

CITY OF WATERLOO COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES AND MEETING MINUTES: November 7, 2019

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PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDED 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

1. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER. The Mayor called the hearing to order at 7 pm. (see below for those in attendance.)
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. Alder Thomas thanked the committee and the department heads. Maureen Giese asked about the nature of revenue for the Public Access Cable TV Station. Clerk/Treasurer Hansen said: a 5% franchise fee is paid by Charter/Spectrum Communication subscribers; the corporation forwards the fee on a quarterly basis to the municipality; and the 2020 annual revenue devoted to public access TV operations is budgeted at \$42,507.
3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING. The Mayor adjourned the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL. Mayor Quimby called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Alderpersons present: Schoenwetter, Rhynes, Kuhl, Griffin, Thomas and Stinnett. Absent: Petts. Others present: Maureen Giese; Library Board member Art Biermier; Mark Herbst; WLOO videographers; Tammy Krueger; Library Director Kelli Mountford; Parks Director Gabe Haberkorn; Public Works employee Chris Hauptli; Utility Superintendent Barry Sorenson; Police Chief Denis Sorenson and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: October 17, 2019. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Rhynes to approve the minutes. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried with Stinnett abstaining. Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT. ## Maureen Giese asked if holiday décor was planned. The Mayor said the same displays would be erected; and money was budgeted to begin purchasing new lighter hanging displays. Giese suggested involving the high school art department. ## Maureen Giese offered complementary copies of Dorothy Jensen's book, Waterloo Firemen's Park By The People, For The People.
4. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL
 - a. 2020 Budget Public Hearing – November 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm (published October 24, 2019). Noted.
 - b. Municipal Spring Elections – Spring Election, April 7, 2019. Noted.
5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. None.
6. MEETING SUMMARIES. Brief verbal summaries were provided for each listed.
 - a. 11/05 Utility Commission
 - b. 11/07 Mayor's Informational Meeting Opportunity For Waterloo / Marshall Public Safety Cooperation And Collaboration
 - c. 11/07 Public Safety & Health Committee
7. RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
 - a. Public Safety & Health Committee
 - i. Ordinance #2019-07 An Ordinance Creating Requirements For The Installation Of A "Knox Box" System For Certain Structures. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Stinnett to approve the ordinance as presented. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - ii. Waterloo Trail Twisters Snowmobile Club Public Access Request – Trail To Kwik Trip On Portland Road. DISCUSSION: Thomas verbally described a route from Portland to Kwik Trip. Rhynes and the Mayor asked for a map. Rhynes asked, is the route near residential property? Thomas said the route was going behind residential property. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Griffin to approve the access request as described. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - iii. Waterloo/Marshall Holiday Parade Special Event License – 12/14/2019. MOTION: Moved by Thomas seconded by Rhynes to approve the license pending receipt of insurance. VOICE VOTE: Motion approved with Stinnett abstaining. Motion carried.
 - iv. Authorizing The Hiring Of Police Officers. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Kuhl to

authorize the hiring of Ben Brickey as a full-time officer and Sarah Thomford as a part-time officer, both effective December 1, 2019. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

- a. Ben Brickey, Full-Time
- b. Sarah Thomford, Part-Time
- b. Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee
 - i. Resolution #2019-33 Adopting An Annual Budget And Approving The Necessary Funds For The Operation Of The City Of Waterloo, Wisconsin For The Year 2020. DISCUSSION: Hansen read from the budget narrative handout. In reply to a Barry Sorenson question, Hansen described the difference between the assessed rate of taxation and the equalized rate of taxation. The Mayor indicated she had met with Thomas earlier in the day and sought to amend the proposal. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Kuhl to approve the resolution amended to transfer \$73,500 in property taxes and \$10,038 in computer aid from the Capital Fund to the General Fund; and increasing Capital Fund long term borrowing proceeds by \$83,538 for the purpose of reducing the tax levy by \$83,538, bringing the total amount of the property tax levied for the funds listed on the resolution to the amount levied in the prior year, \$1,985,716. New debt principle and interest payments are to start in 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Schoenwetter, Rhynes, Kuhl, Griffin, Thomas and Stinnett. Noes: none with Petts absent. The motion carried.
 - ii. Ordinance #2019-09 Amending Municipal Code Section 340-8.1 Lead Water Service Lateral Replacement, Enabling Waterloo Utilities To Compel Property Owners To Replace Private Lead Water Service Laterals. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Schoenwetter to adopt the ordinance. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - iii. Amending The Private Lead Service Replacement Reimbursement Amount To 50% Of The Eligible Expenses (currently 75%) [Note: This item was presented on the agenda as ~~struck~~, per the request of the Mayor.] DISCUSSION: Hansen said since the time of Committee action available grant dollars flowing from the State Department of Natural Resources to the City have been spent to aid property owner replacements, or obligated by way of an award, but with incomplete property owner work. The Mayor said action was unnecessary because grant dollars were exhausted. No action taken.
 - iv. Resolution #2019-34 Exempting Police Department Administrative Staff From The 80 Hour Compensatory Time Accrual Maximum Cap [Section 6.2 of the Employee Handbook]. DISCUSSION: Thomas called for 6-month review of the 12-month temporary exemption. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Rhynes to approve the resolution. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution #2019-35 Watertown Humane Society Animal Control Service Contract Renewal. DISCUSSION: Hansen said the contract called for a 6% increase with the rate remaining the same for the next three years. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Griffin to approve the resolution as represented. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
- b. Granting New And Renewed Operator's Licenses For The License Period Ending June 30, 2021 (1). MOTION: Moved by Kuhl, seconded by Griffin to approve the license. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
- c. Considering Municipal Building Roof Replacement Bids. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Kuhl to table until the next meeting. VOICE VOTE. Motion carried.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. ## Thomas said on-street parking restrictions take effect November 15th. [No parking 1 am – 6 am] He said the police department does not issue tickets when it doesn't snow. # Quimby and Haberkorn announced the Mauneshariver Alliance annual meeting November 25th (www.mauneshariveralliance.org)

10. ADJOURNMENT. Moved by Kuhl, seconded by Griffin to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 8:05 p.m.



Attest:
Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer