

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert D. Carlson at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Robert D. Carlson, Councilman Charles J. Diamond and Councilman Michael P. Manning were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Mark E. Gleason; General Manager, Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance, Acting Police Chief Ron Boisvert and Mark R. Gilchrist; Assessor/Bldg. Inspector. Yorden C. Huban; Corporation Counsel; Fire Chief Brian Carroll and David Wheatley; Deputy City Clerk were excused.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the minutes from the previous meeting.

The following agenda was presented to the Council by Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk and Clerk to the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 8075 – The Council hereby authorizes the regular meeting to be held in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 PM on the first and third Thursday of each month during the year 2007. Upon motion of Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8076 – The Council hereby authorizes the Bank of America, Watervliet Branch, J.P. Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank, Pioneer Commercial Bank and First Niagara Bank as the official depositories for the year 2007. Before voting Councilman Manning requested Robert Fahr; Director of Finance to explain why the City utilizes so many depositories. Mr. Fahr explained that by doing business with several depositories it allows him the opportunity to get the best rates available when borrowing money. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8077 – The Council hereby authorizes The Troy Record as the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet for the year 2007. Upon motion of Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8078 – The Council hereby authorizes the Order of Business for the Council of the City of Watervliet for the year 2007.

Before voting Councilman Diamond asked at what point are the public attendees allowed to speak in accordance with the Order of Business? General Manager Gleason explained that past practice of the City Council Meetings allowed the public to speak after closing the meeting. Council Manning stated that he is working with Corporation Counsel Huban to draft new legislation related to the public being able to speak on record during the Council proceedings. Mayor Carlson stated that the Council Meetings are for legislative matters except when a Public Hearing is scheduled. Councilman Diamond noted that he will wait to see the draft from Corporation Counsel Huban. Councilman Diamond asked if you are able to amend a Resolution passed by the Council. City Clerk Hidley stated that the Council can amend a Resolution. The new Resolution must refer to the Resolution which it is amending.

Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8079 – The Council hereby authorizes the named persons to attend meetings and conferences for the City of Watervliet held during the year 2007. Upon motion of Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8080 – The Council hereby authorizes the designation of Polling Places for the year 2007.

Before voting Mayor Carlson stated that Mt. Carmel School has closed and that there is the possibility that this spot may not be used as a voting facility in 2007. City Clerk Hidley noted that there also could be a problem with the Elks and Jermain Church Hall. Mr. Hidley explained that the Council can amend this Resolution if any changes are needed for Polling Places in 2007. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8081 – The General Manager and Corporation Counsel recommends the sale of the 2001 Ford F350-SD to Rich Behuniak, 102 Kruger Rd., Selkirk, NY in the amount of \$1,280.00 and the bid on the 1992 Mack Packer be rejected. Upon motion of Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8082 – The Council hereby authorizes General Manager Mark Gleason to construct two office spaces for two Councilmen for a sum not to exceed \$500.00. Before voting on this Resolution Mayor Carlson stated that he wanted clarification regarding the specifics of this Resolution from the Corporation Counsel. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the group adjourned to the floor to discuss City business.

ITEM #1 – Mark E. Gleason – General Manager informed the Council that the Combined Sewer Outflow consortium was informed that they have received an additional \$500,000.00 in grant money. This will provide additional money to the City for this project.

ITEM #2 – Mark E. Gleason – General Manager presented the Council with a White Goods/Debris pickup proposal for the Council to review. Mr. Gleason explained that the 2007 budget included a \$35,000.00 cut in the tipping fees for the landfill. Mr. Gleason started his presentation by discussing the White Goods portion of the proposal. Mr. Gleason explained that his White Goods included four (4) different options for the Council to consider. The options included different ways of generating revenue from picking up white goods. Mr. Gleason discussed with the Council the current debris schedule and the type of debris material picked up by the City. Mr. Gleason then provided the Council with four (4) different options for the Council to consider. The options included way of generating revenue from the pickup of debris by the City. Attached is a copy the proposal submitted to the Council by Mr. Gleason. Mayor Carlson requested that a workshop be conducted with the Council, General Manager and David Dressel; Highway Department Supervisor related to the White Goods/Debris proposal submitted to the Council.

ITEM #3 – Councilman Michael P. Manning submitted to the Council a sample procurement policy for the Council to consider for legislative action at the January 18, 2007 Council Meeting. Councilman Manning explained that the procurement policy adoption would be done in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 104-b which requires that the governing body adopt a procurement policy. Councilman Manning stated that this sample policy will establish the procurement policy and any questions related to contracts signed by the City. Councilman Manning requested that any changes to the procurement policy proposal be submitted to Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban. Attached is a copy of the sample procurement policy submitted by Councilman Manning.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council