

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:00 P.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, Assessor/Building Inspector, Mark Gilchrist and Robert Fahr, Finance Director.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for December 18, 2014.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT** – General Manager Mark Gleason reported that On 12/4/14 Acting Fire Chief Rob Conlen and he attended an Albany County Emergency Preparedness Assessment meeting. The seminar was hosted by Albany County; the meeting was led by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The purpose of the meeting was to assess what risks do the County / Municipalities' faces in the light of emergencies and disasters and how prepared are the County/Municipalities in handling the emergencies and disasters.

Mr. Gleason stated that they were introduced to the CEPA process. The County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA) is a framework and tool to help State and local stakeholder's assess risk, capabilities and the need for support and resources during emergencies and disasters. The CEPA process will better position the local and state government to perform their most important missions, which is to save lives, reduce human suffering and mitigate damage from the threats and hazards we face.

Mr. Gleason stated that the three major risks that the City of Watervliet faces are a train derailment within the City limits or by the reservoir in Guilderland and a overflow at the upper dam.

Mr. Gleason explained that the next steps in the process would be to present the City Council with a Mutual Aid agreement with the County. Then a report will be presented to the public safety personnel to review and then a final report provided.

Councilman Foglia asked if a County, State or Federal wide database is in effect to help provide support in emergency cases.

Mr. Gleason explained that this meeting and report would most likely result in such a database network for those purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9115** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Historical Society for the period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 for the use of the premises located at 1501 First Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189. Prior to the voting City Clerk Jeremy Smith explained that there was only a slight change in the agreement to specify which rooms are used. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9116** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the regular meetings of the Council during the year 2015 be held at the J. Leo O'Brien Facility, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York or the Watervliet City Court, #2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, NY 12189 at 7:00 P.M. on the first and third Thursday of each month. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9117** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates the Order of Business for the Council for the year 2015. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9118** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and permits City Officials to attend meetings and conferences held during the year 2015. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9119** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates Polling Places in the City of Watervliet for the year 2015. Prior to the voting City Clerk Jeremy A. Smith explained that there were no changes at this time but with the pending closing of the Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street it could cause the Board of Elections to make a change. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9120** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the Troy Record be and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet for the year 2015. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9121** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the Bank of America, Watervliet Branch, Pioneer Commercial Bank, and First Niagara Bank be and they are hereby designated official depositories for City funds during the year 2015. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Mayor Manning the Resolution was approved by a vote of 2-0 and adopted. Councilwoman Fogarty abstained.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9122** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to advertise in the official newspaper that a public hearing will be held on January 20, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the J. Leo O'Brien Facility Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York, for the purpose of hearing such persons as which to be heard in reference to Watervliet's proposed application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding for affordable housing programs through the Community Development Block Grant Program 2014-15. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9123** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Capital Region IT, Inc., 440 Third Street, Suite 300, Watervliet, New York 12189 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015. Upon a motion from Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9124** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet (Police Department) and Capital Region IT, Inc., 440 Third Street, Suite 300, Watervliet, New York 12189 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015. Prior to voting, City Clerk Jeremy Smith explained that this was an agreement with the City for IT services to the Police Department. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9125** – the Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Public Library for the period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 for the purpose of conducting Library activities in a designated area set aside on the premises of the building known as the J. Leo O'Brien Municipal Center located at Fifteenth Street and Broadway, Watervliet, New York 12189. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

Upon a recommendation from Corporation Council Yorden Huban, Mayor Manning proposed the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 9126** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby appoints the Commissioner of Deeds in the City of Watervliet for the period January 1, 2015 and ending December 31 2016. Prior to voting Corporation Council Yorden Huban explained that this will need to be reintroduced when the final Commissioner of Deeds are selected for the Fire Department. Upon a motion by Council woman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9127** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of \$38,300.00 from the Fire Payroll Account (A3410.1001) to the Fire Special Wages Account (A3410.1005) for the 207A wages paid for the months of October thru December 2014. Prior to voting Director of Finance Bob Fahr explained that this is a budget neutral transfer. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Robert Gusberti, 1212 Hillside Drive** – Mr. Gusberti explained that he built his house on Hillside drive over 60 years ago and has made many improvements over the years. One of these improvements was putting in a fence. A fence that he was told must taper down to a maximum of four feet as it came to the front of the property. Mr. Gusberti stated that as he travels around the City he sees many high fences especially in newly built properties on 24<sup>th</sup> street and believes that this looks poorly.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Next Meeting January 22, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council