

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
August 17, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce Presiding

Present: Council Member Shane A. Garrabrant
Council Member Robert O. Kimball
Council Member Douglas E. Osborne, Jr.
Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen
Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce

Also Present: Eric F. Wagenaar, City Manager
Joseph V. Frateschi, Harrison Beach Murtha, City Attorney

City staff present: Erica Anderson, James Mills, Cristin Lyons, Scott Weller, Michael Lumbis, Aaron Harvill

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technologies (LETech) Grant Application
- Resolution No. 2 - Certification of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Delinquent Property Taxes
- Resolution No. 3 - Approving Agreement for Rental of Ice Time at the Watertown Municipal Arena, Figure Skating Club of Watertown
- Resolution No. 4 - Approving Agreement for Rental of Ice Time at the Watertown Municipal Arena, Watertown Minor Hockey Association
- Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing a Settlement of the Claim of Jeffrey L. Hodge, Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Karen M. Hodge, Deceased
- Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$525,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to pay the Cost of the Replacement of the Roof of the Water Transmission and Distribution Building, In and for Said City
- Ordinance No. 2 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,995,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Reconstruction or Rehabilitation of Water and Sewer Systems Along Bronson Street, Including Road Reconstruction and Incidental Improvements, In and for Said City
- Ordinance No. 3 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Reconstruction of Water and Sewer Systems Along and Around Main Street East, Including Road Reconstruction and Incidental Improvements, In and for Said City
- Ordinance No. 4 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,075,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Judgments or Judicially-Approved Compromised or Settled Claims Against the City
- Proposed Local Law of 2026 - A Local Law Amending the Code of the City of Watertown, Chapter 301: Water
- Boards and Commission Vacancies and Appointments

- Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report
- Public Skate Attendance

Meeting opened with a moment of silence, remembering Tommy John, former MLB pitcher, who is married to a Watertown native, lived here for a period of time, and who was very involved in the North Country community.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2026 and work session of August 10, 2026, was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Robert O. Kimball, seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from Cliff Olney, 847 Washington Street, requesting a 30-Day Administrative Review of safety concerns regarding the speed bumps installed in Thompson Park and the establishment of a 30-Day Safety Review and Accountability Standard for safety concerns involving City streets, facilities, equipment or infrastructure.

An email was received from Cliff Olney, 847 Washington Street, discussing options for the funding of a proposed \$1.075 million settlement.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jonathan Phillips, 735 Mill Street, raised concerns regarding grass clippings being thrown into the street and requested that individuals be ticketed for the violation. He also expressed safety concerns regarding the City Bus, stating that it is difficult for people to hold carts with the seats being folded up. He also mentioned that he would be sending an email in the upcoming days with video documentation.

Ginger Sherrill, President of the Watertown Hockey Association, acknowledged the challenges surrounding ice-time scheduling and stated that the association is not opposed to sharing available hours. She asked Council to consider which hours are being discussed and noted that the association has switched ice slots over the past two years to accommodate the Figure Skating Club, as well as now being asked to give up prime time slots to Power Play Sports. She emphasized the importance of consistency, particularly for young players, and expressed concern about slots running as late as 10:00 p.m. She noted that the season is beginning but games cannot be scheduled without a contract in place. She asked that established youth programs be protected moving forward.

Paul Trimper, Power Play Sports, thanked the Council for the time spent reviewing the scheduling process and appreciated the thoughtfulness of looking into the data. He stated that the proposed Resolution would provide Power Play Sports with a fraction of the ice time originally requested, but that the organization would be satisfied with two projected slots. He noted that a 9:00 p.m. slot is difficult for their players but said they are willing to work together toward a solution. He expressed respect for the Watertown Hockey Association and appreciation for the actions taken to listen to the parties involved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technologies (LETech) Grant Application

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Police Department is seeking City Council approval to apply for grant funding under New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technologies (LETech) Program, and

WHEREAS the purpose of this program is to enhance law enforcement response as well as for officer and public safety, and

WHEREAS the application, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 with no City share, would provide funding to cover the cost of unmanned aerial systems and roadway safety intelligence platforms,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the Police Department to submit a grant application under New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technologies (LETech) Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Chief is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Watertown and for City Manager to approve the grant if awarded.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Police Chief Cristin Lyon provided an overview of the benefits associated with applying for this grant and told Council that, if awarded, the funding would be used for drones and a roadway intelligence program. She confirmed for Council Member Kimball that a local match was not required and explained how the data for the roadway intelligence program is gathered.

