

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011 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, Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty and Councilman Nicholas W. Foglia were present.

Also present from City Administration were:
Yorden C. Huban; Corporation Counsel, Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning, and Captain Scott Skinner.

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk informed the Council that the City of Watervliet called their third snow emergency on Thursday, February 3, 2011. The City received 12 inches of snow from this storm. There were a total of 45 vehicles towed for blocking snow removal efforts as of 6:30 P.M. Mr. Hidley explained that Mark Gleason, General Manager is not here tonight due to assisting with the snow emergency effort.

ITEM #2 – Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk informed the Council that Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning was recently honored by the New York State Bar Association with a lifetime achievement award. Ms. Nichols was honored for her work as the first women chairperson of the NYSBA Environmental Law Committee. Mr. Hidley stated that Mark Gleason, General Manager wanted to extend his personal congratulations on this very prestigious award. A round of applause was given to Ms. Nichols by all in attendance.

ITEM #3 – Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk explained to the Council that Robert Loya has been appointed to the position of Recreation Working Supervisor. Mr. Hidley explained that Bob Loya has worked for the City for over 14 years in the Recreation Department. The appointment to Working Supervisor took effect on January 10, 2011. Mr. Hidley announced that the Recreation Department has built an ice skating rink on the Civic Center ball field which is next to the DOME. The Recreation Department will host a skating party on Friday, February 4, 2011 from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Mr. Hidley noted that all City of Watervliet residents are encouraged to attend for a night of skating, music and hot chocolate.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard with reference to the proposed adoption of the City of Watervliet Comprehensive Plan. (See Resolution No. 8684 authorizing the Public Hearing) Mayor Manning explained that there has already been a Public Hearing considered and approved by the Planning Board. The Comprehensive Plan was then passed on to the Council. The Council did make some relatively minor changes. The draft was made public for review and comment.

Mayor Manning then opened the Public Hearing for comment.

Ron Miller – Village of Menands Trustee – Mr. Miller stated that he has been involved in attending a lot of the Comprehensive Planning workshops. Mr. Miller was looking for a status report. Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning explained that there some modifications in the historic resources section and to the historic resources map. Rosemary Nichols explained to Mr. Miller that she would be happy to send him a pdf version thru the internet tomorrow. Mr. Miller noted that the Village of Menands will be reviewing Zoning changes to the Broadway corridor of his community. The Village of Menands has selected a consultant thru the competitive bidding process which was Elan Planning and Development. The other finalist was the company that did the city of Watervliet's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Miller noted that the Village of Menands can learn a lot from what the City of Watervliet has done. The Village of Menands intends to form an oversight committee. Mr. Miller commended the City Administration for all their hard work on this effort. Mr. Miller is a new member of the Hudson Shores Rotary Club. This club combines the City of Watervliet and the Village of Menands. The meetings are taking place at the Purple Pub until they figure out where to meet. Mr. Miller hopes that our two communities can work together to do good things for both the City of Watervliet and the Village of Menands.

Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning explained that the next step is to send the document to the Albany County Planning Board. Then Albany County will make a determination at their meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Depending on what is produced they may be able to act right away if not the City will need to wait until the March 2011 meeting. The next step after approval from Albany County would be the re-zoning. Mayor Manning stated that the City is formulating the plan for the re-zoning issue should the document be approved by Albany County.

Mayor Manning thanked Rosemary Nichols, River Street Planning, residents from the City, the Planning Board and the City Council for all their assistance with the Comprehensive Planning Process. This is a huge document with a lot of information in it. There were some excellent comments presented to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

Mayor Manning announced that on Friday, February 11, 2011 at 11:45 A.M. he will be giving his State of the City Address at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council