

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 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 Gleason; General Manager, Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance, David Wheatley; Deputy City Clerk, Mark R. Gilchrist; Assessor/ Bldg. Inspector, Police Chief Ron Boisvert, Jim Bulmer; Water Department Supervisor and Christopher S. Daus; Recreation Supervisor. Yorden C. Huban; Corporation Counsel and Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk and Clerk to the Council were absent due to vacation.

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. 8118 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk to advertise once in the official newspaper that the City of Watervliet will accept sealed bids on Thursday, May 31, 2007 until 10:00 AM for a 1996 Ford F350, 1 Ton Dump Body, VIN #2FDKF38FXTCA03062 of no longer use for City purposes. Before voting Councilman Manning asked if there was a set value on this vehicle. Mark Gleason; General Manager stated that the City will accept will accept what is offered from the bid process. Mr. Gleason noted that in the past the City has had a hard time selling vehicles when placing an upset price. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8119 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the award of contract to Boisclair General Construction, 1108 New Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York 12047 for the replacement of Bocci Ball Courts in the 15th Street Park in the amount of \$4,200.00. Upon motion of Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted. Councilman Manning requested clarification as to where the funding was coming from to do this project. Mark Gleason; General Manager explained that this funding was coming from a State Grant received by the City. There is approximately \$30,000.00 left in the grant money. These funds are strictly state grant funds. Councilman Diamond asked that if this were City money can we give a bidder preferential points for being a City contractor. Mr. Gleason stated that there probably something that can be worked out. This would definitely need to brought before the Council it would be difficult to separate State and

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This would definitely need to be brought before the Council it would be difficult to separate State and City money. One way or the other funding does have state money in it, especially park money. Councilman Diamond stated that he will speak with Yorden Huban; Corporation Counsel regarding this bid question.

RESOLUTION NO. 8120 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Robert D. Carlson to execute the Shared Services Grant Application on behalf of the City if deemed by the Council in the best interest of the residents of the community. Councilman Manning requested Mark Gleason; General Manager to provide some background on this program. Mr. Gleason explained that he has met with the Village of Green Island, City of Cohoes and the Albany County Sewer District to jointly purchase a vacuum truck and fund personnel. There are over 1,800 catch basins the three communities mentioned. It would literally take one year with one truck to clean the catch basins noted. Nicholas J. Ostapkovich will discuss our best management practices are to be sure our catch basins are kept up. The City will be applying for a grant for approximately \$230,000 to purchase a new vacuum truck. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

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

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason; General Manager requested Nicholas J. Ostapkovich to conduct a public meeting regarding the MS4 report. Mr. Ostapkovich explained that the City is a MS4 which means a municipal separated storm sewer system. This means the City must annually report to the state what the City is doing to meet the requirements MS4 program. Mr. Ostapkovich explained that there are six best management practices. The six best management, Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation, construction runoff control, post construction control and discharge detection. The formal report is approximately 40 pages long and is located on the City's Website. The City is a member of the Albany County Storm Water Committee. Through the efforts of the Storm Water Committee the municipalities have received nearly \$350,000.00 in grant money. The grant money has allowed the City to do shared services which has saved the taxpayers of the City money. Mr. Ostapkovich noted that through these shared efforts the City has been able to place medallions on the catch basins to alert resident on the detrimental effects of illegally dumping in to the sewer system. There have been meetings held with the League of Women's Voters regarding on pesticide control and rain gardens. Additionally, there have billboards placed throughout Albany County discussing impacts of pollution control. All of these items were sponsored thru the grant program.

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Mr. Gleason requested that the public sign in that they were in attendance and heard the comments about the MS4 Storm Water Report.

ITEM # 2 – Mark Gleason; General Manager explained that at the last Council Meeting Councilman Diamond requested that Mr. Gleason look into the NYS Dept. of Transportation assisting with street sweeping when they come to a City boarder. Mr. Gleason noted that he called the NYS Dept. of Transportation in Voorheesville about that very issue. The Supervisor explained that his driver is instructed to put the brushes up when they have gone beyond the area the State is responsible for. The supervisor stated that his crews would never finish state roads if they did other municipal agencies. Councilman Diamond noted that Governor Eliot Spitzer has advocated shared services/consolidation and that maybe the City should contact his office related to the street cleaning.

ITEM # 3 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that the 2007 Nova Chip Street Paving Program began today. Mr. Gleason noted that it will take approximately five days to complete.

ITEM # 4 – Mark Gleason; General Manager requested Police Chief Ron Boisvert to discuss a couple of issues his department has. Chief Boisvert explained that his office received a petition from the residents of Railroad Avenue between 24th Street to 25th Street requesting that his department review the volume and speed in that area. The petition requested that Railroad Avenue be a one-way from 25th Street to 24th Street Southbound. Police Chief Boisvert has reviewed the area. Based on the fact that he has signatures from all of the residents Police Chief Boisvert recommends the Council place this one-way street item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Police Chief Boisvert discussed the bullet proof vest replacement project which Councilman Diamond discussed at the last meeting. Police Chief Boisvert noted that the City must purchase the vests. The City will need to purchase the vests up front at a cost of \$18,000.00. The Department of Criminal Justice Services will refund the money at a later date. Police Chief did not commit to this portion of the project until the Council is aware of the financial needs. Councilman Manning asked how long it would take to get the funding back. Chief Boisvert wasn't sure when the vest fund will be returned. Chief Boisvert explained that he has a letter stating full reimbursement for the vests Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance explained that as long as the City receives the money within 60 days at the end of this year the City can approve that negative expense back to the fiscal year 2007. Chief Boisvert stated that he does not see this going that far into the year.

There being no further legislative or City business to come before the Council, Mayor Robert D. Carlson welcomed the Youth Day Officials for Watervliet High School Class of 2006.

At this time the elected High School Officials assumed the positions vacated by the City Council and Administrative Staff.

Youth Day Officials remarked on their experiences throughout the day, especially on the respective Council and Administrative positions they filled. Additionally, the Youth Day Officials commented on the various functions performed by the Police and Fire Personnel

Mayor Robert D. Carlson, on behalf of the Council, complimented and commended all of the Youth Day Officials and their families who took part in the Youth Day activities. Attached is a list of the students who participated.

Councilman Diamond and Councilman Manning also complimented the Youth Day Officials their families and Scott Burke of Watervliet High School. Councilman Diamond stated that the students give a great perspective at the High School and the City. The students are very bright and witty and he enjoys the day very much. Councilman Manning stated that this was his second Youth Day it was a great group of kids who payed close attention to what was discussed. Councilman Manning was able spend a lot of time with the Youth Day participant who asked a lot of good questions

Before closing the meeting Councilman Diamond requested that consideration be given to Council Meetings being held in the Court Room. For the sake of City residents who may have a hard time making it to the third floor. Mayor Carlson stated that he would consider Councilman Diamond's request.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council