

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darter at 7:30 p.m.
2. The following Aldermen were present: Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Riley, and Most.
Absent: Trantham
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Stan Darter.
4. Correction or Withdrawal of Agenda Items by Sponsor. None.
5. Approval of Minutes as Written or Amended.
Approval of the January 05, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes.
Motion made by Alderman Matt Buettner and seconded by Alderman Hopkins to approve the January 05, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Riley, Most, and Vogt voting ‘aye’.
6. Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items. None.
7. Reports and Communications from the Mayor and other City Officers.
 - A. Report of Collector / Budget Officer.
The Collection Report is in the packet.
Questions regarding the report should be directed to the Collector, as she was unable to attend the meeting this evening.
 - B. Report of Treasurer.
The Treasurer Report is in the packet.
Questions regarding the report should be directed to the Treasurer, as he was unable to attend the meeting this evening.
 - C. Report of Subdivision and Zoning Administrator. The report is in the packet.
 - D. Report of Building Inspector / Code Administrator. The report is in the packet.
 - E. Report of Deputy Director of Public Works. No report.
 - F. Report of Director of Public Works.
On January 16, 2026, the new turbine generator was put into operation and successfully performed the ERG (exhaust gas recirculation) test.
 - G. Report of Chief of Police. No report.
 - H. Report of City Attorney. No report.
 - I. Report and Communication by Mayor.
 1. Good Neighbor Award Presented to the Rau Family.
8. Report of Standing Committees. None.
9. Report of Special Committees. None.
10. Presentation of Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances by Aldermen.
 - A. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 26-01 Approving a Chemsearch FE Water Treatment Program Agreement in the Amount of \$1,720.00 for a One-Year Term Effective January 22, 2026 through January 21, 2027.
Motion made by Alderman Vogt and seconded by Alderman Riley to accept Resolution No. 26-01 Approving a Chemsearch FE Water Treatment Program Agreement in the Amount of \$1,720.00 for a One-Year Term Effective January 22, 2026 through January 21, 2027.
Comments: Mayor Darter clarified that this water treatment program applies only to City Hall’s heating and cooling system and is not related to the water treatment plant. Alderman Most, Chairman of the Planning and Annexation Committee, mentioned the committee unanimously recommended approval of this resolution.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Riley, and Most voting ‘aye’.

- B. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 26-02 Approving a Certified Water System Operator Contract between the City of Waterloo, IL and Certop, Inc. – Christopher Horstmann, President, for the Term January 01, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Motion made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Charron to accept Resolution No. 26-02 Approving a Certified Water System Operator Contract between the City of Waterloo, IL and Certop, Inc. – Christopher Horstmann, President, for the Term January 01, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Comments: Alderman Kyle Buettner, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee, stated that the committee gave a favorable recommendation for approval of this resolution.

The Aldermen voted as follows:

AYE – Kyle Buettner, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins and Charron.

NAY – Riley.

ABSTAIN – None.

ABSENT – Trantham.

Motion Passed by a vote of 6/1/0/1

11. Unfinished Business. None.

12. Miscellaneous Business.

- A. Consideration and Action on Approval of a Special Event Permit Application from Waterloo Citizens for a Pool for their 9th Annual St. Paddy’s Day 5k Walk / Run Event to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., including the Closure of Third Street between Market and Main.

Motion made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Charron to approve a Special Event Permit Application from Waterloo Citizens for a Pool for their 9th Annual St. Paddy’s Day 5k Walk / Run Event to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., including the Closure of Third Street between Market and Main.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Kyle Buettner, Riley, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, and Charron voting ‘aye’.

- B. Consideration and Action on Approval of the Remlok Phase 7 Preliminary Plat.

Motion made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Hopkins on Approval of the Remlok Phase 7 Preliminary Plat.

Comments: Alderman Most, Chairman of the Planning and Annexation Committee, mentioned the committee unanimously recommended approval of this preliminary plat.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Charron, Kyle Buettner and Riley voting ‘aye’.

- C. Consideration and Action on Approval of Exterior Building Materials at 201 W. Mill Street.

Motion made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Riley

Comments: Alderman Most, Chairman of the Planning and Annexation Committee, mentioned the committee unanimously recommended approval of the exterior building materials.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Charron, Kyle Buettner, and Riley voting ‘aye’.

13. Discussion of Matters by Council Members Arising After Agenda Deadline.

Alderman Kyle Buettner commented that the Rau Family was very deserving of the Good Neighbor Award.

Mayor Darter agreed that the Rau Family deserved the Good Neighbor Award and noted that they host a great annual event.

14. Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman Vogt and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Darter adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mechelle Childers – City Clerk