

City of Watseka

Watseka City Council

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Marcier present were Alderman Muench, Brault, Pence, Miller, Petersen, Dewitt, Garfield & Alderwoman Rohlf.

Public Comment: Angelina Pacheco is with Sugar Creek Trading Co. She wants to thank the city for the new installation of the fitness court; she and her family are there every day, they enjoy using it and it was thoughtfully designed so they had an idea of a walking club. They have formed a new group, Watseka Walks, and invite anyone who wants to join the group to please join. This group will meet 1x a week and they will meet at various locations to bring the community together; more information is on their FB Watseka Walk. Ben Thompson was asking about his garage addition on Herron Court, he is on the agenda.

A Motion was made by Pence, seconded by Miller to Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from September 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion passed 8-0.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements & Proclamations

- **Ordinance #2765**-Granting a Variation to Allow an Addition to a Residence to be Constructed Within East Side Yard Setback of the Property Commonly Known as 122 West Herron Court Watseka, Illinois
- **Ordinance #2766**- Rezoning the property Commonly Known at 522 E. Elm Street, Watseka Illinois from “R-4” Multi-Family Residential District to “M-1” Manufacturing District.
- **Ordinance #2767**- Amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Chapter 2, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Section 2-2-7(B)(1), Appointments and Hires, of the Watseka City Code
- **Resolution 2025-4**- Resolution Pertaining to Approval of a Parade Route and Street Closure.

Consent Agenda

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- A Motion was made Rohlf, seconded by Brault Ordinance #2765-Granting a Variation to Allow an Addition to a Residence to be Constructed Within East Side Yard Setback of the Property Commonly Known as 122 West Herron Court Watseka, Illinois. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Brault Ordinance #2766- Rezoning the property Commonly Known at 522 E. Elm Street, Watseka Illinois from “R-4” Multi-Family Residential District to “M-1” Manufacturing District. Motion passed 8-0.

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- A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Rohlfs Resolution 2025-4- Resolution Pertaining to Approval of a Parade Route and Street Closure. Motion passed 8-0.

#### Standing Committee Reports

##### • **Finance, Legal and Audit**

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Rohlfs Claims in the amount of \$538,199.48 Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Rohlfs, seconded by Brault Accept and place on the file the September Treasurers report. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Brault, seconded by Rohlfs IMLRMA Liability Insurance for \$168,488.90. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Garfield, seconded by Brault Accept the Depot from the Save Our Station Committee. Motion passed 8-0.

Watseka Family festival Donation of \$50,000. Tabled, the festival committee has a meeting with the county on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

##### **Public Works/Water Wastewater**

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Garfield Purchase a used Stone Box for \$5500. Motion passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Brault, seconded by Miller Purchase 8 radios from KC Communications for \$5774.40. Motion passed 8-0.

**Public Safety-** None, Alderman Petersen asked about our part of assisting with the ICOM Fees, this is up for discussion, will be discussed more in committee.

##### **Code Enforcement-None**

#### Miscellaneous Business

A Motion was made by Brault, seconded by Rohlfs Charge \$20.00 per Truck/Trailer Load at the Dumpsters at Public Works. Motion passed 7-1 with Alderman Garfield voting no he does not agree with the price.

Mayor Marcier asked about changing the purchasing committee time to 5:30pm instead of 6:00pm for future meeting, everyone was in favor of this.

Mayor Marcier asked about changing the date for the Code/Public Safety meeting to Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm as the regular meeting would be on Veteran's Day, everyone was in favor of this.

Mayor Marcier shared he is going to be updating the City's website and would like a current picture of everyone. Mayor will reach out to Phil at Center Street about taking everyone's pictures and he will let everyone know.

Alderman Brault asked about the Muller Subdivision if there was anymore info, mayor has a zoom meeting next Wednesday on this, Alderman Brault also asked a softball field so that the kids would play on one field. He also asked how the city would go about annexing Grant Street to the railroad tracks; we are landlords we need to expand our city. Discussion was then had on who takes care of the road, the city plows it the county will not. More discussion will be had in a committee meeting before the City Attorney is involved.

A Motion was made by Brault, seconded by Rohlfs to adjourn at 6:58pm. Motion passed 8-0.

Amanda Hibbs, City Clerk