

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:00P.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, Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Robert Fahr, Director of Finance, Mark R Gilchrist, Assessor/Bldg. Inspector, Fire Chief Skinner.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for January 16, 2014.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM # 1 – Mark Gleason, City General Manager, reported on the snow emergencies and snow removal. Mr. Gleason explained that thus far there have been a record four snow emergencies called by the City of Watervliet and included charted information on the amounts of snow and number of cars towed. Mr. Gleason then explained the complete snow removal from the City streets by the DPW and showed a video of the removal from 19th street. Mr. Gleason then showed photographs to show the difference between snow plowing and snow removal. Mr. Gleason then thanked DPW working supervisor Mark Cady and Police Chief Boisvert and their respective teams for their work in the snow removal process.

ITEM # 2 – Mark Gleason, City General Manager, explained that the city has been contacted by the Society of Sisters of St. Josephs in reference to the pump house located at our Water Filter Plant on Rt. 155. Built by the Sisters of St. Josephs in 1962, the pump house pumped water from the City's water plant up to St. Joseph's Provincial House on Rt. 155 (we have a gravity feed water supply system, the Provincial House is uphill from the water plant). The Sisters of St. Josephs and the City of Watervliet entered into 99 year lease agreement for the placement of the pump house on Watervliet City property in 1962. 3 years ago the Society of Sisters of St. Josephs began purchasing water from the Latham Water District for the Provincial house. The Sisters are now confident that they have a reliable water supply; they want to exercise an option in the lease to transfer ownership of the pump house and its contents to the City of Watervliet at no cost. Water Supervisor Bill Ashline is in favor of taking ownership of the building and its contents. The pump house has 2 pumps that are in excellent condition. The building is small, but could be expanded to be used for the storage of equipment. The City intends to draft an agreement with the Sisters of St. Josephs and discuss further at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1919 - The Council of the City of Watervliet authorizes Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to publish once a week, for three weeks, in the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet, that the City Clerk will sell at public auction on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189, the following described vehicle:

2006 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor 8 Cylinder VIN# 2FAHP71W56X138594	<u>UPSET PRICE</u> \$1,500.00
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Prior to voting Councilman Foglia asked if there was any city use that the vehicle could be used for. It was explained the vehicle was not in good enough condition to be used by the city nor was there any need from any departments. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9036 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby awards the bid and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement with Natara Corporation 5905 West 74th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46278 in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand, two hundred dollars and zero cents (\$65,200.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications for the installation of PVC Swimming Pool Membrane to the existing Municipal Pool 73' x 99' in size, with an existing incorporated handicapped ramp at the Swimming Pool, located on Second Avenue. Prior to voting, City Manager Mark Gleason explained that this would save the city time and money based on yearly maintenance presently being done to the pool. Mr. Gleason also explained that this bid was lower than expected. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9037 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby rejects the bid of JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the furnishing of Chlorine to the City of Watervliet Water Department and further determines in good faith that a second round of bidding will generate lower bids, thus benefiting the tax payers of the City of Watervliet. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 9038 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby awards the bid and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement with Franklin Miller, Inc., 60 Okner Parkway, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 in the amount of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$23,875.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications for the purchase and installation of a TASKMASTER® Model TM8512 Grinder. Prior to the voting, City Manager Mark Gleason explained that this was the machinery that he had previously shown a video of. Upon motion of Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 9040 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on March 14, 2014 for the rehabilitation of the metal roof at the Watervliet Recreational Facility, also known as the "Dome." Specifications and General Instructions will be on file and publicly exhibited as of February 21, 2014 at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189. The Council of the City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all Bids submitted. Prior to the voting City Manager, Mark Gleason explained that this rehabilitation is much more cost effective than a full replacement of the existing roof. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 9041- The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes the issuance of written Request for Proposals (RFPs) to interested energy services companies for the purpose of entering into an energy performance contract with the City of Watervliet for the installation and maintenance of a solar electric generating system at the Watervliet Filtration Plant, located at 334 Watervliet Shaker Road, Watervliet, New York 12189 and for the production and sale of solar generated electricity

The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby further authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on March 31, 2014. The Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be on file and publicly exhibited as of February 28, 2014 at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189. The Council of the City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all proposals submitted. Prior to the voting the Council discussed adding the request for Proposal for the same work to be done at the hydro power station located at the City reservoir in Guilderland. Upon motion of Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

Councilwoman Fogarty then made a motion to adopt:

RESOLUTION NO 9042 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes the issuance of written Request for Proposals (RFPs) to interested energy services companies for the purpose of entering into an energy performance contract with the City of Watervliet for the installation and maintenance of a solar electric generating system at the Hydro Plant, located at 160 French's Mill Rd Guelderland, New York 12084 and for the production and sale of solar generated electricity

The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby further authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on March 31, 2014. The Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be on file and publicly exhibited as of February 28, 2014 at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189. The Council of the City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all proposals submitted. Councilman Foglia seconded the motion; this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO 9039 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of funds from under spent accounts to other overspent accounts in the annual estimate due to unforeseen circumstances.

Announcement – Yorden Huban, Corporation Council, announced that he and City Assessor Mark Gilchrist have been reviewing the Charter as well as zoning and code to determine what changes if any need to be made to the fee schedule based for new and existing work on buildings. It was mentioned that The City of Watervliet's fees either did not exist or were much lower than other similar municipalities.

Mayor Manning then asked if in the discussions if halfway houses were mentioned. There was a discussion about the halfway houses and it was stated that the Charter would be reviewed in regards to these matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Justin Cole – 7 Hampton Circle, Mechanicville, NY - Mr. Cole stated that he was present representing Mr. Rick Wilson whom was planning to purchase property on 24th Street for use of a halfway house. Mr. Cole stated that Mr. Wilson assured that this facility would have twenty-four hour seven day a week on-site supervising.

The comment began a discussion amongst Council. It was mentioned that the City Code does not have this property zoned for such a facility therefore a proposal would have to be made towards the zoning committee.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council