

CITY OF WATERLOO COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 136 N. MONROE STREET
Thursday, December 1, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.** Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m. after the conclusion of the public hearing. Alderpersons present – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting, Abell and Sievert. Absent – none. Others present – Police Chief Tim Thomas, Alyssa Skiba of the Courier, Tammy Krueger of the Watertown Daily Times, a videographer, Laurie Freund, James Kilian, LaVerne Herman, Maureen Giese, Dale Maron, Vincent Maron, Robert Crosby, Jo Govek, Rita Dow, Karen Turley, Linda Norton, Mark Hall, Jenni Hayes, Connie Schiestl, Barb Weihert and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND OCTOBER 20, 2011 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES.** **Motion:** Moved by Van Holten, seconded by Cotting to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
3. **CITIZEN INPUT.** # Herb Lenius said his home had been vandalized and he requested an update from the Police Chief on identifying the culprits. # Robert Crosby representing United Wisconsin announced dates and locations where citizens could sign a petition to recall Governor Walker and Senator Fitzgerald.
4. **COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS**
 - a. **Finance Insurance & Personnel Committee**
 - i. **Resolution #2011-46 Adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 And Associated Categorizations And Purposes** **Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve Resolution #2011-46 as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting, Abell and Sievert. Noes – none. Motion carried.
 - ii. **Resolution #2011-47 Adopting An Annual Budget And Appropriating The Necessary Funds For The Operation Of The City Of Waterloo, Wisconsin, For The Year 2012.** **Discussion:** Springer spoke in favor of approving the budget after adding back the part-time police officers. Forman spoke in favor of cutting three positions to remedy a structure budget problem. Cotting spoke in favor of increasing the levy to 4.88% for the General Fund with an additional 1.12 percent going to the Capital Fund. She spoke in support of adding back funding for crossing guards. Sievert said the Finance Committee proposal tied the Council hands in future years due to state imposed levy limits. Thompson said he agreed with Cotting in part that the levy should be raised. Van Holten spoke in favor of a 6% increase. Springer advocated for passing the responsibility of the crossing guards to the school district. Quimby spoke in favor of pay cuts rather than position cuts. Sievert stated that debt savings could not be returned to the city. Forman said eliminating one position in the Public Works Department, Police Department and Library would provide funding to restore numerous cuts. **Motion:** Moved by Van Holten seconded by Cotting to amend the Finance Committee recommended budget by increasing the levy from a 3% increase to a 6% increase. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Van Holten, Cotting, Abell and Sievert. Noes – Forman, Quimby and Springer. Motion carried.

Further Discussion: The members held a general discussion on how to allocate the additional levy amount. **Motion:** Moved by Springer seconded by Van Holten to approve the Finance Committee recommended budget as amended with the additional amendment to include the following expenditures: \$1,500 Historical Society, \$16,398 to restore funding for part-time officers and crossing guards, \$1,000 City Band, \$1,250 swimming lessons, \$1,000 youth center programming, with \$27,181 in Clerk/Treasurer wages and benefits transferred from TID #1 back to the General Fund, and with the remainder being placed in the Capital Fund with no corresponding expenditures. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Springer, Van Holten, Cotting, Abell and Sievert. Noes – Forman and Quimby. Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution #2011-48 Appointment Of Election Officials. Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the resolution as presented. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
- b. **Approval Of Soda Water License, Terry A. Wermuth, My Neighbors & Me, 123 North Monroe Street. Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the license as submitted. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. # Alderperson Forman stated that he would be submitting a letter of resignation with an effective date of December 31st.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Motion: Moved by Springer, seconded by Quimby to adjourn. Motion carried. Time was 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

Morton Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer