

## 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, January 5, 2016, 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. 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 meetings held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 & Tuesday, December 29, 2015. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David declared open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to rezone the property located at 106 Carriage Hill Drive from MR-8 (Multi-Family Residential 8) to GB (General Business). Don Geddeis and Chris Buttrum, owners of the property, were present to explain their plans. Their intention is to build two storage unit buildings on the property. Between the two buildings there would be between 88 and 99 different sized units. There being no other persons wishing to speak on this rezoning, Mayor David declared the public hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance Committee, December 21, 2015.** 1. Discuss the Library Expansion. Members of the Library Board of Trustees were present to discuss the expansion project with the Committee. Numerous topics were discussed, including the Feasibility Study regarding fund raising, the proportion percentage between the City and Library contribution, as well as the present exterior design of the building. After discussion, it was determined that the exterior design should be changed. There should be a financial analysis done as to what this expansion would have on our current debt level, explore various grant possibilities, and what kind of potential buy-in could be gotten from the groups that would utilize the public spaces in the building. Both the Finance Committee and Library Board felt this was a good discussion which will come back in the future. 2. Carry Over Resolution. Mayor David presented a list of carry over items. A motion was made and seconded to recommend the resolution to the Council. 3. Transfer of borrowed funds for bridge to annual streets for 2016 projects. \$642,000.00 was borrowed in 2015 for use for the Second Street Bridge but due to that project being delayed until 2017, a decision was made during the 2016 budget process to transfer this to annual streets. A resolution will be presented. 4. Review AT&T Maintenance Agreement and the proposal for the new 911 System. A revised maintenance contract amount was worked out with AT&T by our phone consultants, TelCom Fitness. The new total price including the maintenance and cabling will be \$170,848.60. A resolution will be presented. 5. & 6. Solid Waste rate increase recommended by Public Works to Finance for review & approval & Discuss Solid Waste Truck engine failure, possible repairs. The Public Works Commission approved the rate increase from \$9.20 to \$11.50 per month. Street Superintendent Schultz explained that another solid waste truck had a major engine failure. Originally it was expected to be approximately \$40,000.00, which would not make it feasible to do, however, the repairs now appear to be between \$11,000.00 and \$15,000.00. A decision was made to have the truck repaired. The solid waste increase will help to replace one of the trucks. A motion was made and seconded to recommend the rate increase to the Common Council. 7. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(b) to discuss land acquisition. A motion was made and seconded

to go into closed session. There being no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The report was received and placed on file.

**Public Works Commission, December 15, 2015.** 1. Discuss & approve replacing Rubber Roof on Primary Digester Building. Water Systems Manager Freber received two quotes for replacing a section of the rubber roof on the Primary Digester Building, which is leaking and ponding. Motion was made and seconded to approve the quote from Badgerland Commercial Roofing for an amount not to exceed \$8,490.00 with the work to be done right away. The motion passed unanimously. The report was received and placed on file.

**Public Works Commission, December 21, 2015.** 1. Discuss reply of letter sent from AT&T regarding O'Connell Street Tower Lease. After discussion about extending the lease beyond 2018 with AT&T, Alderperson Romlein made a motion to have Water Systems Manager Freber invite AT&T and other cellular providers on the O'Connell Street tower to participate in contract discussions aimed at developing a new model for renewing and extending our existing City leases with the providers. This was seconded and approved unanimously. City Attorney Gruber will help draft the letter. 2. Review & approve replacing failing Refrigerated Effluent Sampler. Motion was made and seconded to authorize Water Systems Manager Freber to replace this sampler from Mulcahy Shaw Water at a cost of \$5,912.00, which was seconded and approved unanimously. 3. Discuss new curb & gutter – West Street & Benton Street. Both West Street and Benton Street are planned for reconstruction. In order to install curb and gutter on the east side of Benton Street, from Crestview to West, and along the north and south side of West Street, from Benton to Endres Lanes, a preliminary resolution needs to be adopted. This would put in place a public hearing prior to final approval of curb & gutter assessments. A resolution will be presented. The report was received and placed on file.

#### **REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

The following reports were presented: Joint Review Board – December 17, 2015. Payroll Summaries – December 9 – 22, 2015. Plan Commission – December 14, 2015 & December 28, 2015. Police & Fire Commission – December 14, 2015. Senior Center Advisory Board – December 16, 2015. Site Plan Review Committee – December 14, 2015. Watertown Family Center – December 15, 2015. All reports were accepted as printed.

#### **ORDINANCES**

**Ord. #15-47**, to repeal and recreate Section 3.01(3) Investments of Chapter 3 to Authorized and Suitable Investments and create section 3.01(4) Delegation of Authority was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David. From: Finance Committee.* Alderperson Smith moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson Tietz and carried on a voice vote: Yes-9 No-none.

**Ord. #15-48**, to amend section 2.05(4) Chapter 2 to increase the number of members to the Airport Commission from 5 members to 7 members was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: Airport Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Alderperson McFarland and carried on a voice vote: Yes-9 No-none.

**Ord. #16-1**, to amend various subsections of Chapter 26 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Section of the City Code was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Berg moved for the adoption of this resolution on its first reading, seconded by Alderperson Romlein and carried on a roll call vote: Yes – 9. No - none.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Exhibit #8255**, to increase the Solid Waste Rate fee from \$9.20 to \$11.50 per month was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David & Alderperson Berg. From: The Finance Committee and Public Works Commission.* Alderperson Larsen

moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Alderperson Raether and carried on a roll call vote: Yes- 9 No- none.

**Exhibit #8256**, which is the Preliminary Resolution for Curb & Gutter Assessments on West Street & Benton Street was presented. *Sponsor: Alderperson Berg. From: The Public Works Commission.*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Watertown, that it is deemed expedient and to the best interests of the City of Watertown and the properties affected thereby, that CURB AND GUTTER be constructed in 2016 on the following streets:

1. West Street – Benton Street to Endres Drive, Approximately 2500 Feet
2. Benton Street – West Street to Crestview Drive, Approximately 2000 Feet

THEREFORE, the Common Council declares its intentions to levy and collect special assessments under Section 66.0703 of the Wisconsin Statutes in the exercise of the police power to defray the cost of the work at the above described location, the limits of the proposed assessment district as hereinbefore set forth, which assessment shall be upon a reasonable basis as hereinafter determined.

The public improvement shall include the grading of the street to the grade established in the Engineering Department, the surfacing of the street with asphalt and the installation of curb and gutter on the east side of the street.

Before the improvements are made, the Public Works Committee shall cause water and sewer lateral pipes to be laid in the street, from the mains to the lot line, of each lot fronting on the street, and keep an accurate account of the expenses incurred in front of each lot. The Engineering Department shall report these costs to the City Clerk who shall cause the amount charged to each lot to be entered on the tax roll as a special tax against the lot. The charges shall constitute a lien against the premises served until paid. The charge may be paid in cash or in five (5) equal annual installments with interest at twelve (12) percent per year. If the property owner sells or transfers title to said parcel at any time after adoption of the final resolution, any remaining balance shall immediately become payable in full upon the date of sale or transfer of ownership.

The Common Council further declares that the curb and gutter assessments may be paid in cash within sixty (60) days after receipt of the final bill; thereafter interest at the rate of twelve (12) percent per annum shall be charged until the assessment is paid; or the assessment may be paid in five (5) annual installments, minimum total billing of \$100.00, with interest at twelve (12) percent per year from sixty (60) days after final bill. If the property owner sells or transfers title to said parcel at any time after adoption of the final resolution, any remaining balance shall immediately become payable in full upon the date of sale or transfer of ownership.

The Engineering Department is hereby directed to prepare the report in Section 66.0703 (5) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Engineering Department is further directed to file such report when completed in the City Clerk's office for public inspection.

The properties benefited are to be assessed at the rate not to exceed \$12.50 per lineal foot for curb and gutter. A public hearing will be held on February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers room 2032 of City Hall 106 Jones Street.

Aldersperson Romlein moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Aldersperson Tietz and carried on a roll call vote: Yes-9 No-none.

**Exhibit #8257**, to approve a variance according to Section 20.12(2) to allow Lot 2 to be created without requiring the minimum frontage of 25 feet on a public right-of-way for property located at 516 West Street was presented. *Sponsor: Mayor David From: Plan Commission.* Aldersperson Tietz moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Aldersperson Maron and carried on a voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Aldersperson Zgonc moved to adjourn, seconded by Aldersperson Larsen and carried on a voice vote, the time being 7:19p.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.)*