

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 and Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty and Councilman Nicholas Foglia were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Mark Gleason General Manager, Yorden Huban Corporation Council, Jeremy Smith, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council, Robert Fahr, Finance Director and City Assessor, Mark Gilchrist.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for August 21, 2014.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason, Introduced Ben Messina. Mr. Messina introduced himself as an Eagle Scout and presented a possible idea for an “Eagle Project” which serves the community and try to make it better. Mr. Messina suggested that a mural be painted on the West wall of the bridge that connects Watervliet to Troy at 19th Street. Mr. Messina said that this project would come at no cost of the City and also explained that he knew the property was technically owned by NYSDOT, but felt that it was best to present the idea to the City Council first.

Mayor Manning acknowledged that this was a great idea for a project and also gave other suggestions of areas that similar work could be done if Mr. Messina had trouble getting approval from the DOT.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason referenced a previous presentation on the Bulk Week that the City offers twice a year. He explained that it was recently suggested that the City possibly cancel the fall bulk week, but after reviewing the budget and the value of what the Bulk Week offers the Citizens, Mr. Gleason recommended continuing with Bulk week as is.

Councilwoman Fogarty suggested that if the City were to cancel a Bulk Week there should be notice given to the citizens well ahead of time.

Councilman Foglia suggested that someone, possibly a member of the code enforcement, travel around to attempt to control the out of town Landlords from bringing bulk items in from outside the City.

Mr. Gleason explained that Code Enforcement and himself go out and try to patrol to control the amount of trash that is put out on these dates. He also explained that the City will pick up Bulk items even if they are over the allowed size of waste and then the address may be ticketed.

City Assessor/Building & Code Supervisor Mark Gilchrist suggested that anyone putting out more than the 4x4x8 amount of bulk be charged for the excess and the city will pick it up anyway.

The Council agreed to go along with the scheduled Bulk Week on the week of October 6-9.

ITEM #3 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that on August 4th, 2014 the City of Watervliet and Albany County Department of Health held a Point Of Dispensing (POD) training at the Watervliet High School Gymnasium.

Mr. Gleason explained that the City of Watervliet was the first municipality to hold this training. The training was for City employees to learn how to set up and dispense medication in case of a medical emergency or outbreak.

Mr. Gleason explained that the next step is to set up a “POD exercise” but due to school being back in session this exercise may have to wait until the February school break.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9095 – The Council of the City of Watervliet is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$68,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool. The Council of the City of Watervliet further authorizes Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to publish one time in the official newspaper of the City the full resolution as well as Legal Notice. Prior to voting Director of Finance Bob Fahr explained that the passing of this Resolution and the next give the Finance department the power to go to the banks for bid on Bond Anticipation Notes after this Mr. Fahr will be able to give the Council the information on the interest rate which he believes will be around .7%. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9096 – The Council of the City of Watervliet is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$112,000.00 for the replacement of the roof at the “DOME”. The Council of the City of Watervliet further authorizes Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to publish one time in the official newspaper of the City the full resolution as well as Legal Notice. Upon a motion from Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9097 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement for legal service with Goldberger & Kremer, 39 North Pearl Street, Suite 201, Albany New York 12207, and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Prior to voting Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that the City has had an agreement with this Law Firm in the past in the case that the Counsel has a conflict or for specialized legal representation. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

ITEM #1 – Mayor Manning mentioned that the City was looking to go to bid to perform restoration work on the City owned Civic Center on 1st and 14th Streets.

City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that the recommendation of work to be done was completed but that going to bid should be prepared by an engineering firm due to the fact that this type of bid requires performance bond and maturity.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban seconded the opinion of Mr. Smith and gave further reasons as to why this is the recommendation.

Director of Finance Bob Fahr explained this cost would go into the building repairs and that this would be a shared payment between the City and the Civic Center.

The Council agreed to contact Weston & Sampson for their assistance with this matter.

ITEM #2 - Mayor Manning announced that the City of Watervliet had received a proposal in response to the RFP put out by the City for Installation of Solar Panels at the Filter plant and the Reservoir facilities.

Jeremy Smith City Clerk explained the proposal from Oak Leaf that the City's Solar Consultant, Solomon Energy has recommended as the best proposal from the RFP. Mr. Smith also mentioned that the estimated savings of the agreement with Oak Leaf would be in the range of \$226,000.00 and \$643,000.00 over the 20 year agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council