

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 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, Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, Bob Fahr, Finance Manager and 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.

SPECIAL CEREMONY – Presentation of certificates and acknowledgement of completion for those individuals who have completed the Youth Court training process. Chief Boisvert addressed the audience and gave his acknowledgment of the hard work put forth by the students. The Chief then introduce Senator Breslin. Senator Breslin addressed the group congratulating them and encouraging them to continue their educations. Chief Boisvert then explained the scope of the program to the Council and the audience. The Chief then read a letter from Assemblyman McDonald acknowledging the hard work of the students. Chief Boisvert then invited Mayor Manning and Senator Breslin to the podium to award the graduates with their certificates of completion. Judge Susan Reinfurt then addressed the students and administered the Oath of office. Chief Boisvert then closed the Ceremony by once again congratulating all of the graduates and their families and gave a special thanks to all of the community members who helped. The Chief gave a special thanks to Sergeant Mark Spain for his endless work with the program.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 –Remy Monnay of Soul Rebel Performance Troupe Presented his plan for the use of the City owned property at the Dutch Church. Mr. Monnay explained the History of himself as the founder of the group and then the history of the group itself. Mr. Monnay explained that the use of the Church would give the group a full time home and a place to house all of their performances. Mr. Monnay also explained that the hope was to help members of the community and students of the school district to learn and work in theater.

Mr. Monnay explained that the group is a diverse group that includes all races and genders which allows for a vast amount of performances.

Mr. Monnay then fielded questions from the Council and the audience.

Councilman Foglia asked Mr. Monnay to explain the benefits of using the City owned property as well as the benefits to the City.

Mr. Monnay explained that for the group to have a home for auditions, rehearsals, meetings and performances would keep their costs down and allow for more production and the ability to serve the community through fundraisers and free performances.

Mark Gleason, General Manager explained that Mr. Monnay has visited many times and discussed the use of the building and that a tentative agreement had been reached. Mr. Gleason explained that Mr. Monnay's group would pay for the utility usage at the building and provide in kind services to cover cost of use for the building itself.

Mr. Monnay thanked the Council and the audience for the time to speak.

ITEM #2 – Mark Gleason, General Manager, reported on a proposed project from the Public Works Committee. The committee has identified 25th street as the next section of the City that needs to be updated to improve the City's infrastructure. Mr. Gleason explained that this project included a "mill & fill" project of repaving the street. This would allow for the street itself to show more curb in designated areas and that curbs could be added in areas where there is no existing curb.

Mr. Gleason explained that the project also including upgrading underground piping to make the system more efficient and safer as well as adding newer lines to prevent future issues and allow for future expansion of the water lines.

Mr. Gleason explained that these recommendations had been made by Mr. Dave Boyer of Weston & Sampson.

Mr. Gleason explained that the total cost of this project would be near \$800,000.00.

Councilman Foglia asked how it came that this was considered as a needed project and what possibilities there were for funding.

Mr. Gleason explained that the Public Works Committee is continually looking at ways to improve the City's infrastructure and that this was seen as the most important section.

Bob Fahr, Director of Finance explained that by using water fund money this project could be financed out for as long as 30 years. Mr. Fahr also mentioned that there may be other ways to fund the project as well.

Councilman Foglia asked why this project would be placed ahead of the Third Avenue Project.

Mr. Gleason explained that the Third Avenue project will be taking place of the next five years and that the DEC and the County have been working to secure the project as a green project. Mr. Gleason explained that Jeremy Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council has been working with the CDTC and the CDRPC to find ways to fund the project.

Mr. Gleason explained that this was a project proposal and that it would be brought to the City Council in a future meeting for a decision.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing 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*”. Mayor Manning opened the Public hearing for comment. Mayor Manning explained that the existing boundaries covered from the Hudson River on the West and to the City line on the North and South. The existing boundary stopped at the railroad tracks on the North end of the city and that the new boundaries would cover to the city line on the West end. With their being no public comment the Mayor closed the Public Hearing

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 9053 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves of the proposal to revise the boundaries of the Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park so that the boundaries of the Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park in the City of Watervliet includes the entire municipality, and the City of Watervliet respectfully requests that the New York State Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation approve this boundary change. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that there was no comment during the Public Hearing. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia this resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 9054 - 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 the City of Watervliet is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) from individuals and/or firms to be received no later than 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the City of Watervliet Department of Planning and Community Revitalization, Room 2, City Hall, 2-15th Street, Watervliet, New York 12189, to provide consulting and management assistance to the City of Watervliet Department of Planning and Community Revitalization in compliance with the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant programs administered by the Office of Community Renewal in the NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal. Specifications and General Information will be on file and publicly exhibited as of April 11, 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 informalities in or to reject any or all Bids submitted. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that there was a typo and it was changed accordingly. Upon a motion from Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

Bob Fahr, Director of Finance explained that the UHY audit of the City would be finished as of Friday April 11, 2014. Mr. Fahr noted that there was an increase in the fund balance which increased up to roughly \$950,000.00. This did not include any previously mentioned footnotes. Exact figures would be available soon after the audit report.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council announced that the next meeting would be held on April 24th at 7pm at the Senior Center.

The Council mentioned the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny takes place on April 19th and that opening day and the parade for Watervliet Little League will be Saturday April 26th.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council