Further discussion occurred regarding the technology for which the grant would be used, and Council Member Shoen requested Council be involved in that decision and that the technology be fully vetted.

Council Member Osborne agreed and said he was in favor of any tools that would enhance law enforcement's ability to do their job.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 2 - Certification of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Delinquent Property Taxes

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS on May 4, 2026, City Council adopted the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act, and

WHEREAS Section 159 of the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act states that the City Comptroller

annually shall present to the City Council a list of properties whose delinquent Tax Liens and Acquired Tax Liens have vested in the City as of June 30th of the preceding fiscal year less subsequent payments received, and

WHEREAS Section 159 of the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act states the City Council shall review and certify the list for foreclosure,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby has reviewed and certified the attached list, which is made part of this resolution, of delinquent Tax Liens and Acquired Tax Liens that have vested in the City as of June 30, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council directs the City Comptroller to foreclose the delinquent Tax Liens and Acquired Tax Liens on such list.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 3 - Approving Agreement for Rental of Ice Time at the Watertown Municipal Arena, Figure Skating Club of Watertown

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns and operates the Watertown Municipal Arena, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown desires to promote recreational activities at this community recreational facility, and

WHEREAS the Figure Skating Club of Watertown expressed their desire to enter into a one-year Agreement for ice time at the Municipal Arena to support their programs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby approves the Agreement for Rental of Ice Time at the Watertown Municipal Arena between the City of Watertown and the Figure Skating Club of Watertown, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Kimball asked for the value of this contract, as well as the contract with the Minor Hockey Association.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Scott Weller indicated that he did not readily have the information available but could provide it to Council.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 4 - Approving Agreement for Rental of Ice Time at the Watertown Municipal Arena, Watertown Minor Hockey Association

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns and operates the Watertown Municipal Arena, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown desires to promote recreational activities at this community recreational facility, and

WHEREAS the Watertown Minor Hockey Association expressed their desire to enter into a one-year Agreement for ice time at the Municipal Arena to support their programs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby approves the Agreement for Rental of Ice Time at the Watertown Municipal Arena between the City of Watertown and the Watertown Minor Hockey Association, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Osborne thanked all the parties involved for working through the schedule. He said that although the compromises are not perfect, he will approve of this as a start, and hoped all involved can continue to work further through this process in future years.

Mayor Pierce pointed out that ice time is a limited resource, and she said she wished the City had more time to offer. She added that she does not think it is fair for a new group to come in and get prime ice time slots and added it is unfair to the longstanding groups.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea except Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce voting nay.

Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing a Settlement of the Claim of Jeffrey L. Hodge, Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Karen M. Hodge, Deceased

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS, on or about October 1, 2025, by Notice of Claim (subsequently amended on January 15, 2026), Claimant Jeffrey L. Hodge asserted claims individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Karen M. Hodge against the City of Watertown stemming from an incident that occurred at Thompson Park on July 12, 2025, and

WHEREAS, during a voluntary mediation on August 4, 2026, the Claimant and the City of Watertown agreed to settle the aforementioned claim upon payment of \$1,075,000.00,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves settlement of this action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager, the City Comptroller or the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the City to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such settlement agreements and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of such official acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the City with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the City, all of the foregoing being subject to final legal review.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting yea.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$525,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to pay the Cost of the Replacement of the Roof of the Water Transmission and Distribution Building, In and for Said City

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying the cost of the replacement of the roof of the Water Transmission and Distribution building, in and for the City, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$525,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$525,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$525,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State and, or federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources for such class of objects or purposes, which monies are hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years, pursuant to subdivision one of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City, including but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the City Comptroller shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at the sole discretion of the City Comptroller, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this ordinance is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes without resorting to further action of the City Council.

