

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013 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 and Police Chief Ron Boisvert.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council Minutes as written for March 21, 2013.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the week of April 15 thru April 18, 2013 has been designated as Spring Bulk Item Debris Disposal week. Mr. Gleason noted that during this week, City of Watervliet residents may dispose of bulk items for free. City residents must follow the guidelines set in the Sanitation/Recycling policy (4'x4'x8') space. There will be no electronics, refrigerators or hazardous materials picked up. Mr. Gleason requested that residents refer to the City of Watervliet's website for more information. City residents will be asked to dispose of bulk items on the same day as their regularly scheduled garbage pickup date. The Sanitation Department will also hold an Electronic Recycling Day on Friday, April 19, 2013. The Electronic Recycling Day will be held at the Department of Public Works Garage from 7:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. This is for Watervliet residents only and televisions along with other electronics are free. There will be a small charge for tires, propane tanks, air conditioners and refrigerators. The City does not set the price for those items, the vendor who will take the items sets the price.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that on February 20, 2013 Sanitation Working Supervisor Christopher Daus and Mr. Gleason visited the Franklin Miller Grinding Plant in Livingston, New Jersey. Mr. Gleason noted that Franklin Miller Grinding has been a leader in size reduction technology involving crushers, shredders and grinders for over 90 years. The City is looking for a grinder for the WOW Program. The grinder would be used to crush organic waste. Once mashed the organic waste would decompose quicker. The City eventually plans on anaerobic digesting the organic waste, in this case a grinder will be needed for the process. The Franklin Grinder has come recommended by our partners in Minoa, New York. They are working on the anaerobic digester with us. The cost of the grinder is between \$20,000 and \$25,000 depending on the model. Mr. Gleason explained that the City is researching grants that would help pay for the grinder. Mr. Gleason showed a video of how the grinder worked.

ITEM #3 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the week of March 18 thru 22, 2013 the Fire Department held training in the old St. Patrick's Rectory. The training involved window escapes, an obstacle course and firefighting rescue. The training the Fire Department received was made possible thru a grant. The trainers were the Capital Technical Rescue (CTR). Mr. Gleason thanked Nigro Company for allowing the Fire Department to train at this site. Mr. Gleason showed a video of the training while it was taking place. Mr. Gleason thanked Fire Chief Scott Skinner for all his hard work in putting this training together and for keeping the department up to date on all firefighting needs.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8926 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Cost Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the County of Rensselaer and further authorizing and directing Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that this is an agreement that the City of Watervliet's Fire Department will participate in providing an ambulance and two Firefighters for a multi county, multi-agency hazmat training drill which will be held in the Watervliet Arsenal on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. The Federal Government paid for this training to occur. The funding flows thru Rensselaer County they will in turn reimburse the City of Watervliet for the training the ambulance and two Firefighters will receive. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8927 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement to amend the Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Phase I, Part B and further authorizing and directing Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that additional funds may be needed for the negotiations for the Long Term Control Plan with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The negotiations are being handled by Beveridge & Diamond out of Washington, DC. The NYSDEC wants these negotiations to be completed by June 5, 2013. Mr. Gleason further explained that they have been negotiating for the Albany Pool and percentage wise this is the City's share. Mayor Manning noted that the City has already paid into the pool and it is not quite finished. This is the projected of what it will take the attorney's and technical staff to complete the negotiations with DEC for the Long Term Control Plan. This consists of six communities with CSO's. This deals with the impact of water quality in the Hudson River. We will only know this when they actually do the projects and start measuring the impact. It would take millions of dollars if the City undertook this type of project. This includes all the cities along the Hudson River with CSO's.

If everyone does a little bit it should put the Hudson River water quality maintain it at the current water level. The current cost will be approximately \$17,000. Until NYSDEC approves the Long Term Control Plan we don't know how much anything will cost. The \$17,000 is the City of Watervliet fees which they project to be \$700,000 to finish negotiations and lock NYSDEC in. NYSDEC will be locked in by an Order of Consent. This will hopefully fit into the Model Control Plan. This firm is negotiating for the Pool which consists of Watervliet, Cohoes, Albany, Troy Green Island, Rensselaer along with the Albany County Sewer District and Rensselaer County Sewer District. There is a current formula that allots every ones share. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance explained that the City is just finishing up the first week of the Independent Audit. Mr. Fahr should have firm year budget figures for 2012 at the next City Council Meeting.

Councilman Foglia asked if the Mayor had any update on the State Budget and how it impacts the City of Watervliet. Mr. Fahr responded by saying that the only increase was 21% in CHIP's funding. This would be approximately \$21,000. The Assembly budget had an increase of \$135,000 which was removed. The \$135,000 would have been tremendous for us when it comes to the 2% tax cap.

Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel explained that he meeting next week regarding the Charter Review changes. This will be the second version of the draft of the Charter Revision. They will talk about the format and content.

Mayor Manning noted that the City obtained another grant for the Bike Path Study. The City received another \$9,000 towards this project which will drop the City's share to approximately \$5,000.

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Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council announced that the May 2, 2013 and May 16, 2013 City Council Meetings will be changed to May 9, 2013 and May 23, 2013 at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizens Facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council