

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Acting Fire Chief Robert Conlen.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for September 4, 2014.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**ITEM # 1** – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the Fall Bulk week will take place the week of October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and that electronic disposal day will take place at the City Garage on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Many electronics are free but some come with a small cost that is specifically for the cost of disposal.

Councilman Foglia asked if there was a way that Electronic could be picked up if Senior Citizens were in need.

Mr. Gleason explained that we currently have a system of pick up for Senior Citizens but for this Electronic Disposal day, any Senior who cannot drop off the electronics could contact the Sanitation department ahead of time to make accommodations.

**ITEM # 2** – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the arsenal City Run moves back to Sunday Morning after Several years on Friday Evening. The race will take place Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> with the Fun Run beginning at 9:30 and the race to immediately follow at approximately 10:00AM. Mr. Gleason did announce that the numbers at the present time were lower than in years past.

**ITEM #3** – City Clerk, Jeremy Smith presented the Council with a recommendation for changing the City Hall administrative software to the Edmunds & Associates developed MCSJ Software. Mr. Smith stated that there are several issues with using the current software. The main issue is that it is multiple software systems that do not work with one another.

Mr. Smith stated that departments have had issues with their current software and have been looking for a new integrated software system.

Mr. Smith stated that the Edmunds & Associates MCSJ Software is available through SHI which is a company under New York State Contract, that the system answers many of the issues that face the administration at City Hall, and comes at a lower cost than the current system. Mr. Smith stated that the cost savings would average out to approximately \$12,500 per year.

Mr. Smith stated that thus far members of the administration have viewed webinars and begun to ask questions which have been promptly answered by the software developers. The City's IT consultants have been in contact with the developers and have stated that there are no hidden costs and that the current system can support the new software.

Mr. Smith stated that Edmunds & Associates references have been checked and that with the Council's permission he would like to travel to a local municipality that currently uses the system to get a better look.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1930** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York, providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260, "Vehicle and Traffic", Article IV, "Handicapped parking", Section 260-30 (c) "Sign Locations" be amended. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason explained that this ordinance and the one to follow were due to a resident moving from one location to another. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this ordinance was approved and adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1931** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York, providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260, "Vehicle and Traffic", Article IV, "Handicapped parking", Section 260-30 (c) "Sign Locations" be amended. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Ordinance was approved and adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1932** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 "Vehicle and Traffic" Article VIII "Schedules", Section 260-49 "Schedule XIII: Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited at all Times" be amended. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason explained that he and Police Chief Boisvert had been in contact with a property owner at 600 19<sup>th</sup> Street in regards to an area that is considered an apron. These areas should not have parking and therefore require a no parking sign. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this ordinance was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9098** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute all documents necessary for submittal of a bid for the Delta Hydroelectric Project in RFP 2985; and Mayor Michael P. Manning is hereby authorized and directed to execute any corresponding contract and/or agreement with NYSERDA. Prior to voting Mayor Manning explained that this submittal of bid is to acquire a subsidy through NYSERDA for power generated by the Delta Dam project. Mayor Manning explained that this gives higher value to the project and provides a consistent flow of income. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this resolution was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9099** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Weston & Sampson, PE, LS, LA, PC, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York 12144, titled Task Order No. 217, for engineering services in connection with the proposed rehabilitation of the Watervliet Civic Center and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting General manager Mark Gleason explained that this was the preliminary walk through by the engineer for the Civic Center Rehabilitation project.

### **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

**ITEM # 1** – Director of Finance Bob Fahr announced that prior to the next meeting there will be a budget workshop with Robert Loya and the recreation department.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**John Whalen – 706 25<sup>th</sup> Street** – Mr. Whalen introduced himself to the council and asked if there was a possibility of getting standing crosswalk signs placed on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Whalen stated that it is very unsafe to cross 19<sup>th</sup> Street at sections other than where there is a light.

General Manager Mark Gleason explained that the “bump outs” were placed on 19<sup>th</sup> was because this was statistically the best way to prevent pedestrian accidents on the road. Mr. Gleason explained that he and Police Chief Boisvert were given extensive data to support this during the 19<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Mayor Manning stated that the City is in possession of a sign like Mr. Whalen stated, and said that this matter could be given further thought.

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With there being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Next Meeting October 2, 2014 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council