Section 11. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such

bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

- Section 12. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
 - (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 - (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 13. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper of the City, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen.

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Robert O. Kimball, seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

Ordinance No. 2 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,995,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Reconstruction or Rehabilitation of Water and Sewer Systems Along Bronson Street, Including Road Reconstruction and Incidental Improvements, In and for Said City

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York (the “City”), as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying the cost of the reconstruction or rehabilitation of water and sewer systems along Bronson Street, including replacement of the water main, upgrades to the sanitary sewer and storm sewer, street paving, sidewalks, curbs, landscaping, and related right-of-way improvements, in and for the City, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,995,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$1,995,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,995,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State and, or federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources for such class of objects or purposes, which monies are hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years, pursuant to subdivision one hundred two of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as said class shall consist of objects or purposes with a period of probable usefulness of at least fifteen years under one or more of subdivisions one or four of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City, including but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the City Comptroller shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City

Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at the sole discretion of the City Comptroller, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this ordinance is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes without resorting to further action of the City Council.

Section 11. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 12. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 13. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper of the City, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen.

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Robert O. Kimball, seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council Member Kimball noted that Ordinance No. 2 and Ordinance No. 3 authorize the bonding for projects to start the process but the RFPs still need to be done, so construction will not begin until next spring.

City Manager Eric Wagenaar confirmed this and noted that it is better to have the bond in place prior to anything being spent on the project.

Council Member Shoen noted that Bronson Street is a small street and that there is no room for trees to be planted along it, so he hoped trees were not included in the plans.

In response to Council Member Garrabrant's inquiry regarding how projects are prioritized, Mr. Wagenaar explained it is a thorough process which involves many people from various departments within the City looking at all aspects of the street to ensure that any work needing to be done is completed all at the same time. He also discussed how the project priority list is managed within the budget, as well as through outside funding sources.

Council Member Osborne said that he is trying to understand the process used to prioritize street projects, but he noted that some projects should take precedence. He said that repairing the Western Outfall Truck Sewer (WOTS) is important, but he does not see much work being done within that system.

Mr. Wagenaar explained the work that is taking place on the WOTS and the things being done to build more credits required by the consent order.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Douglas E. Osborne, Jr. voting nay.

Ordinance No. 3 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Reconstruction of Water and Sewer Systems Along and Around Main Street East, Including Road Reconstruction and Incidental Improvements, In and for Said City

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying the cost of the reconstruction of water and sewer systems along and around Main Street East, including new sanitary and storm sewers, water main, curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons, road reconstruction, related right-of-way improvements, in and for the City, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$4,500,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$4,500,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$4,500,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State and, or federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources for such class of objects or purposes, which monies are hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years, pursuant to subdivision one hundred two of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as said class shall consist of objects or purposes with a period of probable usefulness of at least fifteen years under one or more of subdivisions one or four of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for

sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City, including but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the City Comptroller shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at the sole discretion of the City Comptroller, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this ordinance is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes without resorting to further action of the City Council.

Section 11. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 12. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 13. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper of the City, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen.

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Robert O. Kimball, seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Douglas E. Osborne, Jr. voting nay.

Ordinance No. 4 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,075,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Judgments or Judicially-Approved Compromised or Settled Claims Against the City

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying the cost of judgments or judicially-approved compromised or settled claims against the City, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,075,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$1,075,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,075,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision thirty-three of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the City Comptroller shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper of the City, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen.

