

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012 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 Huban, Corporation Counsel, Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Fire Chief Scott Skinner 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 beginning the agenda for the City Council Meeting Mayor Michael P. Manning announced that he has a very special presentation to present. Mayor Manning explained that a proclamation was being presented to Bob Timberlin. Mayor Manning then read the proclamation to all in attendance. Mayor Manning also wished Bob a very Happy 40th Birthday and proclaimed February 3, 2012 on Bob's birthday as Bob Timberlin Day in the City of Watervliet. A round of applause was then given to Bob Timberlin.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the City of Watervliet Sanitation Christmas Tree pickup program is winding down. Mr. Gleason noted that the Village of Green Island was included in the program this year. The Village of Green Island dropped off approximately 175 trees to the City. The Village of Green Island normally pays to dispose of these trees similar to what the City has done. The City wanted their trees as the City is mulching to be used at a later date as part of the Watervliet Organic Waste Program. The City plans on taking the mulch and mixing in our compost pile and mixing with the organic waste. Mr. Gleason further explained that if the City Council has no objection that the City host the Bulk Item Week from April 23 thru April 26, 2012. Mr. Gleason would like to place this bulk item information on the agenda for February 16, 2012 City Council Meeting. This will allow any City residents to get rid of Bulk Items at no cost to them. The policy is a 4' x 4' x 8' square area is allowed for disposal. Mr. Gleason reminded that there are no refrigerators, electronics or hazardous materials. The City has had problems with out of town landlords in the past putting out large piles of debris.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager informed the Council that Robert Hogan from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been working closely with the administrations personnel as to damage done in 2011 from Tropical Storm Irene. Mr. Gleason to date has signed three (3) requests for reimbursements. One was an \$8,000.00 reimbursement to restore power to the Hydroelectric Facility in Guilderland, NY. The next was for \$5,500.00 to replace the shoreline fence at Hudson Shores Park and \$23,000.00 to replace the flash board on top the Watervliet Dam. Mr. Hogan has suggested that the City bid the job out to clean Hudson Shores Park from the debris, silt and trees that have settled since the completion of the storm. Mr. Hogan felt it would be quicker for FEMA to reimburse the City by bidding out the project. FEMA will be reimbursing the City at 75% of the cost of the project and the State of New York will pick up 12.5% leaving the City to pick up the balance.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the City's Watervliet Organic Waste Program started last week. Mr. Gleason noted that 103 bags of organic waste were removed. The total weight was 383 pounds. The organic waste was taken to the Albany County Sewer District. They are running the waste thru an organic waste digester. Albany County will begin feeding the digester effective February 20, 2012. The City still has five (5) WOW kits available. If any resident is interested in getting one of the final five WOW kits to contact him or Chris Daus, Sanitation Supervisor. Mayor Manning noted that the Department of Environmental Conservation wants to come to review what the City is doing to see what the WOW program is all about. The NYSDEC wants to see the pickup of the organic waste then travel to the Albany County site to see the digester. The City of Watervliet has also been in contact with the Village of Manilla who has started an intermunicipal research facility at their Water treatment Facility. The City can join this research facility. The Village of Manilla would be willing to set up specifications for a digester that the City could build on its own. The City would have to provide some type of specification which would show how large a digester would need to be built. The City may need to send our waste to the Village to see how much gas would come from this process or how to optimize the process. The primary objective is to take the waste out of the process to save landfill fees. Mayor Manning further explained that the City has had several meeting with NYSCERDA who is following along with the City's progress on this program. NYSCERDA typically only funds the actual equipment that makes the electricity if the City were to use the gas to turn a motor generator set.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

ITEM #1 – Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance explained to the Council that at the next City Council meeting Mr. Fahr will have the 2011 budgetary neutral transfers for the General, Water and Sewer Funds. Mr. Fahr should have a good idea as to what the year end fund balance will close the year at.

The City is still waiting for reimbursement from the School Resource Officer and gas reimbursement from the School District along with some other miscellaneous reimbursements the City has yet to receive.

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 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012.**

The Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:25 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 Huban, Corporation Counsel, Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance.

ITEM #1 – Mayor Michael P. Manning opened the Executive Session by explaining that he has received a proposal from a developer for the Council to review and consider. A detailed discussion followed about the proposal submitted to the Council.

ITEM #2 – Mayor Michael P. Manning explained that he received a second proposal from a developer for the City Council to review and consider. A detailed discussion followed about the proposal submitted to the Council.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council