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Waterstone Financial, Inc. Announces Results of Operations for the Quarter and Year Ended December 31, 2020

WAUWATOSA, Wis. – **01/28/2021** – Waterstone Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSBF), holding company for WaterStone Bank, reported net income of \$27.8 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 compared to \$8.8 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. Net income per diluted share was \$3.30 for the year ended December 31, 2020 compared to net income per diluted share of \$1.37 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

"Our financial results continue to be outstanding, as we have just completed our third consecutive quarter of record profits", said Douglas Gordon, Chief Executive Officer of Waterstone Financial, Inc. "The turbulent environment of 2020 demonstrated the synergies, and profitability, a community bank and its mortgage subsidiary can achieve working in harmony. Waterstone's entire team navigated the rocky seas presented by a pandemic, achieving record results, and enhancing shareholders with dividends of \$1.28 per share paid during the year."

Highlights of the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020

Waterstone Financial, Inc. (Consolidated)

- Consolidated net income of Waterstone Financial, Inc. totaled \$27.8 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to \$8.8 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Consolidated return on average assets was 4.96% for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 compared to 1.75% for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Consolidated return on average equity was 27.11% for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 and 8.91% for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Dividends declared totaled \$0.50 per share, which included a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share and a special dividend of \$0.30 per share. The quarterly dividend declared during the quarter represents an increase of \$0.08, or 66.7%, compared to quarterly dividend rate paid in previous quarters during 2020.
- We repurchased approximately 203,000 shares at a cost of \$3.5 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2020.

Community Banking Segment

- Pre-tax income totaled \$8.7 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, which represents a 4.8% increase compared to \$8.3 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Net interest income totaled \$14.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, which represents an 8.0% increase compared to \$13.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Average loans held for investment totaled \$1.40 billion during the quarter ended December 31, 2020, which represents an increase of \$21.6 million, or 1.6%, compared to \$1.38 billion for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans originated during the year ended December 31, 2020, contributed to the growth. Average loans held for investment decreased \$26.6 million, or 7.5% annualized, compared to \$1.43 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 as PPP loans started to pay off during the fourth quarter.
- The PPP loans totaled \$18.1 million as of December 31, 2020.
- Net interest margin decreased six basis points to 2.73% for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 compared to 2.79% for the quarter ended December 31, 2019, which was a result of the decrease in yield of interest-earning assets as rates on loans, investments, and cash decreased. Net interest margin increased 10 basis points compared to 2.63% for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, driven by lower average rates on deposits.
- The segment had no provision for loan losses for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 compared to a negative provision for loan losses of \$200,000 for the quarter ended December 30, 2019. Net charge-offs totaled \$51,000 for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to net recoveries of \$10,000 for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- The efficiency ratio was 46.15% for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to 46.23% for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Average deposits (excluding escrow accounts) totaled \$1.19 billion during the quarter ended December 31, 2020, an increase of \$137.9 million, or 13.1%, compared to \$1.06 billion during the quarter ended December 31, 2019. Average deposits increased \$13.0 million, or 4.4% annualized compared to the \$1.18 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.
- Nonperforming assets as percentage of total assets was 0.27% at December 31, 2020, 0.31% at September 30, 2020, and 0.39% at December 31, 2019.
- Past due loans as percentage of total loans was 0.57% at December 31, 2020, 0.39% at September 30, 2020, and 0.47% at December 31, 2019.
- The Company held approximately \$9.2 million in loans, representing 0.7% of the total loan portfolio as of December 31, 2020, which had been modified as either a deferment of principal or principal and interest since the beginning of the pandemic. Of the \$9.2 million in loans, \$1.2 million qualify as modifications under the CARES Act. The remaining \$8.0 million represents three loans that are classified as troubled debt restructurings.

Mortgage Banking Segment

- Pre-tax income totaled \$28.3 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to \$3.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Loan originations increased \$505.2 million, or 65.0%, to \$1.28 billion during the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to \$777.1 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2019. Origination volume relative to purchase activity accounted for 59.2% of originations for the quarter

ended December 31, 2020 compared to 72.1% of total originations for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.