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Robert O. Kimball, seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council Member Shoen mentioned that Council Member Garrabrant had sent an email today discussing the other ways this could be funded. He said he understands there is a desire to bond for this but that he does not want to revisit this topic during the budget season for the next five years. He also noted that the City Comptroller had explained why the tax stabilization fund could not be used at this point, but he wondered if this could be paid through the General Fund and then the tax stabilization fund could be used on next year's budget when there is a tax increase over 2.5%. He said he would not support this bond ordinance.

Council Member Kimball pointed out if Council approves a bond ordinance, it does not necessarily mean the City will actually bond for the expense if there is enough money in the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Pierce said she agreed with the City Comptroller's recommendation to approve the bond ordinance because it provides Council with options for funding this expense.

Council Member Osborne said that he does not disagree, but he would like more information on Council Member Shoen's suggestion.

City Comptroller James Mills commented that Council Member Shoen's suggestion would work in theory, but he reminded Council that the tax stabilization fund was established with the intent to assist at the time of the hydro contract's expiration.

Further discussion occurred on whether to bond for this expense, as well as other options available to Council.

Council Member Garrabrant offered his support for bonding.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen voting nay.

LOCAL LAW

Proposed Local Law of 2026 - A Local Law Amending the Code of the City of Watertown, Chapter 301: Water

Introduced by Council Member Robert O. Kimball

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns and operates a Water Treatment, Filtration and Distribution System, and

WHEREAS the Code of the City of Watertown, Chapter 301: Water, contains provisions pertaining to the management and operations of the Water Treatment, Filtration and Distribution System, and

WHEREAS it is necessary to revise certain sections in Chapter 301 of the Code of the City of Watertown in order to comply with current plumbing codes for the health and safety of the residents of the City, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that § 301-1 of the Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 301-1. Definitions.

When used in this chapter, unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated:

APPROVED – Accepted for use in connection with water service by the Superintendent.

CONSUMER – A person owning and/or occupying real property who is receiving water for use thereon from the municipal mains. This can include a property manager or designated agent with written consent to sign for fees outlined within this Chapter of the Code.

CURB STOP – The outside control valve on the water service.

CURB-STOP-TO-METER SERVICE – That portion of the water service line lying between the curb stop or outside gate valve and the water meter.

DEPARTMENT – There shall be a Department of Water.

FIRE SERVICE – The service pipe and all required appurtenances from the street main to the outlets inside the consumer's building, intended and to be used solely for fire-protection purposes. That portion from the main to the property line of the consumer shall be known as "main-to-line fire service" and that portion from the property line to the outlets shall be known as "line-to-outlet fire service."

GALVANIZED WROUGHT IRON PIPE – Steel or iron pipe coated with a protective layer of zinc to prevent rust and corrosion. Restricted to non-potable water lines due to aging, internal rust, and potential leaching contaminants. While galvanized pipes are not made of lead, they are categorized as "requiring replacement" due to the potential health hazard (under the LCRI: Lead and Copper Rule Improvements).

INSPECTOR – An inspector from the Department of Water having such authority as may be conferred upon him by the Superintendent of the Water Department in conformity with this chapter.

LEAD SERVICE – A water pipe made entirely or partially of lead that connects a building's internal plumbing to a public water main. Service Lines with any component being made of lead are categorized as "requiring replacement" due to the potential health hazard (under the LCRI: Lead and Copper Rule Improvements).

MAIN – Any water main owned by the city and supplying or capable of supplying water to more than one consumer.

MAIN-TO-CURB-STOP SERVICE – That portion of water service from the supplying street main to the curb stop.

SUPERINTENDENT – There shall be a Superintendent who shall be in charge of water, wastewater, and hydroelectric generation.

WATER SERVICE – The service pipe and all required appurtenances from the street main to the first stop cock or valve inside the consumer's building.

And,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that § 301-4 of the Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 301-4. Costs of main-to-curb stop and fire services.

