

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 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 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 April 18, 2013.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**ITEM #1** – Mark Gleason, General Manager asked Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy to address the residents regarding the State of the County report. Mr. McCoy noted explained how much the budget was for Albany County. Mr. McCoy explained the mandates that Albany County was dealing with. Mr. McCoy explained how much the County of Albany borrowed last year. Mr. McCoy discussed ways to get the tax rate down. Mr. McCoy noted that the City of Watervliet is ahead of the game when it comes to IT technology. Mr. McCoy discussed the nursing home issue that the County of Albany is facing. Mr. McCoy stated that this is a very emotional issue. Mr. McCoy also explained that Albany County has a partnership with Schenectady County Community College. It costs Albany County 11 million dollars a year for the college reimbursement program. Mr. McCoy noted that he is meeting with several leaders regarding this issue to see what can be done about the college reimbursement program for Albany County residents. Mr. McCoy has done a Highway services study in the hill towns to see where some type of shared services could be done. Mr. McCoy discussed the Albany County dispatch program with the Albany County Sheriff's Department. This was another way that Albany County municipalities were able to consolidate services. Mr. McCoy discussed the senior services programs that Albany County are involved with and how much money these programs cost Albany County residents. Mr. McCoy asked the New York State Comptroller's Office is doing a complete audit of all the County's records. Mr. McCoy discussed the rehabilitation of two buildings on State Street. Mr. McCoy noted that he is hoping for more partnerships with Nana Tech. Mayor Manning explained that the City of Watervliet has a great working relationship with Albany County on services and other programs. Mayor Manning thanked Albany County Executive McCoy for attending to inform our residents on the affairs of Albany County.

**ITEM #2** – Mark Gleason, General Manager requested Christopher Daus, Sanitation Supervisor to give a report to the City Council on Bulk Item Week. Mr. Daus explained that the City finished up the Bulk Item week on April 19, 2013. This year the number states that the City was down two tons of debris. A video was shown of what a 4’x4’x8’ debris pile would look like. Mr. Daus noted that there were a lot of problems with too much being placed out for pick up. It was mostly absentee landlords who violated this policy. The City of Watervliet is now tracking what other City’s do as far as a bulk item pick up. Mr. Daus highlighted what some of the other communities do for bulk item week. Mr. Daus will work on a plan for the next bulk week. A week after the violations were issued for putting out too much debris all properties were cleaned up. Mr. Daus stated that this is an educational issue which he will deal with.

**ITEM #3** – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the 2013 draft MS4 Annual Report is now available. The report is on the City’s website until May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any comments on the report you may send them to Mark Gleason, General Manager, #2-15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, NY 12189.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel explained to the City Council that an Ordinance has been added to the Agenda for tonight’s meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1898** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York, providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260, “Vehicle and Traffic”, Article IV, “Handicapped parking”, Section 260-30 (c) “Sign Locations” be amended. Before voting Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel explained that this Ordinance is for 1233 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, New York. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted, one opposed vote was cast.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8933** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to advertise once in the official newspaper that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, #2-15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 17, 2013 for Contract No. 73, Upper Dam Downstream Face Slope Stabilization. Plans will be on file and publicly exhibited as of May 10, 2013 at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, #2-15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 and at the Office of Weston & Sampson, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York 12144. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that this is the area in the slope and toe area of the upper dam that will shore up the Upper Dam. Councilman Foglia asked if Mr. Gleason knows how much this project will cost. Mr. Gleason responded by saying he hopes that the work will come in under \$100,000. Councilman Foglia questioned how the City is going to pay for work to be done. Mr. Gleason responded that this money will come out of the reserve fund from the Water/Sewer Fund. Mr. Gleason stated that this work does not have to be done right away. Under the advice of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation this work would have had to be done under a consent order within 5 years. We had the plans drawn up last year after NYSDEC was given to us after reviewing the plans to have this project done by August 2013. There may be an opportunity that one of the contractors will be able to do this in expensively. The contractor is doing some work on an adjacent property. He has some fill he needs to do it with. This is not under a consent order but will be if we do not do this within 5 years. 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 to the City Council that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Sales Tax Revenue was \$789,000.00. This is an increase of 1.4% from the first quarter in 2012. The City is right on budget for the calendar year 2013. In 2012 the City budgeted 3,000,050 we received \$3,210,000. Mr. Fahr hopes to meet or slightly exceed the budgeted amount for 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**NONE**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley  
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council