- Mortgage banking income increased \$36.1 million, or 111.2%, to \$68.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to \$32.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.
- Gross margin on loans sold increased to 5.40% for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared to 4.27% for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.

Recent Developments:

COVID-19 Pandemic and the CARES Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, signed into law at the end of March 2020, allowed for a temporary delay in the adoption of accounting guidance under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 326, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses ("CECL") until the earlier of December 31, 2020 or the end of the COVID-19 national emergency. During the quarter ended March 31, 2020, pursuant to the CARES Act and guidance from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), we elected to delay adoption of CECL. On December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 was signed into law. Among other provisions, this Act extended the temporary delay on the adoption of CECL until the earlier of January 1, 2022 or the end of the COVID-19 national emergency. We have elected to delay adoption of CECL. As a result, our financial statements for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2020 include an allowance for loan losses that was prepared under the existing incurred loss methodology.

About Waterstone Financial, Inc.

Waterstone Financial, Inc. is the savings and Ioan holding company for WaterStone Bank. WaterStone Bank was established in 1921 and offers a full suite of personal and business banking products. The Bank has branches in Wauwatosa/State St, Brookfield, Fox Point/North Shore, Franklin/Hales Corners, Germantown/Menomonee Falls, Greenfield/Loomis Rd, Milwaukee/Oklahoma Ave, Oak Creek/27th St, Oak Creek/Howell Ave, Oconomowoc/Lake Country, Pewaukee, Waukesha, West Allis/Greenfield Ave, and West Allis/National Ave, Wisconsin. WaterStone Bank is the parent company to Waterstone Mortgage, which has the ability to lend in 48 states. For more information about WaterStone Bank, go to http://www.wsbonline.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements or information that may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding expected financial and operating activities and results that are preceded by, followed by, or that include words such as "may," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" or "believes." Any such statements are based upon current expectations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties and are subject to important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include changes in interest rates; demand for products and services; the degree of competition by traditional and nontraditional competitors; changes in banking regulation or actions by bank regulators; changes in tax laws; the impact of technological advances; governmental and regulatory policy changes; the outcomes of contingencies; trends in customer behavior as well as their ability to repay loans; changes in local real estate values; changes in the national and local economies, including significant disruption to financial market and other economic activity caused by the outbreak of COVID-19; and other factors, including risk factors referenced in Item 1A. Risk Factors in Waterstone's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and as may be described from time to time in Waterstone's subsequent SEC filings, which factors are incorporated herein by reference. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect only Waterstone's belief as of the date of this press release.

WATERSTONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

	For The Three Months Ended December 31,					For The Year Ended December 31,			
		2020		2019	_	2020		2019	
		(In 7	Гhous	ands, excep	ot pe	r share amo	unts)		
Interest income:									
Loans	\$	18,229	\$	18,547	\$	72,633	\$	72,235	
Mortgage-related securities		528		718		2,488		2,978	
Debt securities, federal funds sold and short-term investments		870	-	1,013		3,363		4,528	
Total interest income		19,627		20,278		78,484		79,741	
Interest expense:									
Deposits		2,605		4,465		14,365		17,278	
Borrowings		2,706		2,687		10,619		10,266	
Total interest expense		5,311		7,152		24,984		27,544	
Net interest income		14,316		13,126		53,500		52,197	
Provision for loan losses		30		(170)		6,340		(900)	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		14,286		13,296		47,160		53,097	
Noninterest income:		1,078		1,091		4,462		2,363	
Service charges on loans and deposits Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance		318		356		1,905		1,935	
Mortgage banking income		66,953		32,140		233,245		125,666	
Other		1,537		222		4,405		786	
Total noninterest income		69,886		33,809		244,017		130,750	
Noninterest expenses:		,		,		,			
Compensation, payroll taxes, and other employee benefits		38,351		26,491		139,046		101,718	
Occupancy, office furniture, and equipment		2,479		2,521		10,223		10,606	
Advertising		1,066		1,051		3,691		3,885	
Data processing		918		989		3,941		3,630	
Communications		335		320		1,329		1,359	
Professional fees		471		1,167		8,118		3,605	
Real estate owned		(63)		(221)		(8)		(146)	
Loan processing expense		1,026		746		4,646		3,288	
Other		2,580		2,273		12,075		8,328	
Total noninterest expenses		47,163		35,337		183,061		136,273	
Income before income taxes		37,009		11,768		108,116		47,574	
Income tax expense		9,174		2,974		26,971		11,671	
Net income	\$	27,835	\$	8,794	\$	81,145	\$	35,903	
Income per share:								,	
Basic	\$	1.17	\$	0.34	\$	3.32	\$	1.38	
Diluted	\$	1.17	\$	0.34	\$	3.30	\$	1.37	
Weighted average shares outstanding:									
Basic		23,703		25,586		24,464		26,021	
Diluted		23,877		25,852		24,607		26,247	

WATERS TONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	Dec	ember 31, 2020	Ι	December 31, 2019
	(Ur	naudited)		
Assets	(In T	housands, excep	ot per	share amounts)
Cash Federal funds sold Interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions and other short term investments	\$	56,190 18,847 19,730	\$	52,814 12,704 8,782
Cash and cash equivalents Securities available for sale (at fair value) Loans held for sale (at fair value) Loans receivable Less: Allowance for loan losses		94,767 159,619 402,003 1,375,137 18,823		74,300 178,476 220,123 1,388,031 12,387
Loans receivable, net		1,356,314		1,375,644
Office properties and equipment, net Federal Home Loan Bank stock (at cost) Cash surrender value of life insurance Real estate owned, net Prepaid expenses and other assets		23,722 26,720 63,573 322 57,547		25,028 21,150 69,665 748 31,213
Total assets	\$	2,184,587	\$	1,996,347
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Liabilities: Demand deposits	\$	188,225	\$	130,063
Money market and savings deposits Time deposits		295,317 701,328		197,942 739,771
Total deposits		1,184,870		1,067,776
Borrowings Advance payments by borrowers for taxes Other liabilities		508,074 3,522 75,003		483,562 4,212 47,111
Total liabilities		1,771,469		1,602,661
Shareholders' equity: Preferred stock Common stock Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Unearned ESOP shares Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of taxes		251 180,684 245,287 (15,430) 2,326		271 211,997 197,393 (16,617) 642
Total shareholders' equity	-	413,118		393,686
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,184,587	\$	1,996,347
Share Information Shares outstanding Book value per share Closing market price Price to book ratio	\$ \$	25,088 16.47 18.82 114.27%	\$ \$	27,148 14.50 19.03 131.24%

WATERS TONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARY OF KEY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

(Unaudited)