- A. The consumer shall pay the following charges for the installation or renewal of main-to-curb-stop service or fire service:

Size of Service Pipe (inches)	Charge
3/4	\$1,750
1	\$1,850
1 1/2	\$2,250
Larger than 1 1/2	Actual cost

- B. A tapping charge will be added to the above charges for main-to-curb-stop service or fire service, whenever a new tap is required. The consumer shall pay the following tapping charges, when required:

Size of Service Pipe (inches)	Charge
3/4	\$112.50
1	\$150
1 1/2	\$225
2	\$300
Larger than 2	\$150 per inch of tap size

- C. When employees of the Department perform this service for a contractor or developer, the contractor or developer shall be charged \$150 per inch of tap, plus actual costs for labor, equipment, and materials provided in the performance of this service.
- D. The term "actual cost," as used in this section, shall mean all reasonable costs associated with the installation or renewal of the main-to-curb-stop service or fire service, or the tapping of a water main, including but not limited to labor, materials, equipment, road repairs, and curbing repairs.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that § 301-6 of the Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 301-6. Installation and safeguarding of meter.

- A. Meters for all water services within the city, except fire service, shall be furnished and installed by the

Department.

- B. The consumer shall be responsible for the safeguarding of the meter. If the meter is not safeguarded, the “Consumer” shall be responsible for the fees associated with the replacement, including but not limited to labor, materials, and equipment. In addition to fees associated with the replacement, the following penalties for not safeguarding the meter are: 1st offence \$50.00, 2nd offence \$100.00, 3rd offence \$250.00, as approved by the Superintendent of Water.
- C. If so required by the Department, the meter shall be housed at the expense of the consumer.
- D. When service is temporarily discontinued, the Department will, when so requested in writing, remove, store and reset the meter without expense to the consumer.
- E. Meters must be in an accessible location for the purpose of servicing and ascertaining the quantity of water used and the manner of its use.
- F. The Department shall be allowed to install receptacles and related appurtenances on or inside the consumer’s building, structure, or premises to accommodate the use of remote-reading-type water meters.

And,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that § 301-8 of the Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 301-8. Size and type of service pipe.

- A. For water service lines two inches in diameter and smaller, the pipe shall be type K soft copper water tube.
- B. For water service lines larger than two inches in diameter, the pipe shall be cement-lined ductile iron pipe class 52.
- C. Replacements or renewals of existing service lines shall be made with appropriate materials as outlined in Subsection A or B, above, or as otherwise directed by the Department.

And,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that § 301-12 of the Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 301-12. PVC and plastic pipe.

PVC pipe and pipe made of polyethylene or other plastic materials crosslinked polyethylene (PEXa): for curb stop to meter sections of the water service. Must be run with a tracer wire and have a minimum bury depth of 66 inches (5 foot 6 inches of cover).

And,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that § 301-13 of the Code of the City of Watertown be deleted in its entirety, and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that § 301-31 of the Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 301-31. Penalties for offenses.

A. Penalties will be levied for missed appointments with the “Water Department” at the following rates:

1. 1st offense up to \$50
2. 2nd offense up to \$100
3. 3rd offense up to \$250

B. Penalties will be levied for late water bills with the “Water Department” at the following rates:

1. 1st offense \$50
2. 2nd offense \$100
3. 3rd offense \$250

C. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter 301, or as provided by local, state, or federal statutes, any person, firm, or corporation who violates, disobeys, neglects, refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter 301 shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250, as approved by the Superintendent of Water. Each day of continued violation is a separate and distinct offense.

And,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Local Law shall take effect immediately upon being filed with the New York Secretary of State.

Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen

Motion was made by Council Member Robert O. Kimball to schedule a Public Hearing on the foregoing local law for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

STAFF REPORTS

Boards and Commission Vacancies and Appointments

Mayor Pierce stated this report contains a list of vacancies needing to be filled on various boards and commissions. She said that Laurel Zarnosky has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Board of Assessment Review and Council concurred to proceed with her reappointment.

Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

A report was available for Council to review and to schedule a public hearing.

