

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, September 1, 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 meeting held Tuesday, August 18, 2015. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Steve Raatz, 318 North Avenue was present to speak regarding the trailer ordinance. Mr. Raatz questioned whether trailers behind a fence counted as part of the limit.

Trent Nehls, 1230 N. Fourth Street was also present regarding the trailer ordinance. Mr. Nehls stated that he felt two was the wrong limit as there are persons who need to have trailers as part of their jobs or businesses and wanted to council to look at this and possibly grandfathering those who might have more.

Dan Kurth, 604 E. Cady Street, spoke regarding trailer parking, stating that he agreed with everything Trent Nehls had stated, that often times he has two or three at a time and doesn't see having more than two as a problem.

Lori Gunderson, owner of property at Church and Cady Streets and also on Perry Street was also present to speak regarding trailer parking. She stated that, while she lives in Delafield, she often has to hire local persons to do work on her property here. She didn't feel enough notice had been given regarding this. She urged the Council to investigate this further.

Fred Schnook, Executive Director of the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin was present to explain their program. They have been operating for 23 years and help to move people from poor economic conditions to the middle class. They provide food, shelter, clothing and their most popular program, Coats for Kids. The term of our local member is currently expiring and they are looking for a replacement from Watertown as an appointee to this Board. Mr. Schnook recommended that anyone whom is interested to contact the Mayor for this appointment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, August 24, 2015. 1. Review & approve request for funds from the Watertown Municipal Airport. Krys Brown, from Wisconsin Aviation was present to talk about all of the volunteer work that was done by the Johnsonville employees at the Airport by removing brush, clearing fence lines, cutting down trees and cleaning up the habitat around the Airport. Krys estimates that this has saved the City and the Airport at least \$30,000.00 in labor costs. Because of that, the Airport Commission is asking the City to contribute \$1,000.00 to take Johnsonville volunteers on plane rides to look at the City from the air. The Finance Committee thought this was a great idea and is suggesting the Airport look at all of their budget accounts to see if they could come up with the money. If this could not be accomplished, they will contact the Mayor and come back for further discussion. A motion was made and seconded to authorize expenditure of up to \$1,000.00, which was seconded and passed unanimously. 2. Review & approve the 2016 Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant application. Zoning Administrator/Grant Writer Jacob Maas was present to explain

that we did apply for this in 2015 and did not receive it. They are going to approach this application from a different angle, placing more emphasis on an All-City Forestry Master Plan. The maximum amount of the grant is \$50,000.00, which would be a 50/50 split, \$25,000.00 City/\$25,000.00 State. A motion was made and seconded to approve the grant application and passed unanimously. 3. Discuss & approve a Voluntary Military Leave for a Dispatcher. This will come back at a late date. 4. Review & approve the hiring of a part-time Dispatcher. A motion was made and seconded to recommend the hiring of Mindy Lou Busshardt. She is a Watertown resident, an honorably discharged veteran and was a dispatcher in the U.S. Air Force. This motion passed unanimously. 5. Review & approve a request to transfer funds from Building, Safety & Zoning Salaries Account to Engineering Part-time Salaries Account. City Engineer Holloway was asking permission to transfer the salaries as she would like to hire a part-time individual to work in Engineering during the winter months. She would like to get caught up on things like getting all of our Street Projects and other things into the GIS System as soon as possible. A motion was made and seconded to recommend this transfer. A resolution will be presented. 6. Review & discuss the Solid Waste & Recycling Budget. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz was present to go over the issues facing the Solid Waste & Recycling Budget. One of the trucks has recently broken down, which has over 100,000 miles on it and the cost to repair it is at least \$40,000.00. Rick does not feel it would pay to put that kind of money into that truck, as we will never get it back as on a trade-in. Many issues were discussed such as raising the rates for Solid Waste. We are currently at \$9.20 per month and it is recommended to go to \$11.50 per month. It was also noted that in the 20 years this program has been in effect it has only gone up \$0.69. In order for this program to continue we need to look at the rates or charge a fee for some services that we provide. Further discussion will take place about this during the budget cycle. 7. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to discuss pending litigation. Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session. This passed unanimously on a roll call vote. There being no further business to come before the Committee a motion was then made to adjourn. The report was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

Kim Erdmann, Executive Director of the Watertown Economic Development Organization (WEDO), spoke before the Council talking about an upcoming meeting on working together on projects. Kim also outlined the success of several recent projects, such as Johnsonville Sausage's new location acquisition, Fisher Barton's Tech Center, Baker Rullman's rail spur and Clasen's building addition along with the implementation of our new Brand.

Mayor David then presented the following appointments: Transit Commission: David Morstad, 405 Wildflower Lane, 1st Term, replacing James Claas. Library Board: Lisa Stafford, 878 Hickory Ct., 1st Term, replacing Bill Brashear. Motion was made by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Tietz to approve these appointments and carried on a roll call vote.

Basco Development presentation. Charlie Boyasa was present to explain what they plan to do on a parcel of land previously owned by Bielinski, but now bank owned. He explained that they had been before staff to get a feel for the acceptance of their concept. They have a short time to decide to purchase this property. It is 6.2 acres, which was originally scheduled for 81 apartment units consisting of three 27 unit three story buildings. They are now proposing to go with a ranch style development with 30 units across four buildings. Each of these units would be approximately 1,200 square feet in size with a two car attached garage. There would be a 6 unit, 7 unit, 8 unit and 9 unit building, with rents in the neighborhood of \$1,000 - \$1,200 per month. These will be conventionally financed and they anticipate older persons looking to rent these with them being contained on one level, however, there will be no age specifics. They were looking to get any feedback and concept from the Council as to their thoughts on this type of development. Reaction and feedback from the Council was positive.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$514,486.52 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9, 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: Board of Health – August 15, 2015. Branding Commission – August 20, 2015. Payroll Summaries – August 5 – August 18, 2015. Plan Commission – August 24, 2015. Site Plan Review – August 24, 2015. Joint Transit Commission/Finance Committee – August 24, 2015. All reports were accepted as printed.

LICENSES

The following applied for a Special Event License: Fiesta Cultural Latino Americana, Inc., soccer games/celebration at Grinwald Park, Saturday, September 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motion was made by Alderperson Romlein to recommend the granting of this license, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a voice vote.

ORDINANCES

ORD. #15-31, to amend Section 18.706 Exterior Storage Standards for Residential, Office & Commercial Districts was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Tietz. Alderperson Romlein moved to strike the entire sentence in paragraph 2(d)(5), "Recreational vehicles and trailers shall be roadworthy. Vehicles and trailers that require a license shall be properly licensed with current registration." After discussion about this sentence and these requirements this motion failed on the following roll call vote: Yes – Larsen & Romlein (2). No – McFarland, Smith, Berg, Zgonc, Raether, Tietz and Maron (7). The motion to recommend the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading carried on the following roll call vote: Yes – McFarland, Smith, Berg, Larsen, Zgonc, Raether, Tietz and Maron (8). No – Romlein (1).

ORD. #15-32, to amend the Official Map of the City of Watertown was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Plan Commission (with a positive recommendation).* Alderperson Larsen moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson McFarland and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

RESOLUTIONS

Exhibit #8211, to amend the budget to reduce the Building, Safety & Zoning Salary Account #01-52-41-10 by \$5,200.00 and to increase the Engineering Part-Time Salaries Account #01-54-10-16 by \$5,200.00 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote. Yes – 9. No – 0.

Exhibit #8212, to authorize the submittal of an application for the WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Larsen moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Maron and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Lori Gunderson, 2426 Woodland Park Drive, Delafield, again addressed the Council. She stated that if the City wanted to beautify itself further, we should get rid of our garbage cans. She felt this was the biggest downside in our beautification and that these garbage cans should be required to be placed inside a garage. She stated that she felt that we have a garbage problem and that we should quit picking on trailers as an issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson McFarland moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a voice vote, the time being 7:49 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.)