

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING**
Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Elizabeth Schulze
Paul Ericsson
Jim Sandquist
Cindy Raymond
Rachel Bender
Mayor Steve
Washburn
Holly Krantz
Debra Favorit

1. Call to Order

Commission chair Elizabeth Schulze called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in room A of the Watertown Community Center.

Members present: Schulze, Cindy Raymond, Jim Sandquist, Paul Ericsson, Holly Krantz, and Lynn Tschudi.

Guests present: Dave Smith.

2. Adopt Agenda

RAYMOND MOVED, ERICSSON SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2019

ERICSSON MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2019. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of Treasurers Report

ERICSSON MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Introduction of Guests

6. New Business

A. Terms ended in 2019: Allen, Ericsson & Favorit

Tschudi updated that Cory Allen gave her resignation at the end of 2019. Ericsson would like to extend his term. Tschudi said Favorit (absent) would more than likely agree to another term.

RAYMOND MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT ERICSSON AND FAVORIT BEGIN NEW 3 YEAR TERMS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2020. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Appoint chair & vice chair

Commissioners discussed who would like to be Chair & Vice Chair.

RAYMOND MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO NOMINATE ERICSSON FOR CHAIR AND SCHULZE FOR VICE CHAIR. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

C. New member - vote to accept application

Tschudi said the city received an application for membership from Dave Smith.

Dave Smith introduced himself to the commission and gave his background.

Commissioners reviewed the application and agreed to make a recommendation to council for the new member.

ERICSSON MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON AGING APPLICATION FOR DAVE SMITH. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

D. Formal request from Community Learning Center

Commission reviewed the formal request from Rachel Bender. Bender was asking for a monetary donation toward the senior wing at the new Community Learning Center. Commission discussed request and agreed to grant the donation. Tschudi to issue check.

RAYMOND MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO DONATE \$500 TO THE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER FOR THE SENIOR ACTIVITY WING. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

E. Aging Friendly Communities Conference

Holly Krantz said there is a conference in April to learn about Aging Friendly Communities. Carver County is looking to send 1-2 people from the Watertown Commission on Aging. The conference is at the Earl Brown Heritage Center on April 23-24, 2020. The county will pay for the conference using SHIP funds. Deadline for sign-up is March 31. Commission members agreed to check their schedules and provide an answer at the February meeting.

7. Ageless Business

A. Holiday dinner feedback

Tschudi shared the feedback she heard regarding the Senior Dinner:

1. offer a different dessert other than pie
2. offer a different vegetable other than mixed
3. have coffee carafs available for the servers
4. no cookies next year
5. try to get a quieter band ensemble
6. make sure speeches are upbeat

B. City updates

Tschudi updated on the January 14, 2020 council meeting. Commission discussed the 2020 Census and the importance for people to participate in the census.

C. Reports from commission members

Krantz updated on various programs offered for diabetes screenings. She shared a flyer for a presentation offered at the Chanhassen Ridgeview Clinic. Krantz shared information on a joint

commission meeting on April 14th to discuss the Aging with Gusto sessions and whether cities would be interested in offering them.

Ericsson updated on the library events. The winter reads program is going on now and he encourages people to sign up. The winter reads program ends on February 29. There are many fun prizes available for participants. Ericsson said gardening for polinators is a class offered at Watertown on February 29. He also encouraged people to watch for updates on the free tax preparation service provided by AARP at various county locations.

8. Adjournment

SANDQUIST MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:31PM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.