

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Fire Chief Scott Skinner, Police Chief Ron Boisvert and Mark R. Gilchrist.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council Minutes as written for September 5, 2013.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the Fall Bulk Week will be from September 30th thru October 4th. Mr. Gleason noted that the Bulk Items need to be placed out on the same day as the resident's normal garbage pickup. The Bulk Item pickup must follow the guidelines in the Sanitation/Recycling policies. Mr. Gleason noted that the debris pile must follow the 4'x4'x8' guidelines. The City can't take refrigerators, electronics or any hazardous materials. The City also has at the end of the week an Electronic Recycling Day. This event will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon. The City switched the day to Saturday to give the residents a better opportunity to bring their electronics to the Highway Garage. Televisions will be free; there will be a small charge for tires, propane tanks, air conditioners and refrigerators.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the 32nd Arsenal City Run will take place on Friday, September 20, 2013. The Fun Run Walk starts at 5:30 P.M. followed by the USA Track & Field sanctioned 5K race will begin at 6:00 P.M. The post-race festivities will be held at the DOME. There will be music, an awards ceremony, food vendors, bouncy bounce and many other family activities to enjoy. It is important because a portion of these proceeds for the race will go to the Watervliet Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program. Mr. Gleason explained that the 2014 Arsenal City Run will be moved to a Sunday morning. This is the way the Arsenal City Run was held for many years when it first started. The tentative date for next year will be Sunday, September 28, 2014 with a 10:00 A.M. start.

ITEM #3 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the City of Watervliet has been working with Spectrum Bio-Energy on a pilot program for a Bio-Beetle. The City of Watervliet pilot would run in conjunction with our WOW Program. The Bio-Beetle is a packaged ready to use bio-gas system. Mr. Gleason then showed the City Council a picture of the bio-beetle via a power point presentation. Basically it is a digester for organic waste. Mr. Gleason showed exactly how the Bio-Beetle works. It produces (2) useable products the first is bio-gas. It is a natural gas that the City could use to heat the DPW. Initially, the City does not plan to do that as the Bio-Beetle won't produce enough natural gas to do that. The City's hope is that the Bio-Beetle will produce enough gas to heat the DPW building. This also produces an organic soil nutrient. The nutrient is odorless, the nutrient rich additive compound that improves oil quality, structure and water retention. The city should be able to use this at our City Parks as a compost material. The City has some experience with the Bio-Beetle, the City participated in a pilot program with the Albany County Sewer District last year. The City provided organic waste for the Bio-Beetle thru the City's WOW Program. This is how the City became familiar with the Bio-Beetle. In anticipation of receiving the Bio-Beetle Mr. Gleason met with the NYS Department of Environmental officials to clear the way of any regulations that the City may fall under. Mr. Gleason was informed at the meeting that NYSDEC stated that seeing we are a pilot program we are under research and development study. The Bio-Beetle is very small, there is very little oversight for this program. Mr. Gleason filled out a 360-4 Form and the form has been submitted to DEC. The City is waiting for them to return the form. This Bio-Beetle can take in 500 organic waste pounds per day. The City anticipates receiving the Bio-Beetle sometime in October 2013. Mr. Gleason showed a power point noting where the Bio-Beetle will go. There is a need to upgrade the electricity for this new program. Once the City gets the Bio-Beetle it will take approximately 6 weeks before the City is actually producing the natural gas using our organic waste. Mr. Gleason will continue to update the City Council on this project as it progresses. This is another example of the City of Watervliet's administration to leave a carbon foot print.

ITEM #4 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that Peter Hanley has been doing some fine work at City Hall. Mr. Hanley has freshened up the look in front of City Hall. Mr. Hanley has painted the trim, painted the columns, finished all of the doors and has landscaped the eastern side of City Hall. Mr. Gleason noted that in the spring the City created the position of Maintenance Mechanic for City Hall with the hope of improving the look of City Hall. Mr. Gleason is very happy to state that Mr. Hanley has exceeded what he was expecting from Mr. Hanley. Mr. Gleason then showed the City Council a power point presentation of what City Hall looks like now. Mr. Gleason thanked Mr. Hanley and his supervisor Bruce Hidley for making the improvements to City Hall on time for the Arsenal City Run.

OLD BUSINESS

Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the City Council announced that the Council of the City of Watervliet meeting for Thursday, October 17, 2013 has been re-scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2013 at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Facility, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York 12189.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1909 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York pursuant to §83 of the General City Law to amend, supersede and replace all of Chapter 272 and Chapter 235 of the City Code of the City of Watervliet and replace and add a new and revised Chapter 272 entitled “ZONING”. Mayor Manning explained that this Ordinance will install a new Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Manning thanked the Zoning Board, Planning Board and the Zoning Code Committee for all the work they did on assisting with putting together the new Zoning Code. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Ordinance was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8973 – 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 the City of Watervliet will hold a Public Hearing in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York 12189, on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard in favor of or in opposition to Local Law No. 1-2013, Sewer Rent Roll and Ordinance No. 1910, Water Rent Roll for the period November 1, 2013 thru October 31, 2013. Mayor Manning noted that there would be no increases to the Water/Sewer Rent Roll for this period. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8974 – 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 the City of Watervliet will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at the Watervliet City Clerk's Office for quotations on Municipal Property and Casualty Insurance to be effective January 1, 2014 and end on December 31, 2016. The Request for Proposals will be available for pickup at the Watervliet City Clerk's Office effective September 23, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. Before voting Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk explained to the Council that the current insurance proposal expires on December 31, 2013 and that the City will be bidding this proposal out for 1/1/14 thru 12/31/16. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8975 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an extension of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Village of Green Island and the City of Watervliet and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that this is a two year extension for ambulance service with the Village of Green Island. Mayor Manning asked if the Village of Green Island had acted upon this agreement yet. Mark Gleason, General Manager responded by saying YES. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8976 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the execution and delivery of the Certain Agreement for the payment of engineering expenses by and between the City of Watervliet and Price Chopper Operating Co. Inc. Before voting Paul Goldman explained that this agreement will cover the engineering expenses, inspection fees, design review and other items. They are required to pay these expenses. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8977 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to comply with the Filing and Posting Requirements of Regulation 315.4(c) for the New York State and Local Retirement System. Before voting Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk explained to the Council that this Resolution is necessary for Councilwoman Fogarty's Retirement System calendar requirements for reporting purposes. Upon motion of Mayor Manning, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted. Councilwoman Fogarty abstained.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance explained that the next City Council Meeting on October 3, 2013 at 6:00 PM the Recreation Department will be doing the Budget Workshop in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizens Center.

Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance noted that the budget workshop schedule for October 24, 2013 will be Refuse and Grants Departments.

Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance also explained that the 1st meeting in November will be the Police and Fire Departments. The 2nd Thursday in November Mark Gleason, General Manager will present the budget to the City Council. The first meeting in December will be the Public Hearing on the budget. The 2nd meeting in December will be the Council's opportunity to vote on the 2014 budget.

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Councilman Foglia asked if there is enough time to hold two separate budget meetings for the Police and Fire. Councilman Foglia feels that it just seems like not enough time when you combine the two together. Mr. Fahr stated that we can have them on separate days or start the budget meeting earlier.

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