.00 feet, a delta of 21°17'27", an arc length of 53.51 feet, and a chord which bears South 68°03'04" West having a chord distance of 53.20 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 16.00 feet, a delta of 72°10'46", an arc length of 20.16 feet, and a chord which bears North 86°30'17" West having a chord distance of 18.85 feet to a point of tangency and the point of beginning; was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 8. No – 0.

**Exhibit #8196**, to authorize entering into an agreement with Janke General Contractors for the Common Bond River Walk Rehabilitation Project in a base bid amount of \$345,000.00 and Alternate #1 of \$83,000.00 for a grand total of \$428,000.00 to be charged to TIF Account #09-58-05-36 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 8. No – None.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson Romlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a voice vote, the time being 7:47 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.)*