

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 18, 2014.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM # 1 – General Manager Mark Gleason, announced that in the month of September he and Lieutenant Chartrand of the WFD attended the Albany County Crude Oil Derailment training meeting run by the Albany County Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Gleason stated that the Port of Albany is now the third largest crude oil hub in the country due to the lack of completion of the keystone pipeline.

Mr. Gleason explained that in a case of derailment or spill, the city would have to evacuate everyone within a half mile radius of the event. 90% of the City is within a half mile of the railroad tracks.

Mr. Gleason explained that there are three types of derailment. The first is a high speed derailment which take place at 55 mph or higher which is not possible along the freight line within the city. The next is low speed collision or derailment which has a lower chance of explosion but a much greater chance for a spill. The third type is a train switching derailment which is the lowest chance of explosion but the highest chance of a spill. Mr. Gleason explained that there is a large switching station at the edge of the City line, which is actually in the Town of Colonie at Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Gleason explained that there is no chance of high speed derailment and very little chance of a low speed derailment but that there is a very probable chance of a train switching derailment.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban asked in the case of a derailment is the city prepared to respond. Mr. Gleason explained that the reason for these meetings is for preparedness for such an occurrence.

Mr. Gleason also explained that Acting Fire Chief Conlen will be attending training in Denver Colorado for Crude Oil Train Derailments. Mr. Gleason went on to explain that Albany County is prepared to help of the individual municipalities and uses foam to combat crude oil spills and fires.

Mr. Gleason stated that he feels it is inevitable that a derailment will happen since the completion of the keystone pipeline is far from completed.

Mr. Gleason explained that Albany County will help in this matter in other ways. Reverse 911 for evacuation, Housing for those who need to be evacuated and the use of drones

for real time look at what is going on.

Mr. Gleason explained that the next step in the process is a “tabletop” exercise.

ITEM # 2 – General Manager Mark Gleason reminded everyone that October 6-9 is bulk debris disposal and that October 10th was electronic recycling day at the DPW garage.

ITEM #3 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that Hudson Shores park was now closed to vehicles for the season but was still open to foot traffic. Mr. Gleason also stated that in the winter months the park is used for cars that are towed during snow removal.

Jeremy Smith, City Clerk, stated that the park had been rented out 12 times and with some proper marketing feels that these numbers can increase. Mr. Smith mentioned that the park has already been rented for two dates in 2015.

ITEM #4 – General Manager Mark Gleason mentioned that the Arsenal City Run took place on Sunday September 28. Mr. Gleason stated that there was a small drop in registrants for the race which he attributes to the change in day of the week. Mr. Gleason stated that it was a great team effort lead by Recreation Director Bob Loya and the Mayor’s Administrative Aide Christine Chartrand.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1933 – 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 Mr. Gleason explained that this is an addition of a handicapped parking sign at 1535 7th Avenue. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this ordinance was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9100 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to issue a non-binding letter of intent to Oak Leaf Energy Partners Ohio, LLC, for the purpose of discussing and negotiating the terms and conditions of a proposed Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”). Prior to the voting Mayor Manning explained that the City had gone out with an RFP for solar installation at the Filter Plant and pump house Facility and that we had received a proposal from Oak Leaf.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that the letter is a non-binding letter that states the City intends to move forward with the project upon negotiating a Power Purchase

Agreement with Oak Leaf. Mr. Huban stated that the PPA is the main document in moving forward with the project. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9101 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to submit a proposal in response to the United States Army Watervliet Arsenal Request for Proposal/Solicitation No. W911PT-14-R-0008 to provide services for potable water supply to the Watervliet Arsenal; and Mayor Michael P. Manning is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract and/or agreement with the United States Army Watervliet Arsenal in connection with said responsive proposal. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason explained that this contract replaces an out dated 30 year contract and is for 10 years and states that new water meters be added. Mr. Gleason explained that after this agreement is completed then a contract for the waste water will be completed.

Councilman Foglia asked if anything had changed since the last discussion on this matter. Mr. Gleason stated that another meter had been added.

Councilman Foglia asked if there had been any movement on the wastewater contract.

Mr. Gleason explained that the Arsenal and the City had come to an understanding as to how it would be calculated.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9102 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to submit a letter of support on behalf of the City of Watervliet to Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, Inc. regarding their proposed submission of a new access point (NAP) application to the US Department of Health and Human Services Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Prior to voting Mayor Manning explained that Whitney Young has applied to receive funding for a practice that they would like to put in Watervliet for Medical and Dental practice that would cater to Adults and Children of low income. Mayor Manning also stated that Whitney Young had spoken with the Schuyler Companies about placing the practice in the mall area that is being reconstructed now. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9103 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of \$36,000.00 from the Fire Payroll Account (A3410.1001) to the Fire Special Wages Account (A3410.1005) for the 207A wages paid for the months of July thru September 2014. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was approved and adopted.

Director of Finance Bob Fahr announced that the next budget workshop will be on October 18 with Chris Daus and the Sanitation Department. Mr. Fahr also announced that he received the Mortgage tax figures from the county and that they were well below budget.

Mr. Fahr stated that the bond rate that was received in regards to the 25th Street Project was .8% which is a much lower than expected rate.

Mayor Manning stated that the City is now picking up refuse & recycles at the School District which saves the District about \$4,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

John Whalen – 706 25th Street – Mr. Whalen explained to the Council that he has many great ideas and will continue to present these ideas to the Council. Mr. Whalen stated that he has rental properties in the City and feels that when taken care of properly people will pay higher rates for these properties. He stated that the City of Watervliet has a great history and feels that between that fact and the fact that downtown Troy is now thriving, The Council should consider placing banners on the entryway signs to the City of Watervliet that state “Welcome to the Historic Village of West Troy”.

With there being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next Meeting October 16, 2014 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council