

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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 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 October 24, 2013.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that tonight was the last of the budget workshops for the 2014 budget cycle. Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance and the Department Heads have been working hard to deliver a lean and cost effective budget which will maintain our services that our residents have come to expect. This will also provide a budget which our residents can afford. Mr. Gleason will present the budget at the November 21, 2013 City Council Meeting.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that the Bio Beetle was delivered to the Department of Public Works yard. Mr. Gleason then showed the City Council a picture of the Bio Beetle. The City of Watervliet will begin a Bio Beetle R & D Project as a companion to our WOW (Watervliet Organic Waste) Program. A Bio Beetle is a packaged ready to use Biogas System. Organic Waste is digested in the system. The Bio Beetle which was supplied by Spectrum BioEnergy LLC will turn organic waste collected from 70 Watervliet residents (as part of the WOW program) into Biogas and an organic soil nutrient. The Biogas will be flared off. The organic soil nutrient will be used in our parks as compost material. The City is in the process of connecting utilities to the bio beetle (electric and water). Mr. Gleason noted that the electric has been completed already. It turns out that the City will not need as big of a water system as originally anticipated. The City figures on starting the process of digesting our organic waste within a month. I will keep the City Council updated as this project progresses.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager explained to the Council that docks are slated to be removed from Hudson Shores Park. The docks will be removed on Tuesday of next week and will be placed in storage. The park is now closed to vehicle traffic. Residents may still gain access to the park by bicycle or by foot travel thru the gate at the north-west corner of the park.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1912 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260, “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article IV, “Handicapped Parking”, Section 260-30(c), “Sign Locations” be amended. Before voting Police Chief Ron Boisvert explained that this Ordinance was for the following locations: 1909 6th Avenue and 1437 Broadway. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1913 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260, “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article IV, “Handicapped Parking”, Section 260-30(B)(1), “Access Points” be amended. Before voting Police Chief Ron Boisvert explained that this Ordinance was for 100 6th Avenue and that handicapped signs would be erected along the curbside of the roadway. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1914 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260, §260-58, “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article VIII, of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended. Before voting Police Chief Ron Boisvert explained that The Flower Girl submitted a letter requesting assistance with a parking problem. After reviewing the request Police Chief Boisvert recommends that the City place a Loading Zone sign on 7th Avenue, East side, from the north property line of 625 19th Street on 7th Avenue south to the beginning of the bump out. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8990 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves the Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Uniformed Firefighters Association Local 590, IAFF, AFL-CIO and further authorizing Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager noted that this is the formal agreement for the City Council regarding the M.O.A. Mr. Gleason noted that this is a four (4) year agreement. Mayor Manning noted that the City Council already approved the M.O.A. that this is the actual contract agreement. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8991 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for a period of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2016 and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that this formalizes the M.O.A. into a contract agreement. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8992 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Bruce A. Hidley, City Clerk and Clerk to the City Council to advertise once in the official newspaper that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard in reference to Watervliet's proposed application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding for affordable housing programs thru the Community Development Block Grant Program 2013 and pursuant to the NYSNOFA. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8993 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Police Benevolent Association governing salaries and other economic benefits, terms and conditions of employment for a period of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2017 and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mayor Manning explained that this is the M.O.A. not the actual contract agreement. Mark Gleason, General Manager noted that with this agreement that the City will have negotiated all of the three (3) union contracts. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted. Councilwoman Fogarty abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 8994 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves, authorizes and approves the proposal and contract of Northeast Petroleum Technologies, Inc., 2940 Curry Road, Schenectady, New York 12303 in the amount of \$9,503.00 for the purchase and installation of a new fuel management system at the City of Watervliet Department of Public Works and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Before voting Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that this is to purchase and install an electronic fuel monitoring system. The new system will allow employees who get gas including the Watervliet Housing Authority and the Watervliet City School District will get access to this system by using a code number they will be given. The system will allow the City to track the usage a lot better and a lot more accurately. The new system will be able to send daily reports to Department of Public Works Highway Department Foreman Mark Cady. This will replace the system that the City currently has which is about 20 years old. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

Robert A. Fahr, Director of Finance explained to the City Council that he is working on the budget presentation for the City Council Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2013. Mr. Fahr noted that the City must stay within the 2% cap which is roughly \$80,000.00 of additional revenue to the City. Mr. Fahr also explained that the City Council will hold the Public Hearing on Thursday, December 5, 2013 and the legislation to vote on the budget on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Hidley
City Clerk and Clerk to the Council