	At or For the Three Months Ended										
	December 31, 2020		Sep	tember 30,		June 30,	I	March 31,	December 31,		
				2020	2020		2020	2019			
				ollars in Tho	s in Thousands, except pe			re amounts)			
Condensed Results of Operations:											
Net interest income	\$	14,316	\$	13,409	\$	13,249	\$	12,526	\$	13,126	
Provision for loan losses		30		1,025		4,500		785		(170)	
Total noninterest income		69,886		75,763		66,904		31,464		33,809	
Total noninterest expense		47,163		53,001		47,689		35,208		35,337	
Income before income taxes		37,009		35,146		27,964		7,997		11,768	
Income tax expense		9,174		8,853		7,016		1,928		2,974	
Net income	\$	27,835	\$	26,293	\$	20,948	\$	6,069	\$	8,794	
Income per share – basic	\$	1.17	\$	1.08	\$	0.86	\$	0.24	\$	0.34	
Income per share – diluted	\$	1.17	\$	1.08	\$	0.85	\$	0.24	\$	0.34	
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.50	\$	0.12	\$	0.12	\$	0.62	\$	0.12	
Performance Ratios (annualized):											
Return on average assets - QTD		4.96%		4.78%		3.87%		1.21%		1.75%	
Return on average equity - QTD		27.11%		26.30%		22.39%		6.24%		8.91%	
Net interest margin - QTD		2.73%		2.63%		2.62%		2.68%		2.79%	
Return on average assets - YTD		3.77%		3.35%		2.59%		1.21%		1.82%	
Return on average equity - YTD		20.18%		18.02%		14.03%		6.24%		9.14%	
Net interest margin - YTD		2.67%		2.64%		2.65%		2.68%		2.83%	
Asset Quality Ratios:											
Past due loans to total loans		0.57%		0.39%		0.45%		0.78%		0.47%	
Nonaccrual loans to total loans		0.40%		0.42%		0.39%		0.48%		0.51%	
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.27%		0.31%		0.28%		0.36%		0.39%	
Allowance for loan losses to loans receivable		1.37%		1.31%		1.24%		0.94%		0.89%	

WATERSTONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY AVERAGE BALANCES AND YIELD/COSTS

(Unaudited)

	At or For the Three Months Ended										
	De	December 31, September 30, June 30, March 31,							December 31,		
		2020	2020 2020					2020		2019	
Average balances					(Dol	llars in Thousands)				
Interest-earning assets											
Loans receivable and held for sale	\$	1,775,455	\$	1,766,715	\$	1,759,970	\$	1,562,097	\$	1,573,190	
Mortgage related securities		91,199		96,529		105,727		112,089		110,426	
Debt securities, federal funds sold and											
short term investments		217,356		166,160		164,306		206,485		183,447	
Total interest-earning assets		2,084,010		2,029,404		2,030,003		1,880,671		1,867,063	
Noninterest-earning assets		147,573		160,526		147,342		132,283		125,904	
Total assets	\$	2,231,583	\$	2,189,930	\$	2,177,345	\$	2,012,954	\$	1,992,967	
Interest-bearing liabilities											
Demand accounts	\$	53,771	\$	50,590	\$	45,289	\$	39,886	\$	38,650	
Money market, savings, and escrow											
accounts		304,467		282,349		252,500		218,942		215,332	
Certificates of deposit		726,132		741,265		730,573		734,147		737,726	
Total interest-bearing deposits		1,084,370		1,074,204		1,028,362		992,975		991,708	
Borrowings		546,070		531,588		609,863		495,595		485,482	
Total interest-bearing liabilities		1,630,440		1,605,792		1,638,225		1,488,570		1,477,190	
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits		128,665		129,911		115,605		92,627		85,815	
Noninterest-bearing liabilities		64,001		56,451		47,140		40,609		38,580	
Total liabilities		1,823,106		1,792,154		1,800,970		1,621,806		1,601,585	
Equity		408,477		397,776		376,375		391,148		391,382	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	2,231,583	\$	2,189,930	\$	2,177,345	\$	2,012,954	\$	1,992,967	
Average Yield/Costs (annualized)											
Loans receivable and held for sale		4.08%		4.10%		4.23%		4.55%		4.68%	
Mortgage related securities Debt securities, federal funds sold and		2.30%		2.42%		2.55%		2.52%		2.58%	
short term investments		1.59%		1.75%		1.71%		2.07%		2.19%	
Total interest-earning assets		3.75%		3.83%		3.93%		4.16%		4.31%	
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Demand accounts		0.07%		0.09%		0.08%		0.08%		0.10%	
Money market and savings accounts		0.53%		0.67%		0.74%		0.78%		0.66%	
Certificates of deposit		1.20%		1.62%		1.91%		2.13%		2.20%	
Total interest-bearing deposits		0.96%		1.29%		1.54%		1.75%		1.79%	
Borrowings		1.97%		1.98%		1.76%		2.12%		2.20%	
Total interest-bearing liabilities		1.30%		1.52%		1.62%		1.87%		1.92%	

