

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty and Councilman Nicholas W. Foglia 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, Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning, Mark R. Gilchrist, Assessor/Building Inspector and Police Chief Ron Boisvert.

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

Before moving on to the Reports of Officers and Committees Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council read into the record a message from Mayor Michael P. Manning. Mr. Hidley read the following Mayor Michael P. Manning apologizes for his absence from tonight's meeting. There are several family/business matters that require his attention. I have reviewed the rather lite agenda with operations staff prior to the meeting. I trust the remaining Council will preside over the meeting and the legislative agenda. Once again my deepest regrets for not being at tonight's meeting. Michael P. Manning, Mayor

Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council announced that tonight that Councilwoman Fogarty and Councilman Foglia on behalf of Mayor Manning will present a proclamation to the Girl Scouts. Councilwoman Fogarty read the proclamation naming March 12, 2011 as Girl Scouts day in the City of Watervliet signed by Mayor Michael P. Manning. Councilwoman Fogarty then presented the Girl Scouts in attendance with the proclamation.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager informed the Council that on Thursday, February 24, 2011, Sanitation Working Supervisor Christopher Daus, Code Enforcement Supervisor Mark Gilchrist and Mark Gleason, General Manager met to discuss a spring recycling campaign. The promotion would take place the week of April 18 thru April 22, 2011. The City's plan is to have seasonal employees follow the recycling truck during the week. Mr. Gleason explained that City residents that do not have recycling bins out will receive a door hanger explaining the City's program and the importance of recycling. The door hanger will explain single stream recycling, have contact information and invite the resident to start recycling. The City's goal is to encourage all residents to recycle. Mr. Gleason reminded our residents that in New York it is against the law NOT to recycle. A resident who does not recycle could be cited and/or ticketed. Mr. Gleason hopes that residents will recycle not because it is against the law not to, but because it is the right thing to do. Mr. Gleason conclude by saying, if you want to have a direct impact on decreasing your taxes then RECYCLE, RECYCLE and RECYCLE.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that on Tuesday, February 23, 2011, Jim Bulmer, Water Department Supervisor William Ashline, David Dressel, Jr. and Mark Gleason, General Manager participated in a walk thru of the 19th Street corridor. The City is concerned with some cracking and what appears to be some seam separation. Mr. Gleason noted that representatives from Clough Harbour Associates and Green Island Contracting also participated in the walk thru. First, Clough Harbour Associates addressed the seam separation, their experience is that the seams will expand and contract with the weather. The contractor contends that once the weather gets warmer the seams will meld back together. A small crack that runs north and south in front of Highland tank which follows the new water line lateral placed there. Again the City will wait for warmer weather to ascertain the true damage and what a fix (if any) there could be. Mr. Gleason also explained that there are some rips and tears in the crosswalk striping. The subcontractor for the striping, Straight Line Contracting will repair the striping in the spring. Mr. Gleason did state that the committee was not satisfied with the answers they received from CHA. The City is in the process of contacting the New York State Department of Transportation to arrange for a street paving expert to review the project area. The City feels that a 3rd party opinion is needed on what CHA is calling a finished street. The City has also scheduled a tentative follow up meeting with CHA and GI Contracting for April to discuss what going to happen. Mr. Gleason also addressed a residents concern about some damage to the trees placed on the 19th Street corridor. The trees are under warranty. This spring the trees will be examined and pruned. The City has been advised that any pruning of the trees should take place in the spring.

ITEM #3 – Mark Gleason, General Manager informed the Council that the additional work mandated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation at the Service Reservoir off of Rt. 155 has been completed. Mr. Gleason noted that a drainage pipe running under the reservoir was cleaned and inspected by Lash Contracting. Mr. Gleason further explained that Fraser Associates is preparing a report on the piping for DEC. The remaining work by Maloy Contracting will be completed in the spring. Maloy Contracting had to stop work due to the weather.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8701 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council that two Public Hearings will be held. The first on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. and the second on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Facility for those person who wish to heard in reference to the City submitting an application to the Office of Community Renewal 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program in May 2011 and an application to the Office of Community Renewal for the 2011 New York Main Street Program. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager requested that Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning to address this Resolution with the Council. Ms. Nichols explained that this is the normal cycle the City goes thru every year when the application process begins. The first step is to have a general meeting for the public. The program is explained and the public is allowed input about the programs application. The second hearing is intended to explain more clearly the direction the City intends to go in with the application for that year. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8702 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a contract with Municipal Assessment Services, LLC, P.O. Box 16366, Albany, New York 12212 in the amount of \$174,500.00 for the Real Property Revaluation Service Program. Mark Gleason, General Manager requested that Mark Gilchrist, Assessor/Building Inspector address the Council on this Resolution. Mr. Gilchrist explained that the City sent out request for proposals in November 2010 to do a revaluation in the City. Mr. Gilchrist noted that three companies returned bid quotes. The low bidder was removed from consideration due to the City feeling the company could not do the job. The next low bidder was picked who was Municipal Assessment Services, LLC. The public relations end of this program will begin in a couple of weeks. The new assessment numbers will go out to the general public in March of 2012. The numbers will go into effect in the July 2012 Assessment Roll. The first impact will be the 2012 September School District bill. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance explained that starting on March 28, 2011, UHY the independent auditors will be auditing the books for the City for the year 2010. The good news is that the General, Water and Sewer budgets for 2010 no accounts were over spent. The General Fund in 2010 the City appropriated \$250,000.00 of fund balance and the City did not have to use any of it. There is close to a 1.1 million fund balance for 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

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