

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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, Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Fire Chief Don Clickner, Police Chief Ron Boisvert and Mark Gilchrist; Assessor/Bldg Inspector.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with and approve the minutes from the previous Council Meeting.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**ITEM #1** – Mark Gleason; General Manager requested that the City Council consider designating the week of April 13, 2009 as Spring Bulk Disposal Week. Mr. Gleason noted that during the week of April 13 – 16, 2009 City residents can dispose of bulk items for free. In accordance with the Refuse/Recycling Policy City residents are able to dispose of items that fit into a 4x4x8' box. Mr. Gleason explained that City will not accept refrigerators, electronics or hazardous material. The bulk item pickup will be done the day of a resident's regular trash pickup. Mr. Gleason has requested that this item be placed on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that it would alright to place this item on the agenda.

**ITEM #2** – Mark Gleason; General Manager informed the Council that Sanitation Supervisor Chris Daus met with Ken Bevis of Waste Management to discuss the City's contract for recycling. Mr. Gleason noted that the City wants to plan in advance for any drastic increases that other municipalities were hit with. The City has negotiated a one year deal with Waste management to pay \$15.00 per ton for our recyclables. Mr. Gleason stated that the City currently averages approximately 10 tons of recyclables per week. Mr. Gleason has surveyed other municipalities in the area and they are paying three to four times the amount the City of Watervliet is paying. The City of Watervliet is currently the only municipality who does single stream recycling. This is much easier for residents and is much more efficient for the City than the dual stream recycling. Mr. Gleason concluded by saying that it will cost approximately \$4,200.00 in 2009 for the cost of single stream recycling collection. Mr. Gleason is confident that the \$4,200.00 will come from savings out of the City's solid waste tipping fees. Mr. Gleason is requesting that this contract be approved tonight.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8390** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the Economic Recovery Agreement with NYSDOT for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project. Mark Gleason; General Manager explained that this Resolution agreement changes the ratio of Federal Funds for the project. Due to this project being eligible for Stimulus Funding the entire project is now 100% eligible for Federal Funds. This new designation will save the taxpayers of the City \$400,000.00 in matching construction costs. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8391** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby supports the additional 1% Sales Tax for Albany County Local Governments. Before voting Mark Gleason; General Manager explained that this for the extra Sales Tax which is distributed to local governments. Mr. Gleason explained that Albany County would like to continue this additional Sales Tax program. Albany County needs the City's support and the other local communities in order to continue with this program. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8392** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves of the Industrial Waste & Disposal Services Agreement between the City and Waste Management of New York, LLC for a period of one year commencing May 1, 2009 and ending on April 30, 2010. Before voting Mark Gleason; General Manager explained that he wanted this placed on the agenda so that the City could lock into this price and get the contract back to Waste Management before the pricing increases. Mayor Manning asked if the City is finished with paying nothing for the recycling. Mr. Gleason stated yes, that the new price will be \$15.00 per ton. The fact that the City won't be paying any money or receiving any money will be over April 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8393** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby supports a request for Hudson River Trailway Designation of the Hudson Shores Park and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute any and all documents required for the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Grant Program, Trail System Designation and Water Trail Grant. Before voting Mayor Manning explained that this is legislation which would allow the City to apply for grants from these organizations. The City needs to place these designations in place in order to begin the grant application process in Hudson Shore Park. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Diamond, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8394** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the week of April 13, 2009 as Bulk Item Disposal Week and further authorizes General Manager Mark Gleason to advertise the Bulk Item Disposal Week. Upon motion of Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

### **NONE**

Mayor Manning announced that there is an article in the Albany County Chamber of Commerce magazine “The Vision” regarding the Watervliet Arsenal Partnership. Mayor Manning noted that you may find this magazine on line to read the article. The article is also posted on the City of Watervliet website and the City will post the Arsenal monthly newsletter. The Arsenal monthly newsletter is published by the Commander of the Arsenal. Mayor Manning further stated that there is a lot on interaction between the City and the Arsenal which is posted in the newsletter. Mayor Manning noted that the Arsenal would like to get back involved with the Memorial Day Parade by placing a float in the parade. In the Arsenal Newsletter there is an article from the Executive Director of the Housing Authority Charles Patricelli. Mr. Patricelli is taking donated computers to have them modernized and out to children and families who can’t afford to buy a computer.

Mark Gleason; General Manager informed all in attendance that there is no meeting scheduled for March 5, 2009. The next scheduled Council Meeting will be on March 19, 2009. The Council Meeting for March 19, 2009 will be held in the Watervliet Senior Citizens Center at 7:00 PM. Mr. Gleason noted that the City will be honoring the wrestling team from Watervliet High School.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Don Whitehead – 1921 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Watervliet, New York – Mr. Whitehead asked the Council if all the property in Arsenal has to stay within the property of the Arsenal or can it be auctioned off. Mayor Manning stated that for years that the City had tried to get the property transferred out of the Arsenal but was not successful. Mayor Manning explained that what the Arsenal has put together is the Extended Use Lease Program (EUL). This program would provide for a 99 year lease, it does not turn the property over, it will allow the City of Watervliet to collect taxes. There are environmental, water/sewer lines, roads do not transfer. The City will be able to tax on any improvements to the property without worrying about existing conditions. Mayor Manning stated that the Arsenal; may move the secure fence back which would allow access to the EUL area. This area is basically the north wall of Broadway. The City made a proposal to annex the commercial housing, there is a problem with moving the historic housing units. The Arsenal will also be re-designing the south entrance main gate.

There being no further comment Mayor Manning closed the Public Comment Period.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn into Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley  
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

The Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:45 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 Huban; Corporation Counsel, Bruce A. Hidley; City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Fire Chief Don Clickner, Police Chief Ron Boisvert and Alaina LaFerriere; Law Clerk.

**ITEM #1** – Mark Gleason discussed in detail with the Council regarding a proposed realignment of the Department of Public Works.

**ITEM #2** – Mark Gleason discussed in detail with the Council a Department of Public Safety Fire Department personnel and hiring issue.

There being no further business to come before the Council in Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment of the Executive Session. The Executive Session meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley  
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009 AT 8:10 P.M.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8395** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of \$29,000.00 from the Contingency Account Fund to the Fire Salary Account.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley  
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council