

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2025**

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, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, and Most.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Stan Darter.
4. Correction or Withdrawal of Agenda Items by Sponsor.

Mayor Darter requested that the amount in Agenda Item 12G be changed from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00, as recommended and approved at the Beautification Committee Meeting on March 17, 2025.

Motion to change the amount in Agenda Item 12G from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00, as recommended and approved at the Beautification Committee Meeting on March 17, 2025, was made by Alderman Charron and seconded by Alderman Kyle Buettner.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, and Trantham voting ‘aye’.
5. Approval of Minutes as Written or Amended.

Approval of the March 03, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Charron to approve the March 03, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, and Charron 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 Treasurer.

The Treasurer Report is in the packet.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Most.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, and Kyle Buettner voting ‘aye’.
 - B. Report of Collector / Budget Officer.

The Collection Report is in the packet.

Motion to accept the Collection Report was made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, and Charron voting ‘aye’.
 - C. Report of Building Inspector / Code Administrator. The report is in the packet.
 - D. Report of Subdivision and Zoning Administrator. The report is in the packet.
 - E. Report of Deputy Director of Public Works. No report.
 - F. Report of Director of Public Works.

A huge thanks to the Public Works Department. The recent storms and power outages posed challenges, but the Public Works team rose to the occasion, demonstrating remarkable dedication and professionalism. We began generating power within an hour of the outage and ran the power plant for an impressive 22 hours. The combined efforts of the Public Works team, with the support and coordination of the City of Waterloo Police Department, Waterloo Fire District, Monroe County Electric Co-Op, Monroe County Sheriff’s Department, Monroe County Emergency Management, Certop, Inc., VIPower, Village of Valmeyer, and the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, ensured that we were able to respond efficiently and effectively to these unprecedented conditions. Each team member demonstrated a level of commitment that went above and beyond the call of duty, working long hours to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.
 - G. Report of Chief of Police. No report.
 - H. Report of City Attorney. No report.
 - I. Report and Communication by Mayor.
 1. Waterloo Beautification Grant Check Presentation to Waterloo Auto Body in the Amount of \$13,447.50.

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 Ordinance No. 1900 Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Waterloo, IL, and Matthew R. Patterson, Pamela J. Patterson, and MHKP Properties, LLC in Regard to a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately 38.56 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL, for Development of the Deer Ridge Subdivision.

Motion made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Most to accept Ordinance No. 1900 Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Waterloo, IL, and Matthew R. Patterson, Pamela J. Patterson, and MHKP Properties, LLC in Regard to a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately 38.56 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL, for Development of the Deer Ridge Subdivision.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, and Kyle Buettner voting ‘aye’.
 - B. Consideration and Action on Ordinance No. 1901 Approving an Annexation of Property owned by Matthew R. Patterson, Pamela J. Patterson, and MHKP Properties, LLC, for a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately 38.56 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL.

Motion made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Most to accept Ordinance No. 1901 Approving an Annexation of Property owned by Matthew R. Patterson, Pamela J. Patterson, and MHKP Properties, LLC, for a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately 38.56 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, and Kyle Buettner voting ‘aye’.
 - C. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 25-07 Approving Addendum #1 to an Agreement between the County of Monroe, Illinois and the City of Waterloo, Illinois for the Rogers Street North Project.

Motion made by Alderman Charron and seconded by Alderman Kyle Buettner to accept Resolution No. 25-07 Approving Addendum #1 to an Agreement between the County of Monroe, Illinois and the City of Waterloo, Illinois for the Rogers Street North Project.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, and Trantham voting ‘aye’.
11. Unfinished Business. None.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
 - A. Consideration and Action on Approval of the City of Waterloo’s Annual \$7,500.00 Contribution to Western Egyptian.

Motion made by Alderman Hopkins and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner on Approval of the City of Waterloo’s Annual \$7,500.00 Contribution to Western Egyptian.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, and Matt Buettner voting ‘aye’.
 - B. Consideration and Action on Fair Solar Credit Rate of \$.0385 for the Period of March 01, 2025 through February 28, 2026.

