

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITYOF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning, Councilman Charles J. Diamond and Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty were present.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for those persons who wish to be heard regarding the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year 2009. (See Resolution No. 8334 authorizing the advertisement).

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing for comment. There being no comment Mayor Manning closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8347 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with DAVCO Construction LLC, for use of the Boom Lift Equipment. Before voting General Manager Mark Gleason explained that the City of Watervliet uses the Boom Lift Truck for various projects throughout the City. Additionally, the City stores the Boom Lift Truck in the DOME. The Hold Harmless Agreement indemnifies DAVCO from claims and damages resulting from the use of the Boom Lift Truck by City employees. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8348 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to sign a letter of commitment to partner with Taconic Energy in a grant proposal with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to test a fuel efficiency improvement additive. Before voting Mayor Manning explained that this is a test program for a new fuel additive which will result in considerable economic and environmental benefits. The City will receive grant money from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to assist with the additional costs to participate with the Taconic Energy proposal. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance informed the Council that the major revenue source which still has not been received is the 4th quarter Sales tax payment. Mr. Fahr noted that the City is currently \$620,000.00 short of the budgeted amount for 2008. If the City receives the same amount of Sales Tax from the 4th quarter of 2007, there will be an excess of approximately \$200,000.00 in the 2008 budget.

Robert A. Fahr; Director of Finance informed the Council that the City will receive approximately \$300,000.00 in Hydro revenue for 2008. The City budgeted \$150,000.00 in the 2008 budget for the sale of power to National Grid.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council