COMMUNITY BANKING SEGMENT SUMMARY OF KEY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited)

	At or For the Three Months Ended										
	December 31,			ptember 30,		June 30,	March 31,		Dec	ember 31,	
	2020			2020		2020		2020		2019	
				(Do	ollar	rs in Thousan	ds)				
Condensed Results of Operations:											
Net interest income	\$	14,546	\$	13,461	\$	13,701	\$	12,908	\$	13,472	
Provision for loan losses		-		1,000		4,325		750		(200)	
Total noninterest income		1,655		3,104		2,936		1,028		1,645	
Noninterest expenses:											
Compensation, payroll taxes, and other											
employee benefits		5,159		5,000		4,906		5,168		4,693	
Occupancy, office furniture and											
equipment		934		874		866		1,014		894	
Advertising		244		252		297		248		317	
Data processing		511		490		678		605		583	
Communications		110		113		91		97		93	
Professional fees		5		266		226		198		162	
Real estate owned		(63)		11		33		11		(251)	
Loan processing expense		-		-		-		-		-	
Other		577		818		532		580		498	
Total noninterest expense		7,477		7,824		7,629		7,921		6,989	
Income before income taxes		8,724		7,741		4,683		5,265		8,328	
Income tax expense		1,926		1,565		574		1,154		2,033	
Net income	\$	6,798	\$	6,176	\$	4,109	\$	4,111	\$	6,295	
Efficiency ratio - QTD		46.15%		47.23%		45.86%		56.84%		46.23%	
Efficiency ratio - YTD		48.71%		49.59%		50.86%		56.84%		47.74%	

MORTGAGE BANKING SEGMENT SUMMARY OF KEY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited)

	At or For the Three Months Ended										
	De	cember 31,	Sej	ptember 30,		June 30,	N	Iarch 31,	Dec	ember 31,	
		2020		2020		2020		2020		2019	
				(D	olla	ars in Thousands	5)				
Condensed Results of Operations:											
Net interest income	\$	(223)	\$	(58)	\$	(511)	\$	(379)	\$	(399)	
Provision for loan losses		30		25		175		35		30	
Total noninterest income		68,500		73,143		64,218		30,798		32,440	
Noninterest expenses:											
Compensation, payroll taxes, and other											
employee benefits		33,347		34,559		32,139		19,387		21,975	
Occupancy, office furniture and											
equipment		1,545		1,595		1,668		1,727		1,627	
Advertising		822		609		567		652		734	
Data processing		402		426		413		395		402	
Communications		225		226		226		241		227	
Professional fees		441		4,465		850		1,620		1,000	
Real estate owned		-		-		-		-		30	
Loan processing expense		1,026		1,336		1,208		1,076		746	
Other		2,110		2,444		3,239		2,552		1,918	
Total noninterest expense		39,918		45,660		40,310		27,650		28,659	
Income before income taxes		28,329		27,400		23,222		2,734		3,352	
Income tax expense		7,252		7,284		6,440		768		921	
Net income	\$	21,077	\$	20,116	\$	16,782	\$	1,966	\$	2,431	
Efficiency ratio - QTD		58.46%		62.48%		63.27%		90.90%		89.44%	
Efficiency ratio - YTD		65.20%		67.95%		72.70%		90.90%		87.47%	
Loan originations	\$	1,282,321	\$	1,296,725	\$		\$	708,840	\$	777,073	
Purchase		59.2%		64.1%		55.5%		68.3%		72.1%	
Refinance		40.8%		35.9%		44.5%		31.7%		27.9%	
Gross margin on loans sold ⁽¹⁾		5.40%		5.44%		5.45%		4.08%		4.27%	

(1) - Gross margin on loans sold equals mortgage banking income (excluding the change in interest rate lock value) divided by total loan originations