Motion made by Alderman Trantham and seconded by Alderman Hopkins on Approval of the Fair Solar Credit Rate of \$.0385 for the Period of March 01, 2025 through February 28, 2026.

Comments: The Fair Solar Credit is calculated by the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA) and is given to customers who produce more energy than they consume.

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

- C. Consideration and Action on Approval of Huebner Contracting, Inc. as Low Bidder in the Amount of \$620,536.93 and to approve the contract and to authorize the Mayor of Waterloo, Illinois to execute the contract for the Third Street Improvement Project as Bid on March 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Motion made by Alderman Vogt and seconded by Alderman Kyle Buettner on Approval of Huebner Contracting, Inc. as Low Bidder in the Amount of \$620,536.93 and to approve the contract and to authorize the Mayor of Waterloo, Illinois to execute the contract for the Third Street Improvement Project as Bid on March 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, and Most voting ‘aye’.
- D. Consideration and Action on a Solicitation Request from the Metzger-Crook VFW #6504 Auxiliary for their Annual Buddy Poppy Day to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon at the Intersection of Rogers Street and Hamacher Street.
Motion made by Alderman Vogt and seconded by Alderman Most to approve a Solicitation Request from the Metzger-Crook VFW #6504 Auxiliary for their Annual Buddy Poppy Day to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the Intersection of Rogers Street and Hamacher Street.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, and Most voting ‘aye’.
- E. Consideration and Action on a Special Event Permit Request from BZ Memorial Events for the Dawn of Thrive Event to be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Including the Street Closures of Main Street (between First Street and Alley south of Third Street), Third Street (between Market Street and Alley west of Main Street), Mill Street (between Market Street and Main Street), and possible Partial Closure of Main / Third Intersection on the evening of Friday, June 20, 2025 for Stage Set-Up.
Motion made by Alderman Vogt and seconded by Alderman Hopkins to approve a Special Event Permit Request from BZ Memorial Events for the Dawn of Thrive Event to be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Including the Street Closures of Main Street (between First Street and Alley south of Third Street), Third Street (between Market Street and Alley west of Main Street), Mill Street (between Market Street and Main Street), and possible Partial Closure of Main / Third Intersection on the evening of Friday, June 20, 2025 for Stage Set-Up.
Comments: This new fundraising event will benefit suicide awareness and our local Human Support Services. The event will feature a car show in the morning followed by a vendor fair and live music in the evening.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, and Most voting ‘aye’.
- F. Consideration and Action on Approval of Waterloo Beautification Application from Craig Brauer, TWM Monroe County Land Trust, in the Amount of \$2,241.12 for property located at 113 South Main Street (Stifel Investment Services).
Motion made by Alderman Charron and seconded by Alderman Kyle Buettner on Approval of the Waterloo Beautification Application from Craig Brauer, TWM Monroe County Land Trust, in the Amount of \$2,241.12 for property located at 113 South Main Street (Stifel Investment Services).
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, and Trantham voting ‘aye’.
- G. Consideration and Action on Approval of a Non-Profit Grant Program Application from the Waterloo Lions Club in the Amount of \$7,500.00 for their Project, “Lions Park Accessibility Project”.
Motion made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Charron on Approval of a Non-Profit Grant Program Application from the Waterloo Lions Club in the

Amount of \$7,500.00 for their Project, “Lions Park Accessibility Project”.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, and Row voting ‘aye’.

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

Alderman Vogt commended the past and current mayors and city council members for their support and expansion of the power plant and extended good luck to all candidates in the upcoming election.

Alderman Trantham mentioned that at the last Park District meeting a Waterloo Park Foundation Committee has been established. This committee consists of citizens dedicated to raising awareness and organizing fundraising activities for the parks. The committee will host a Family Fun Day at Zimmer Park on April 26, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Alderman Kyle Buettner stated that he thought the Rogers Street extension would benefit the community, especially by eliminating the 90-degree turns leading to Country Club and Remington Ridge, and he was glad to see it moving forward.

Commendations were given by all the aldermen and the Mayor to the power plant employees and the Public Works team. The fact that we were able to generate power within an hour of the outage was particularly noted.

14. Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Most. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
Mayor Darter adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mechelle Childers – City Clerk