

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 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, Acting Fire Chief Rob Conlen 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 January 8, 2014.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**ITEM #1** – General Manager, Mark Gleason announced that In partnership with New York State, the American Red Cross is offering FREE Citizen Preparedness Corps training sessions entitled *Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to do When Disaster Strikes*. New York State is at a high risk for man-made, technological and natural disasters. Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Citizen Preparedness Corps training program provides residents with the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover to pre-disaster conditions as quickly as possible. A trained Red Cross representative will conduct an approximately one-hour session of the Citizen Preparedness Corps training program, which provides a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

Mr. Gleason stated that he has been in contact with Julianne Ersfeld from the Red Cross in hopes of setting a training session for our residents.

Mr. Gleason Stated that he has also reached out to the Civic Center, Senior Citizens and the WHA asking for their input and help in reaching out to our residents.

Mr. Gleason stated that he will report back to the council once a date is set.

**ITEM #2** – General Manager, Mark Gleason announced that the County Executive office in conjunction with the County Sheriff’s office is giving away a Community Preparedness Calendar. The calendar put together by the Citizen Corps of Albany County, lists emergency contact information along with directions on what to do during a natural or man-made hazards. The calendars are available from the city clerk’s office.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 1937** – 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 Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9128** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes City Clerk, Jeremy A. Smith to advertise in the official newspaper that a public hearing will be held on February 5, 2015 at the City Council meeting that will be held at 7:00 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 Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9129** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid from Slack Chemical Company, Inc., 465 South Clinton Street, Carthage, New York 13619 in the amount of Zero Dollars and Seventy Nine and Three Thousandths Cents per pound (\$0.793)/One Hundred Eighteen and 95/100 Dollars per cylinder (\$118.95) for the furnishing of Chlorine to the City of Watervliet Water Department for the years 2015 and 2016, the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications, and Mayor Michael P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute a contract. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9130** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Gramercy Communications, LLC, 225 River Street, Troy, New York 12180 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that this agreement was for marketing and media relations. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9131** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, M. Cornelia Cahill, Esq., 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting, City clerk Jeremy Smith stated that this agreement was for Bond Counsel. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9132** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Albany County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Disasters and other Related Emergencies and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting general Manager, Mark Gleason stated that this was previously presented in the previous meeting during the general Manager's report. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9133** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Municipal Consulting Agreement between the City of Watervliet and CHA for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 and further authorizes and direct Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this agreement was for planning board and zoning board consulting matters. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9134** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Stockton, Barker & Mead, LLP, 433 River Street, Suite 6002, Troy, New York 12180 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting City Clerk, Jeremy Smith stated that this was an agreement in regards to Workers Compensation and 207 law consulting. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9135** - 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 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015

and ending on December 31, 2015 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting General Manager, Mark Gleason stated that this agreement was for consulting and engineering in regards to the City's Water & Sewer Infrastructure. Mr. Gleason also stated that the City and Weston Sampson, formerly Fraser, have a long standing relationship and that Jeff Budrow of Weston & Sampson has gone as far as to hire a Watervliet student as an intern at the engineering firm. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9136** - 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 commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on October 31, 2015 to provide engineering services to the City of Watervliet in the Route 32 improvements project and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting General Manager, Mark Gleason stated that this was for the much talked about Rt 32 project including the green initiative started by the Albany County CSO. Mr. Gleason also stated that the City was continuing to persue further funding for the entire project. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9137** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2015, a local law to amend Chapter 160. Flood Damage Prevention of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to voting, Corporation Counsel, Yorden Huban stated that this was for publication of a a public hearing for the possibility of changing a previous area of the Charter to coordinate with the DEC's outlook on Flood Management. Mr. Huban stated that by doing this it will allow the citizens to continue to purchase flood insurance. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO 9138** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2015, a local law to supersede Section 30 of the Charter of the City of Watervliet relative to the lease of a portion of real property and water tank owned by the City of Watervliet. Prior to

voting Corporation Counsel, Yorden Huban stated that this was to supersede a previous portion of the Charter for lease of real property. Mr. Huban stated that this was for use of the water tower at the northwest corner of the City for the installation of a cell phone tower. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

### **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

**ITEM #1** – Director of Finance, Bob Fahr announced that the fourth quarter sales tax numbers were announced by the County and it was the highest that he had seen in his time with the City of Watervliet. This pushed the overall sales tax numbers over the budgeted amount.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**NONE**

General Manager, Mark Gleason stated that at this time he asked that the Council enter in to executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Councilman Foglia made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35pm.

Next Meeting February 5, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:40 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning, Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty and Councilman Nicholas W. Foglia was present.

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

The Council and administration discussed a personnel matter. There was no legislation voted on or discussed during the executive session.

A motion was made to adjourn the executive session at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council