Motion was made by Council Member Robert O. Kimball to schedule a Public Hearing on the foregoing local law for Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Public Skate Attendance

A report was available for Council to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Watch Program / Crime Rate

Council Member Garrabrant thanked law enforcement for their work involving the recent string of violent crimes. Mentioning that Council needs to do more to address crime issues affecting the City, he noted that the Neighborhood Watch Program is not a City program but is run by volunteers. He proposed formalizing the program, making it City-endorsed, similar to the City's other boards and commissions. He outlined his proposal in detail and stated he would like feedback from Council, staff members, volunteers currently involved in the program and members of the public.

Mayor Pierce said she appreciates Council Member Garrabrant's suggestion and is willing to work with him in developing this program and other solutions to make the community safer.

Council Member Kimball also agreed with Council Member Garrabrant and said it is good to engage the community.

Bad Driving Habits

Council Member Kimball noted that people in the community are becoming worse drivers, with speeding and running through traffic lights. He wondered if there would be a benefit to adding more speed limit signs throughout the City and if there were other ways to make people better drivers.

Cannabis Consumption

Council Member Kimball mentioned there has been an increase in children being poisoned by cannabis products. He said people need to do more to protect children from accidental consumption.

Settlement Resolution

Council Member Kimball noted that this was something that was worked on very carefully with the City's legal counsel and he felt this was the best course for the City going forward.

Neighborhood Watch Program / Crime Rate (continued)

Council Member Osborne said he was in favor of revamping the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Golf Carts at Thompson Park Golf Course

Council Member Osborne commented that he saw a Facebook post discussing the poor conditions of the golf carts at Thompson Park and it mentioned the carts' batteries running out during rounds of golf.

Mr. Weller confirmed there have been issues and staff have been doing their best to resolve the problem with new batteries, but they are dealing with old carts. In response to Council Member Osborne's question about the number of vouchers that have been used through GroupGolfer, he said that he would provide Council with a report.

Council Member Shoen remarked that he was aware of the issues with the battery-operated golf carts and wondered if the City should use the gas-powered carts more often.

Ice Arena - Public Skate Attendance / Wolves Contract

Council Member Shoen said he was surprised by the use of the Public Skate times and noted that everyone tends to focus on the outside users and forget that it is a municipal arena. Council Member Shoen also discussed the Wolves contract and noted that this team pays less than \$100/hour, as well as receives the revenue from advertising within the arena. He stated that, in the future, he would like every

outside user of the arena to pay the full ice time rental rate, and, if there is advertising revenue, the City should receive a percentage as well.

Neighborhood Watch Program / Crime Rate (continued)

Council Member Shoen said that the public can notify law enforcement of issues, but the Police Department does not have enough time to respond to everything. He indicated that Council could make decisions about other things that could affect the crime rate and noted that when Council approves items such as PILOTs for low-income housing, there will be an impact on the crime rate. He stressed that Council could say no to some of these requests.

Changes in the Refuse Schedule

Stating he is affected by the upcoming change to the refuse schedule, Council Member Shoen said he has received two notices informing him of the change and he thanked City staff for their efforts in communicating this to the public.

Neighborhood Watch Program / Crime Rate (continued)

In response to Council Member Shoen's comments about approving PILOTS for low-income housing, Mayor Pierce said the low-income housing is already here, so Council cannot change it, but it can be more aware of the impacts going forward.

Disc Golf

Mayor Pierce remarked that she received an email from an avid disc golfer, and they commented that the City's disc golf course is in its best condition.

City Swimming Lesson Program

Mayor Pierce said her daughter participated in the City's swimming lesson program, and she commended staff for their good work and for making the program a wonderful experience.

Block Party

Mayor Pierce announced that this summer's last block party will be held on August 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

City's Welcome Packet

Mayor Pierce announced that staff have completed the development of a Welcome Packet, which will be distributed to new residents in the City. She provided an overview of it and said that it will be put on the City's website as well.

Motion was made by Council Member Robert O. Kimball to move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and to discuss the employment history of a particular individual or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 8:27 p.m. by motion of Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen, seconded by Council Member Douglas E. Osborne, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk