

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 15, 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 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, September 1, 2015. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor David declared open the public hearing to amend Section 18.206(8) and 18.105(2) of Chapter 18 of the Zoning Code of the City of Watertown pertaining to the addition of "Raising of Chickens" to the list of Accessory Land uses and Section 10.10(4)(e) of Chapter 10, the Health & Sanitation Ordinance, pertaining to the removal of chickens from the language.

Sarah Zaring, 605 S. Washington Street, was present to speak in support of allowing chickens. She stated that it is about knowing what is in your food, like gardening. She stated that these chickens raised at home would be raised more humanely and fed more nutritiously.

Todd Roost, 920 Edgewater Court, stated he was raised on a small farmette. He wants his children to have the same experience of being able to raise chickens.

Ericka Niemann, 414 Dewey Avenue, was present also to speak in favor of allowing chickens. She felt it important that our residents have a choice.

Dave Griffin, 311 Front Street, also spoke in favor of allowing chickens, but in a safe and responsible way. He felt our ordinance allows for that and this movement is toward more sustainability.

Kim Prescher, 704 Labelle Street, was present to speak. Kim stated that she felt this started because she got a letter about a fine for having chickens. Kim circulated a petition around her neighborhood and received signatures of various individuals in the neighborhood who were also in support of allowing chickens, as they are allowed in the communities of Jefferson, Fort Atkinson and Madison, and event parts of Milwaukee. Kim presented her petition to the Council.

Lisa Griffin, 311 Front Street, was also present to thank the Council for bringing this issue back. Lisa stated that she supported all of the positive comments already said. Lisa added a new comment as it relates to our Branding Initiative. She felt that giving people personal freedom and to allow chickens puts Watertown in a good light and makes us more competitive with others that allow this, which would encourage residents that wish to have chickens, to possibly move here.

Bill Surdick, 808 S. Tenth Street, also stated he was in support of allowing chickens.

There being no further comments to come before the Council, Mayor David closed this public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Commission, September 8, 2015. 1. Discuss Wildflower/Weed Issues. Dot Steinhorst had wanted to be here for the topic, but due to personal reasons, was unable to attend. Ken Berg summarized some of her main points, as she wished to see us allow more natural habitat in areas. During discussion it was noted that the City enacted a Natural Landscape Ordinance in the 1990's. Motion was made and seconded to bring this topic back for further discussion at the next meeting, but that Commissioners be sent a copy of the Natural Landscape Ordinance beforehand to allow a better discussion on this issue. Motion passed unanimously. 2. Consider request from Carol Bohlman regarding trees planted as part of Second Street Reconstruction. Carol is requesting that two trees be allowed to be planted on the inside of the curb, to be installed in the boulevard area, north of their handicap ramp on the west side of their building. Consensus of the Commission was to approve this proposal for installing two trees in the area proposed by Carol Bohlman and Jim Baade, but that City Staff determine the exact location, species of trees and ADA Standards for compliance. 3. Review Sidewalk Infill Research Update. Engineer Holloway provided an update on the Sidewalk Infill issue by offering a 300', 500' and 1000' radius proposal for incorporating this metric or variable into a decision of when and how to recommend installation of new sidewalk in existing areas of town. After discussion, Commission members felt high-density housing developments warranted a need for sidewalk to a larger degree. The 1000' radius map was viewed as the best option of the three considered. Jaynellen will come back for review in the future with updated criteria and proposed new weights for sections of Watertown, factoring in the variable of radius with other assets or variables mentioned and their distance to the center of the city, which was determined to be First Street & Main Street. 4. Review & approve Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project REP Analysis. City Engineer Holloway gave a summary of the four proposals received. Ayres Associates has the highest score of 82 out of a possible 90, at a price of \$52,250.00. They would look at feasibility of rehabilitating the existing concrete masonry structure; including all guard rail and sidewalks and all other necessary repairs and pavement patching as required, with electrical and lighting upgrades and reassurance of improvements suggested being cost effective. Due to the large ranking difference between Ayres and the next highest, there were no interviews. Motion was made and seconded to recommend the approval of Ayres Associates as the company of choice to do this work. A resolution will be presented. 5. Review & approve 403 Wildflower Street Storm Sewer Extension request. The existing storm sewer ends roughly 25' to 35' before opening of a defined wetland/low elevation area. As a consequence, this is causing excessive amounts of water in this property owner's backyard, which he wishes to have moved further away from his house. Discussion was held with the DNR and it was noted that no permit would be required as this is deemed a maintenance issue. Street Superintendent Rick Schultz stated he had the storm sewer and it was a matter of time to do this project yet this fall. It was also pointed out that the owner should be told a tree would need to be taken down in order to do the storm sewer extension. Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed storm sewer extension for 403 Wildflower Street. Motion passed unanimously. The report was received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

Susan Dascenzo, representing the Watertown Chamber of Commerce, Main Street and Tourism, 519 E. Main Street, was present. With Susan were several students of the new Watertown Leadership class, Kathy Thoma, Gail Gerth and Jacob Maas. Susan informed the Council that the obstacle course for the Rockman Challenge will be run tomorrow by the Leadership students. On the Chamber side of things, they are working on their budget and their Strategic Plan Implementation. Susan stated that the Main Street Program is at a loss due to the recent passing of the President, Dave Beduze. They will be meeting next week to talk about how to move on. Susan informed the Council that

the Art on Main Auction will be held on Thursday at the Irish Pub and that Main Street is also working on the Pumpkin Palooza and Zombie Runs. Susan informed the Council that this year's Trick-or-Treat will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, actual Halloween date. They are also working on their Women's Only Weekend, which is November 20 – 22, 2015. Tourism Board is currently working on their Marketing Plan and their final events in the M2N Series, Run from the Cops and Run Turkey Run.

John Ebert, President of the Board of Trustees for the Library was present to give the Council an update regarding the Fund Raising Feasibility Report. The question asked was whether \$4.5 million could be raised from the community. John outlined the high points of the report which included expressed excitement in creating a community gathering space and the need to revitalize downtown. Challenges included, size of the project, tepid support for the design presented, no history of recent fundraising, few large businesses or foundations that could be involved and no commitment from the City regarding funding. The recommendation of this study was that the Board consider a revised goal of \$2 million and with the City to declare its commitment level to the project before a fundraising campaign can begin. A meeting will be held late next week to discuss how to move forward and what the City's commitment is in this project.

Mayor David then presented his appointments to the Cable TV Regulatory Board: Ora Kuckkan, 914 Reinhold St., 2nd Term and Emily Krueger, 709 N. Water St., 3rd Term. Motion was made by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Tietz to approve these appointments and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Mayor David then presented to the Council information regarding the GIS Viewer update.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Certified accounts in the amount of \$843,088.68 were presented for payment. Alderperson Romlein moved to pay all certified accounts, seconded by Alderperson Raether 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: Community development Authority – August 20, 2015. Licensing Board – September 1 & September 9, 2015. Payroll Summaries – August 19 – September 1, 2015. Reserve Balances for period ending August 31, 2015. Watertown Family Center Board– August 25, 2015. All reports were accepted as printed.

LICENSES

The following have made applications for Beverage Operator Applications for year ending June 30, 2016: Megan N. Arbogast, 718 N. Church St., Watertown, WI; Kelly M. Bauer, 909 Wisconsin St., Watertown, WI; Katie M. Budzinski, 405 N. Votek Dr., Watertown, WI; Heather L. Carmin, 122 Hall St., #31, Watertown, WI; Meridith S. Degner, N7956 River Valley Rd., Ixonia, WI; William T. Frasier, 101 ½ N. Fourth St., Watertown, WI; Kirk D. Grill, W5369 Cty. Rd. T, Watertown, WI; Kayla A. Grunewald, 911 Fox Creek Dr., #3, Watertown, WI; Misti D. Hawn, 118 Lynn St., Watertown, WI; Kaitlyn A. Jungbluth, 1310 Colonial Dr., Watertown, WI; Karen A. Kaulitz, 204 Robert St., Watertown, WI; Jennifer L. Kessenich, 119 Franklin St., Watertown, WI; Roger G. Kessenich, 119 Franklin St., Watertown, WI; Michele L. Kind, 5230 State Rd. 167, Hubertus, WI; Brandon Miracle, 1310 Colonial Dr., Watertown, WI; Donna M. Riedemann-Lentz, W3109 Cty. Rd. MM, Neosho, WI; Timothy P. Snyder, 20 Pine Ridge Ct., #4, Watertown, WI; Megan J. Wagner, 1521 Center St., Watertown, WI; Ashley K. Warner, 132 Washington St., Darien, WI; Kimberely L. Westerhaus, 209 Western Ave., Watertown, WI. Alderperson Tietz moved to recommend the granting of the Beverage Operator licenses per Exhibit A, seconded by Alderperson Larsen and carried on a voice vote.

The following applied for a Special Event Licenses: Watertown Challenge Association, Rockman Challenge at Gollisch Park, 600 Hoffman Drive, September 18 & 19, 2015, Gregg Breese. Watertown Elks Lodge, annual bean bag toss in parking lot (Madison St. & N. 2nd St.), Saturday, October 3, 2015, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion was made by Alderperson Maron, seconded by Alderperson Tietz to recommend granting these two Special Event Licenses and carried on a voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Exhibit #8213, authorize entering into an agreement with Ayres Associates of Waukesha for related design, permitting and construction services for the rehabilitation of the South 19-Main Street Bridge B-29-906 over the Rock River in the amount of \$21,000.00 for design fee and \$31,250.00 for construction/management fee for a total of \$52,250.00 to be funded via TIF #5 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee (with full support by the Public Works Commission).* Alderperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Zgonc and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8214, to approve entering into an agreement with Budget Print of Watertown for City Wide Printing of Branded Items was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Larsen moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Smith and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8215, to amend the Budget to reduce Building, Safety & Zoning Salary Account #01-52-41-10 by \$5,000.00 and to increase Engineering Department Supplies & Expense Account #01-54-10-18 by \$5,000.00 was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson McFarland and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No – none.

Exhibit #8216, to petition the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid was presented. *From: The Finance Committee.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Smith and carried on the following roll call vote: Yes – McFarland, Smith, Berg, Zgonc, Raether, Tietz, Maron and Romlein (8). No – Larsen (1).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Alderperson Zgonc moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson Raether and carried on a voice vote, the time being 7:44 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.)