

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 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, Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning, Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance 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 explained that on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 the City's farmers market opened up for the season at Hudson Shores Park. Mr. Gleason noted that the Farmer's Market will run from June until October. The hours for the market are from 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM. There will be a wide variety of fresh products along with some local vendors selling their products. The Historical Society also has a booth to assist with their fundraising endeavors.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager informed the Council that the Summer/Seasonal Program is coming up very quickly. The program this year will include baseball, softball and football, also included will be men's basketball fun. Mr. Gleason noted that the City Pool will open effective June 27, 2011. The City will once again offer our children swimming lessons. The graduates of the swimming classes will receive a Red Cross Swimming certificate. The Red Cross Swimming Certificate is a harder and much better certificate to receive. The pool will also offer adult swim classes and water aerobics. Mr. Gleason further explained that the City's parks will open on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. The parks will have counselors who will have park children participate in games, arts and crafts and sports equipment for them to enjoy. Mr. Gleason also stated that Clinton Park will extend their hours until 7:00 PM. This will allow families to go to the spray pool after families return home from work. A new program which started three weeks ago is the David Fischer Upper Hudson Heros Kayaking for Disabled Veterans Program. This is a six week program which teaches disabled veterans how to kayak. This program has certified kayak instructors from around the Capital Region. This past Saturday the veterans were able to practice kayaking in the pool. This allows the veterans to understand the concept of kayaking. For many of these veterans it is the first time that they were back in the water since their injury. The next step will be to bring the veterans down to Hudson Shores Park to kayak off our the City's dock area on the Hudson River. This will allow veterans to put their physical restrictions aside to pursue a sport that will help them regain the confidence that they had before.

This program hopes to give our hometown heroes a breathe taking experience they can use the rest of their lives. Mr. Gleason thanked Robert Loya, Recreation Supervisor for originating this program. It is a program which all residents of the City can be proud of. This is something very worthy to our disabled veterans who sacrificed so much for us.

Councilman Nicholas Foglia asked Mr. Gleason how much it costs to use the City Pool. Mr. Gleason responded by saying that it costs residents \$3.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults for the entire summer season.

Councilman Nicholas Foglia asked Mr. Gleason about whether or not the 7th Street Park Spray Pool works. Mr. Gleason stated that the 7th Street Spray Pool will be in service effective July 5, 2011. The 7th Street Spray Pool and the other Spray Pools will be open from 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM. The only exception will be Clinton Park which will be open until 7:00 PM

Councilman Foglia asked if there was any cost associated with the Disabled veterans program. Mr. Gleason responded by saying no. Additionally, the program is run strictly by volunteers. The volunteers also provided the kayaks used for this program.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that arrangements are being made to remove the tree stumps on 23rd Street. The City has sent out letters to homeowners on 23rd Street offering to replace the trees removed by National Grid. Mr. Gleason wanted on the record that the City will replace the trees but the maintenance of the trees will be the homeowners responsibility. The City has had three responses by homeowners already for tree replacement. National Grid took down approximately 17 trees. There are only 12 homeowners who would be eligible for tree replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8727 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the City of Watervliet to apply for funding as part of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to accept and receive a grant for Economic Development activities for support of Wicked Smart, LLC. Before voting Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning explained that this is the follow on for the Economic Development Plan which was discussed earlier in the year. Ms. Nichols stated that the last time the Council authorized the Micro-enterprise Program which the City is now in the process of finishing. These are two of the applications that are completed at this point. Wicked Smart is moving into the St. Brigid's Church a sports equipment design/lettering company. They have their approval from the Planning and Zoning Boards. McIntyre's is doing an improvement on the business. This small portion of it is intended to allow them to move a little further towards the street. This move will eliminate only one parking spot. The Zoning Board found this to be acceptable given the kind of improvement they were making. McIntyre's is proposing to do is divide the front when you walk in the door you don't walk into the bar. They are going to consolidate the restrooms and create a handicap restroom. Councilman Foglia asked what Wicked Smart was going to do with the City's money. Ms. Nichols explained that will be buying equipment. An example is new modified electrical equipment. The electrical demands are different than what was needed for the church and school. The City is also making an application for a grant from National Grid to allow some of the improvements for the energy conservation to be made a part of this. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8728 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the City of Watervliet to apply for funding as part of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to accept and receive a grant for Economic Development activities for support of McIntyre's Restaurant. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8729 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement with River Street Planning & Development, LLC., for the performance of consulting services in connection with implementation of the Economic Gardening element of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Watervliet. Before voting Rosemary Nichols, Deputy General Manager of Economic Development and Planning explained that these two together are moving forward. The City has the Comprehensive Plan which was approved by the City Council in March. The City sent out Request for Quotes to find people who were prepared to help the City take advantage of the Economic Planning Grant from CDBG. Also to help update the City's Zoning Ordinance so that it tracks the Comprehensive Plan. The City bid them together hoping that one entity would end up with both contracts making the process more efficient. During the RFQ process River Street Planning was the only bid. Ms. Nichols noted that River Street Planning is a highly qualified firm regarding this type of work. It is hoped that this portion of the Comprehensive Plan will be completed within the next six months. By the end of the year the City will have an updated Zoning Ordinance. Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel requested that the City Council approve this with the condition that the Department of Law also approve the contract with the Economic Planning Department. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8730 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement with River Street Planning & Development, LLC., for the performance of consulting services in connection with the Comprehensive Re-Zoning for the City of Watervliet. . Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

ITEM #1 – Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance informed the Council that he sent the Council the first National Grid bill for the electric use at the Firehouse. The bill went from 5,600 KW to 2100 KW and that may even be the entire month. The City will have more data for the Senior Citizen Center and the Boathouse. Mayor Manning noted that if this is for the entire month that this is a 60% reduction. The City has at least met the energy performance contract. Mayor Manning also noted that this supports the City's Climate Action Plan. By reducing electricity the City reduces its consumption and reduces green house gases.

Before moving into the Public Comment Period Mayor Manning announced that today in conjunction with the Watervliet Arsenal and the Arsenal Partnership announced a new tenant from Italy. They will be taking space in Bldg. #120 hoping eventually to take up a large space in Bldg. #110. They make gun systems for naval ships. They are already in the process of moving employees from the Philadelphia operations. The job growth could end up over 20 people in the end. This is the first company moving in to the Arsenal that is similar to the Arsenal operations. It brings naval gun manufacturing back to the Arsenal.

Mayor Manning explained that related to the Wounded Warriors Kayak Program. The instructors are from the Adirondack Club and they have a paddlers group within the group. About 50 of the group using kayaks and canoes launched from the City's docks on the Hudson River. Mayor Manning stated it was quite a site to see. The City is drawing people to the waterfront which is what the intent was from the beginning.

Mayor Manning announced that the City received a \$6,000 grant from Horizon Milling which is part of the Cargill Group. The City expects to get a corporate match as part of the City's development efforts of handling organic waste. The Cargill Corporation is very interested that the City is doing this. Cargill does a lot of this with their meat packing facility.

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, JUNE 16, 2011.**

The Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:30 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, Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel and Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance.

ITEM #1 – Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council discussed several Workers Compensation issues with the City Council.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council