

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 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: 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 and Police Chief Ron Boisvert.

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 – Mark Gleason, General Manager informed the Council that Robert Loya, Recreation Working Supervisor has started a program where he is growing flowers in the DOME over the winter. The flowers will be planted in all of our parks this spring. Mr. Loya is using powerful growing lights which was obtained thru the Police Department Asset Forfiture Program. The lights are only used during the daytime. Mr. Gleason noted thanks to the energy program the City is not paying any more for energy use. There are over 1,200 flowers growing of 19 different varieties. The planting of these flowers will take place at the end of May.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager provided the Council with a brief update on Hudson Shores Park. Mr. Gleason stated that the contract with R.P.I. rowing team is in place. The security fence has been ordered and should be installed within the next month. This will allow for the secure storage of skulls and kayacks in the boathouse. The utility lines which were run last year will be hooked up after the fence is in place. Mr. Gleason explained that there was a small crack in one of the hinges on the dock. Streck's has a plan to install stronger hinges which will be bolted to the dock. The new heavy duty hinges will be easy to replace in the future should there be any further damage. The docks will be placed in the water when the weather permits. Dave Dressel, Highway Department Supervisor has a plan to create additional parking. This year Mr. Dressel plans on expanding on areas where cars are already parking. The cars will be able to park diagonally which will add at least an additional thirty spaces. With the addition of R.P.I. and the added activities Kevin Shufelt is planning on the Rusty Anchor the additional parking will come in very handy.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that at the February City Council Meeting a report was given on the heating/air conditioning system. Mr. Gleason noted that Bob Fahr, Director of Finance, Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk, Bill Ashline, Water Department Supervisor and Mr. Gleason met again with Honeywell this week. Mr. Gleason noted that unfortunately the system they discussed cost over \$650,000.00 which is way to expensive for the City to afford at this time. It was decided that the City will have Bill Ashline, Water Department Supervisor oversee a rebuilding of the boiler. This expenditure will only cost \$40,000.00. Once this project is completed the boiler should be good for eight to ten years. This will allow the City the time to file for grants for heating/air conditioning system in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8703 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby adopts the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) with regards to the City of Watervliet Comprehensive Plan. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager requested that Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning explain to the Council about the next two Resolutions. Ms. Nichols explained this is the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. The first step is to determine where there are any adverse environmental effect to be contemplated from the Comprehensive Plan. The recommendation is that there is none that in fact the Comprehensive Plan was targeted to preserve our environment. It is designed to protect our buildings and the reuse of our buildings. Ms. Nichols noted that all of our public space and special resources are already protected by statute or other regulation. This plan will enhance the economic projects for the City and will not have an adverse effect on the environment. The next step will be to adopt the Comprehensive Plan and then the City will have to do the re-zoning to implement the Comprehensive Plan and to set up a strategy for beginning to kick off the action items in the Comprehensive Plan. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8704 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby adopts the City of Watervliet Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Manning explained that this has been a well over two year project. There was a lot of involvement from the residents, Planning Board and City Council. This is the first ever Comprehensive Plan for the City of Watervliet. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8705 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement with Latham Animal Hospital for a one year period commencing on January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2011. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that Latham Animal Hospital will be the second outlet that the City can use for dogs, cats and other animals. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8706 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a Special Use and Hold Harmless Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Town of Colonie for a one year period commencing on January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2011. Before voting Police Chief Ron Boisvert explained that this agreement allows for the annual firearms re-certification training for the City's Police Officers. 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 the independent auditors will be conducting the 2010 audit on March 28, 2011. The audit will last approximately two weeks here at City Hall. The Annual Report will be filed with the Comptroller's Office by May 1, 2011.

Before moving into the Public Comment Period Mayor Manning explained that the City of Watervliet completed its first time home buyer program today. The City gave out thirty grants of which the County of Albany paid half of the money. Mayor Manning is hoping that we can go back to the County or some other agency to do this again. It was very successful.

Mayor Manning explained that the City has started the procedure of the many filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the proposed Power Plant in Rome, NY. The next step will be to hold another Public Hearing in Rome, NY. Mayor Manning hopes the City of Rome will allow the City to use its Council Chambers for the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be scheduled within the next four to six weeks. The City hopes to file the license application in the middle of the summer.

Mayor Manning noted that in addition to some revenue at the boathouse R.P.I. will also perform in kind services. They will set up a program for elementary students to learn how to crew.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

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 into 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 EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

The Executive Session meeting was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning, Councilwoman Ellen Fogarty and Councilman Nicholas 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 and Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance.

ITEM #1 – Yorden C. Huban, Corporation Counsel discussed a Workers Compensation issue with the Council.

ITEM #2 – Mayor Michael P. Manning provided the Council with a detailed insurance issue that the City is involved with.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council