

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, Yorden C. Huban; Corporation Counsel, Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance, David Wheatley; Deputy City Clerk; Jim Bulmer; Water Department Supervisor 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 the City of Watervliet in conjunction with the Albany County Health Department will be offering influenza shots to all City employees. The influenza shots will be administered to City employees on November 15, 2007 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The influenza shots will be administered to seniors on November 15, 2007 in the morning hours. The influenza shots will be administered at the Watervliet Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Gleason noted that the Albany County Department of Health received a grant from the NYS Readiness Initiative. The grant will allow Albany County to assist Cities distribute the vaccine locally in case of a flu breakout. Mr. Gleason stated that there will be no charge to the City employees to participate. Albany County will be using this influenza shot program as a test to see if there will be enough personnel available to assist all of the needs of people.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that on Monday, October 29, 2007 he attended the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) workshop. Mr. Gleason explained that at the workshop an update was given regarding the availability of funding for 2008. The Office of Small Cities anticipates that there will be approximately 48 million dollars available for allocation. The allocation will be 28 million for Community Development, 16.2 million for Economic Development with the balance of the funding to be applied to the Pending Threat, Technical Assistance and Community Planning Program Administration. Mr. Gleason stated that he feels the City should consider applying for the Technical Assistance and Community Planning Program. This funding program may assist the City with the Upper and Lower Dam.

Mr. Gleason has met with the City's Economic Development Officer Dan Brown. Mr. Brown has arranged for Mr. Gleason to meet with Gail Hammond; Deputy Director of Small Cities. Ms. Hammond will discuss the grant application which was submitted by the City last year. Additionally, Ms. Hammond will also review the application to see how it can be better for 2008.

ITEM #3 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that he attended a Public Works Training Conference in Lake Placid, NY. Mr. Gleason will have a report for the Council at a future Council Meeting. Mr. Gleason noted that while attending the Conference he learned at the Conference that the City could use the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) money to purchase a salt shed and a loader. Mr. Gleason explained that Mr. Dressel; Highway Department Supervisor has been working on putting up a salt shed at the Highway Garage for the winter season. Currently the City stores the salt in the parking lot in front of the DPW Garage. Mr. Gleason also noted that our front end loader is nearly 20 years old and will soon need replacement. Mr. Gleason thanked Assemblyman Ron Canestrari for obtaining the additional CHIPS money for the City.

ITEM #4 – Mark Gleason; General Manager reported to the Council that there were no major problems or concerns on Halloween Night. Mr. Gleason stated that there were over 1,200 people who attended the Haunted House that evening. Mr. Gleason thanked Jim Verhagen and all the volunteers who worked this Halloween family event. Additionally, Mr. Gleason recognized Christopher Daus; Recreation Supervisor and the Watervliet Police Department for the fine work done with providing the necessary services on Halloween Night.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that bids have been received to repair the Transmission Main Surge Tower. Mr. Gleason noted that Micheli Contracting Corporation was awarded the bid in the amount of \$69,000.00. Mr. Gleason informed Micheli Contracting to begin the repairs immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8169 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Robert D. Carlson to execute an agreement with Time Warner Entertainment for the period November 1, 2007 thru October 31, 2008 for business internet, IPS and DCJS services. Councilman Manning asked if this service was just for City Hall only. David Wheatley; Deputy City Clerk stated that this service is part of the new server which was recently installed. Additionally, it will integrate DCJS with the changes being made in the Police Department. Mr. Wheatley also noted that the Filter Plant and Fire Department will also utilize this new service. Upon motion of Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND AUDITING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Robert Strohecker, 1854 12th Avenue. Watervliet, NY complimented the Council for the Police Department presence at the location of Hillside Drive. The traffic now obeys the traffic signs in that area.

Thomas Rocco, 127 2nd Street, Watervliet, NY requested the Council help regarding getting a permit for an upgrade of the electrical service to his house. The Council requested Jim Bulmer; Water Department Supervisor and Mark Gilchrist; Assessor/ Building Inspector to assist Mr. Rocco with obtaining the necessary permit. Mr. Bulmer noted that he will be in the Filtration Plant all day tomorrow. Mr. Gilchrist stated that once the street opening permit is issued he will be happy to issue the necessary building permit. The Council asked Mr. Gilchrist if the City can issue a permit in a day. Mr. Gilchrist replied that as long as all the insurance paper work was valid he could have the permit in a day.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made and seconded to adjourn in to Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned in Executive Session at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATERVLIET EXECUTIVE SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007**

The Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Robert D. Carlson
at 7:30 PM

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

The following Administrative Staff were in attendance: Mark Gleason; General
Manager, Yorden C. Huban; Corporation Counsel and Robert A. Fahr; Director of
Finance

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that the
Unified Firefighters Association had requested that City reopen the contract negotiations
for consideration of another proposal. After a thorough discussion with General Manager
Mark Gleason and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban the Council directed Mr. Gleason
not to reopen the contract negotiations.

There being no further business to come before the Council during Executive
Session, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned
at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council