

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 and Councilman Michael P. Manning were present. Councilman Charles J. Diamond was excused.

Also present from City Administration were: Mark Gleason; General Manager, David Wheatley; Deputy City Clerk and Police Chief Ron Boisvert.

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

Report of Officers and Committees:

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that himself and Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance has met with George Felix who is a Solid Waste Management Consultant. Mr. Gleason explained that Mr. Felix has over 30 years of experience in the waste/refuse business. Mr. Gleason noted that Mr. Felix worked for the waste/refuse company the City hired prior to Waste Management handling our refuse pickup contract. Mr. Felix brings a lot of knowledge to the City regarding the City's refuse pickup needs. Mr. Gleason provided a copy of a cost proposal that breaks down the specific areas Mr. Felix would be able to assist the City with a refuse pickup transition. The initial review by Mr. Gleason proves that there could be a possibility of approximately \$150,000.00 savings to taxpayers by the City picking up the refuse. Mr. Gleason will meet with Mr. Fahr to determine whether there are funds available to hire Mr. Felix. Councilman Manning asked if Mr. Felix would be hired to help assist the City make a decision to do its own refuse pickup. Mr. Gleason stated that Mr. Felix can map out the schedule for refuse pickup along with assisting the City with personnel needs and proposed landfill needs. Mayor Carlson asked Mr. Gleason where he was able to obtain the name of Mr. Felix to assist with refuse pickup information. Mr. Gleason responded by saying that Councilman Diamond and Councilman Manning suggested that he give him a call to discuss his services regarding refuse pickup

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ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that the summer pool season will be coming to a close next week. Mr. Gleason noted that a majority of the Lifeguards are college students who must return to school next week. Mr. Gleason explained to the Council that the City residential card program implemented last summer to enter the pool worked very well. There were no problems at the City pool such as the problems experienced at other municipal pools. Mr. Gleason thanked Christopher Daus; Recreation Supervisor, Police Chief Ron Boisvert, Police Department and the Fire Department Staff for working very well with the pool lifeguard staff to ensure a safe swimming season. Mr. Gleason stated that he is very proud of the Learn to Swim Program which was implemented this season. The students were presented with certificates graduating from the Learn to Swim Program and their pictures were placed on the website. Mr. Gleason concluded by explaining that all children in the City should be able to swim.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 – 2007 – FIRST READING – A Local Law of the City of Watervliet adding a new Chapter 273, entitled “Storm Water Management and Erosion & Sediment Control”. Mark Gleason; General Manager explained to the Council that this is the legislation discussed by Nicholas J. Ostapovich related to the Public Hearing conducted on August 2, 2007. This Local Law will provide regulations related to Storm Water on the construction of new homes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1810 – FIRST READING – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Watervliet, New York be amended by adding a new Chapter 274, Prohibit Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer System.

ORDINANCE NO. 1811 – FIRST READING – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York, authorizing the publication for ten days in the official newspaper of the City of the Notice of Intention to discontinue a portion of a City Park approximately 89 feet wide and 104 feet long, adjacent lots 9, and 11 and 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue being the Northern tip of 7th Street Park. Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that this legislation is being proposed from a request of the owners of McIntyre’s Restaurant, 739 3rd Avenue, Watervliet, New York. Mr. Gleason noted that there is a small portion of the park which McIntyre’s would like to purchase. Mr. Gleason requested that the Council take a close look at this proposal before approving it. Once the approval is given for the Notice of Intention to discontinue, Corporation Counsel Huban noted that the Council must sell the property. Councilman Manning asked if there is a value on the property. Mark R. Gilchrist; Assessor responded by saying that he is still trying to place a price on the parcel. Mr. Gilchrist noted that the City sold a similar sized parcel along 25th Street. Mr. Gilchrist will have a value placed on the proposed property for the September 6, 2007 Council Meeting.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made and seconded for adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council