

CITY OF WATERLOO COMMON COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES: April 21, 2022

[a digital recording of this meeting also serves as the official record]

- 1) CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL. Mayor Quimby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderpersons present: Cummings, C. Kuhl, A. Kuhl, Griffin, Thomas, Weihert and Petts. Alderpersons attending remotely: none. Absent: none. Others attending remotely or in-person: Justin Hoagland with Baker Tilly; Ryan Spoehr with the Courier; Police Chief Sorenson; Treasurer/ Deputy Clerk Tschanz; Library Director Mountford; Fire Chief Benisch; Utility Superintendent Sorenson; DPW Director Yerges; City Clerk Jeanne Ritter; and WLOO videographers. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- 2) ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
 - a) Discussion Of Organizational Opportunities
 - b) Resolution 2022-12 Appointing the Official Newspaper, Depositories and Auditors [Weihert/Petts] Voice Vote: Motion carried.
 - c) Election of Council President as Specified In Chapter 30-1 (F) Of The Waterloo Code [C.Kuhl/Weihert] Motion to elect Tim Thomas as Council President. Voice Vote: Motion carried.
 - d) Resolution 2022-13 Council Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments & Council Standing Committees. [Thomas/Griffin] Voice Vote: Motion carried.
 - e) Resolution 2022-14 Confirmation of Waterloo Fire Department Appointments [C.Kuhl/Griffin] Motion to accept 2022-14 with the change of effective date of employee position to 1/01/2022. Voice Vote: Motion carried.

3) ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- 1) MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: April 7, 2022 [Thomas/Weihert] VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried.
- 2) CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT none
- 3) OLD BUSINESS – none.
- 4) NEW BUSINESS [C.Kuhl/Cummings] Motion to move Baker Tilly from 7a on the agenda to beginning. Voice Vote: Motion carried.
 - a) 2021 Audit Presentation, Baker Tilly Justin Hoagland presented. Audit was very smooth. Fund balance has gone up. 2021 Parks balance was good so non-spendable was in a better situation compared to other years. Municipality debt is at 27% which falls into the average range for comparable Municipalities. Utility electric, water and sewer shows positive results in revenue in the last 5 years. Debt coverage has been met during the last 5 years.
- 5) MEETING SUMMARIES (since last Council meeting) noted.
 - a) 04/19/2022 Cable Television Regulatory Board
 - b) 04/19/2022 CDA
 - c) 04/21/2022 Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee
- 6) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS [C.Kuhl/Cummings] to accept the consent items. Voice Vote: Motion carried.
 - a) March Reports of City Officials & Contract Service Providers-add CATV into this.
 - i) Parks

- ii) Fire & Emergency Medical Services
- iii) Building Inspections
- iv) Public Works
- v) Police
- vi) Library Board
- vii) Water & Light Utility Commission
- viii) Watertown Humane Society

7) RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Public Safety
 - i) Ordinance 2022-06 An Ordinance Amending Chapter§57-11 Fire Dept Traffic Laws Apply to Volunteers. Thomas presented ordinance to allow fire dept volunteers to use red and white dash lights to help notify public they are heading to an emergency. [Thomas/Griffin] Voice Vote: Motion carried.
- b) Finance, Insurance & Personnel
 - i) March 2022 Financial Statements: General Disbursements \$117,563.79; Payroll \$76,883.40 & Clerk/Treasurer's Reports [[see on municipal website](#)] [Thomas/Weihert] Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cummings, A.Kuhl, C.Kuhl, Griffin, Thomas, Weihert and Petts. Noes: none. Motion carried.
 - ii) Ordinance 2022-04 Record Retention Schedule. Tschanz explained we will use the State Schedule and if an item isn't listed it would automatically become 7 years. Police Chief will do an amendment later. [Weihert/Cummings] Voice Vote: Motion carried.
 - iii) Path lighting through the park. One light off Mill St around the bend and one light on the other side of the bridge lighting the path Boorman/Park Ave. Recommendation to proceed as normal between DPW and Utility and install lights.
 - iv) HVAC Proposal – City of Waterloo Garage Jensen Plumbing, Heating & Air INC. Street Department will need to replace two boilers in 2023. Information only.
- c) Waterloo Utilities
 - i) Removal of Fluoride from City water. Superintendent Sorenson stated that the Utility Commission approved and recommended bringing this to the council. Many pros and cons regarding adding fluoride into the water. It is very corrosive to the system. It will cost \$400,000 to separate the Chlorine and Flouride when we do any upgrade to our wellhouses. It pits the windows in the well houses from the gases. PSC just reduced fluoride standards from 1.1 per million to .7 per million. Wells naturally have .2 already. Sorenson would recommend that we use up the fluoride we have then stop adding it at the wellhouses. [Weihert/Thomas] Motion to approve the removal of fluoride from City water when current supply runs out. Voice Vote: Motion carried

8) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9) ADJOURNMENT 7:37 pm [C.Kuhl/Cummings] Voice Vote: Motion carried

Attest:

Jeanne Ritter, Clerk/DeputyTreasurer