

**CITY OF WATERLOO COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: February 18, 2021**

Digital audio files are archived with these written minutes additionally serving 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: Rhynes, Schoenwetter, Kuhl, Griffin, Thomas, Stinnett and Petts. Others attending remotely or in-person: Amber Gerber with the Courier; Fire Chief Wes Benisch; Library Director Kelli Mountford; Utility Superintendent Barry Sorenson; Police Chief Denis Sorenson; Public Works Director Chad Yerges; WLOO videographers; and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: January 21, 2021. MOTION: Moved by Schoenwetter, 2nd by Petts to approve the minutes. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT. None.
4. MEETING SUMMARIES. Brief verbal summaries provided for each.
 - a. 2/18 Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee
 - b. 2/16 Community Development Authority
 - c. 2/10 Cable TV Regulatory Board
 - d. 2/09 Library Board
 - e. 2/02 Utility Commission
 - f. 1/25 Fire/EMS
5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. January Reports Of City Officials And Contract Service Providers. MOTION: Moved by Schoenwetter, 2nd by Thomas to approve the consent agenda items. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

i. Parks	iv. Public Works	vii. Water & Light Utility Commission
ii. Fire & EMS (Dec. & Jan.)	v. Police	viii. Watertown Humane Society
iii. Building Inspections	vi. Library Board	

6. RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
 - a. Public Safety & Health Committee
 - i. Request To Hire Jared Coffren As Police Officer. DISCUSSION: Thomas said the Committee had not met and the item came to the City Council with no recommendation. He described Coffren's educational background saying he had received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, had completed the Police Academy training and was the #1 candidate of 17 applicants. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Kuhl to authorize the hiring of Jared Coffren as a police officer, effective February 23, 2021 with the conditions that it begin with a one-year probationary period, and the applicant pass pending physical and psychological tests. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - b. Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee
 - i. January 2021 Financial Statements
 1. General Disbursements, \$1,518,976.69. Moved by Thomas, 2nd by Schoenwetter, to approve disbursements as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Schoenwetter, Rhynes, Kuhl, Thomas, Griffin, Stinnett and Petts. Noes: none. Motion carried.
 2. Payroll, \$73,787.26. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, 2nd by Griffin, to approve payroll in the stated amount. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Schoenwetter, Rhynes, Kuhl, Thomas, Griffin, Stinnett and Petts. Noes: none. Motion carried.
 3. Treasurer's Report & Budget Reports. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, 2nd by Griffin to approve the reports. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - c. Resolution #2021-04 Authorizing A 2021 Lead Service Line Replacement Program. MOTION: Moved by Thomas, seconded by Schoenwetter to approve the resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Schoenwetter, Rhynes, Kuhl, Thomas, Stinnett and Petts. Noes: none with Griffin abstaining. Motion carried.
 - d. Resolution #2021-05 Authorizing Revenue Assignments (Formerly Called "Carry Overs"). MOTION: Moved by Kuhl, seconded by Thomas to approve the resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Schoenwetter, Rhynes, Kuhl, Thomas, Griffin, Stinnett and Petts. Noes: none. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS. None, noting that the hiring of Jared Coffren was taken up earlier on the agenda rather than at this time.
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Comprehensive plan update process is in progress. Noted.
9. ADJOURNMENT. Moved by Thomas, seconded by Griffin to adjourn. Motion carried. Approximate time: 7:25 p.m.



Attest:
Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer