

## Waterloo City Council Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2015

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7pm and all council members were in attendance. Clerk/Treasurer Chris Astrella, Police Chief Denis Sorenson, Diane Graff from The Courier, Tammy Krueger from the Watertown Daily Times, Shirley Short, and Maureen Giese were also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**2. Approval of meeting minutes from December 4 and 18, 2014 and the Budget Public Hearing on December 4, 2014.** Alder Quimby made a motion to approve all the minutes and it was seconded by Alder Stinnett. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Citizen Input:** Maureen Giese spoke to the Council about how Council Agendas are set up. She asked about Unfinished Business and also spoke regarding the Veteran's Memorial downtown. She liked the flyer that came in her property tax bill.

**4. Communications to the Council:** There is a special Council meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the City Council Chambers. This meeting is due to the posting/publishing requirements of the new floodplain ordinance. The Public Hearing Notice of this meeting was also included in with the packets.

**5. Consent Agenda Items:** Alder Stinnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda items and it was seconded by Alder Thomas. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent agenda items are listed below:

- a. Reports of City Officials & Contract Service Providers
  - Waterloo Active Fire Department for December 2014
  - Building Inspector - Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Permits for December 2014
  - Public Works Director Gary Yerges for December 2014
  - Police Chief Denis Sorenson for December 2014
  - Library Director Kelli Mountford for November and December 2014
  - Waterloo Water & Light Commission – January 6, 2014
  - Watertown Humane Society for December 2014

**6a. Finance, Insurance, and Personnel Committee Report:** Alder Springer made a motion to approve payroll for December in the amount of \$70,681.88. It was seconded by Alder Quimby and passed unanimously. Alder Springer made a motion to approve the vouchers from November 21 through December 18, 2014. It was seconded by Quimby and passed unanimously. Alder Springer made a motion to approve Vouchers from December 19, 2014 through December 31, 2014. It was seconded by Alder Quimby and passed unanimously. Alder Springer made a motion to approve the vouchers from January 1 through January 15, 2015. It was seconded by Alder Quimby and passed unanimously. The Treasurer's and Budget Reports for November and December were not ready at this time. Alder Springer made a motion to table them until they were ready. It was seconded by Alder Quimby and passed unanimously.

**6b. Public Safety and Health Committee, Special Event License for the Waterloo School District, May 8, 2015, Waterloo School District Fun Run Walk:** Alder Reynolds reported the Public Safety Committee approved the Special Event License at their meeting. Alder Reynolds made a motion to approve the Special Event License and it was seconded by Alder Griffin; the motion passed unanimously.

**7a. Resolution #2015-01, Renewal of Jefferson County Nutrition Site Contract:** Alder Quimby made a motion to approve the contract and it was seconded by Alder Stinnett. The motion passed unanimously.

**7b. Issuance of On Street Parking Permit per Section 350-7(g) of the Municipal Code for Shirley Short at 385½ Taylor Street:** Shirley Short was in attendance to speak about why she needed the parking permit. After some discussion, Alder Springer made a motion to table this issue until the next council meeting so the landlord could come before the council and answer questions regarding this situation. It was seconded by Alder Thomas and passed unanimously.

**7c. Clerk/Treasurer Report:** Clerk/Treasurer Astrella had numerous items to report on from his time in the office. The JCEDC meeting is one meeting that is not appropriate for him to attend because the board is made up of Mayors and Administrators, neither of which he is. Mayor Thompson is unable to make their normal meeting times, but would explore having a member of the Council or a Committee member take this meeting over. C/T Astrella also reported on numerous business contacts he's had over the weeks and that none of them would be willing to locate an operation in Waterloo. Only PDQ expressed a specific reason why; that being they cannot compete with Kwik Trip's prices. He is still waiting to hear back from Milio's, Culvers, and Cam Rock Café. Astrella also noted that we go through large amounts of paper and noted that many of the items contained in packets were not necessary to include in city council packets. He is looking to eliminate the Waterloo FD, Police, Public Works, and Watertown Humane Society reports in an effort to save paper. These are all public records and can be requested by anyone, however it was noted the Watertown Daily Times or The Courier do not use these items for their reports. C/T Astrella reported that he has 8 meetings each month (included JCEDC) and he's looking at shifting responsibilities in the office or not having anyone attend a few of the meetings. Alder Thomas expressed some concern over this, and believes by attending most meetings; the Clerk/Treasurer has the pulse of the city. At this point, no action is needed, this was more of an information item. Finally, after getting a quote from Hurley Computers (distributed to the Council) it was determined the city will purchase through an outside source to save money.

**8. Future Agenda Items and Announcements:** None were presented.

**9. Adjournment:** Alder Springer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Alder Quimby and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes written and submitted by

Chris Astrella, WCPC  
Clerk/Treasurer