

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 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, Mark R Gilchrist, Assessor/Bldg. Inspector, Fire Chief Skinner, Police Chief 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 6, 2014.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – City of Watervliet Fire Department Annual Report, presented by Fire Chief Skinner. Chief Skinner noted the amount of calls that the Fire Department responded to as well as the nature of these calls. The Chief gave a report on the financial benefits of the Ambulance service and in responding to calls in the Village of Green Island.

Chief Skinner gave a full financial report based on employee overtime and workers compensation cases.

Chief Skinner informed the Council of a grant that was received and the materials that were purchased through the grant.

Chief Skinner explained the departments on going trainings and of goals that had been reached in 2013.

Chief Skinner explained goals for the upcoming year and long term goals as well as expenses and applications for possible grants over the next five years.

Chief Skinner thanked the Council and also thanks Phyllis Carroll for her help in preparing the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2014, a local law to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as “Chapter 278 Contracts” and to authorize purchasing based on best value.

Mayor Manning opened the public hearing for comment.

Mayor Manning explained that each of the Public Hearings on tonight’s agenda had been discussed by the council at the previous meeting.

Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel explained that this is a new Chapter that adds to the code that the City may authorize purchase based on best value.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Manning close the Public Comment Period.

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2014, a local law to amend Chapter 108 of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Mayor Manning opened the public hearing for comment.

Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel explained that this change is to coincide with the costs that are accrued by the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society when the city has a dog impounded.

Upon a question from Councilman Foglia asking what determines a vicious dog, Mr. Huban explained that a vicious dog is determined by the court.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Manning close the Public Comment Period.

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding a proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 127 Building Construction and Fire Prevention of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Mayor Manning opened the public hearing for comment.

Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel, and Mark Gilchrist Assessor/Building Inspector explained that this Ordinance amends the fees and updates the Code of the City to include all areas of construction and fall in line with the fees from other similar municipalities.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Manning close the Public Comment Period.

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding a proposed Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as “Chapter 279 Fees.”

Mayor Manning opened the public hearing for comment.

Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel explained that this is a continuation of the previous ordinance and that this will place all of the City’s fees in one place for easy reference.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Manning close the Public Comment Period.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2014 - A local law to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as “Chapter 278 Contracts” and to authorize purchasing based on best value. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that the Public Hearing had no comment. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Local Law was approved and adopted.

LOCAL LAW NO.2-2014 - A local law to amend Chapter 108 of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that the Public Hearing had no comment. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Local Law was approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1920 – An Ordinance to amend Chapter 127 Building Construction and Fire Prevention of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that the Public Hearing had no comment. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 1921 – An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as “Chapter 279 Fees.” Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that the Public Hearing had no comment. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 1922 – An Ordinance to amend Section §260-46 of the Code of the City of Watervliet to add a stop sign to the southeast corner at the intersection of 7th Avenue and 6th Street and that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9049 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Commission for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2014 and Terminating on December 31, 2014 and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Prior to voting Councilman Foglia asked what the City receives in return for the agreement. Mayor Manning explained that the City thus far has not received any financial help from the agreement but that the agreement allows the City to be involved in decisions and policy determined by the Commission. Mayor Manning also noted that other local municipalities have received significant help from the Commission but the City of Watervliet has not needed to ask for any of these benefits. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this resolution was approved and adopted. Mayor Manning abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 9050 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding a proposed Resolution entitled “Redefining the Boundaries of the Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park, Popularly known as *RiverSpark*”. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia this resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 9051 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, with an address of 385 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110 and further authorizing and directing Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting, Mark Gleason, General Manager, explained that this was the pump house that was mentioned in previous meetings that would now become the property of the city at no cost to the tax payers. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 9052 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby awards the bid for the rehabilitation of the metal roof at the Watervliet Recreational Facility, also known as the “Dome” to Mid-State Industries, Ltd., 105 Catalyn Street, Schenectady, New York 12303 in the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 00/100 Dollars (\$110,811.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications, and Mayor Michael P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute a contract. Prior

to voting Mark Gleason, General Manager, explained that this bid was lower than expected and was for rehab of the roof. Councilman Foglia asked if this was the only work being done to the facility. Mr. Gleason explained that this was the start of the rehab for the facility and that other projects at the facility would be brought to the council in the future. Upon a motion from Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this resolution was approved and adopted

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT – Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council announced that the meeting scheduled for April 3, 2014 would be postponed until April 10, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENT – Mayor Manning made several announcements in regards to happenings around the city.

- Mayor Manning announced that several companies have received RFP Solar packages from the Clerk's office with proposals being due on March 31, 2014.
- Mayor Manning announced that Price Chopper was on pace and looking for an opening date near July 4, 2014.
- Mayor Manning mentioned the demolition of an unsafe building on Third Avenue and the proposal for building a zoned mix-use property.
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- Mayor Manning mentioned the purchase of the former Tilley Ladder building and the new owners plans to convert the building into a residential building with near 60 units.
- Mayor Manning mentioned plans from the Schuyler companies to update and upgrade the property located between Second Avenue and Broadway.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned into at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council