

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 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 February 19, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM # 1 - General Manager Mark Gleason stated that today he attended a meeting of the Albany County Local Government Efficiency Advisory Board. The board is made up of municipalities from Albany County as well as elected County officials. The board is working with The State University of New Paltz (thru a grant obtained by Albany County). The goal of the advisory board is to identify areas where municipalities (including the County) duplicate services. The plan is that once duplication of services is identified, a report streamlining the duplicated services will be produced determining where expenses for each municipalities could be cut. The report will be turned into a Government Efficiency Plan (GEP) with Albany County taking the lead. A GEF must be filed with the State in order to meet the requirements of the NYS property Tax Freeze Credit Program. The local Requirements are:

Tax Cap compliance for 2015

GEP submittal (with Albany County as lead) demonstrating a 1% savings each year for 2016 thru 2019

Tax Cap Compliance for 2016

Although each individual municipality may submit their own GEP it was strongly encouraged by NYS to join a County wide GEP. The advisory board is working with Albany County to produce the GEP; we have committed to be part of the plan.

Deadlines for the GEP:

Watervliet must certify in writing by May 15 we will to the best of our ability implement our portion of the GEP and that the GEP achieves a 1% savings.

Albany County submits the GEP on behalf of the municipalities participating by June 1, 2015.

The City of Watervliet has submitted the following cost saving programs:
Dispatching Services with Albany County Sheriff Department
Blacktopping services with Cohoes
Catch Basin Cleaning with Cohoes

ITEM # 2- Mr. Gleason announced that on Wednesday the Red Cross hosted an Emergency Preparedness Training.

Councilman Foglia stated that he was in attendance and that it was well attended. He also stated that it was informative especially in stating items to have in case of an emergency.

Councilman Foglia stated that one area of concern was that emergency procedures were not mentioned or able to be found on the City Website and that should be added to the content on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9146 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby consents to the designation of the City of Troy Planning Commission as the SEQRA lead agency for the One Monument Square Development Project. Prior to voting Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that this was a project that the City of Troy was undergoing and is seen as more of a courtesy to inform all neighboring municipalities of the project and that there will be testing done to see what if any environmental impacts there will be from the project. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Council man Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9147 – The Council of the City of Watervliet Hereby approves Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk/Clerk to the Council to advertise one time in the official newspaper of the City that the Council of the City of Watervliet will hold a Public Hearing in the J. Leo O'Brien Facility Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the City of Watervliet acting as the lead agency in the environmental review of the 2015 Comprehensive Capital Grant Program for the Watervliet Housing Authority. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason stated that this is a yearly item where the City acts as the lead agency for the environmental review for the Housing Authority's Grant Program. Mr. Gleason stated that he would have further information as to what grants the WHA is applying for in the upcoming year prior to the public hearing. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

Councilman Foglia made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving a residency issue with Patrick McGrouty.

Prior to voting on the motion, Mayor Manning offered Mr. McGrouty an opportunity to address the Council on the matter. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:27pm.

Mr. McGrouty addressed the Council. Mr. McGrouty stated that he had fulfilled all obligations that were stated in the Stipulation of Settlement that he had signed on December 18, 2014. He stated that he turned in all available documentation to City Clerk, Jeremy Smith on February 20, 2015 and that as other documentation was received he turned that in as well. Mr. McGrouty stated that he did not know if there was anything further that he could do to satisfy the Council that he has established residency and physically lives in the County.

Mayor Manning thanked Mr. McGrouty for his statement.

The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:22pm.

Next Meeting March 19, 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, MARCH 5, 2015**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:30 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. The Council voted unanimously that they were satisfied with the documentation turned in by Mr. McGrouty and that upon the signing of a new affidavit stating that he lives in the County the matter would be considered resolved to the satisfaction of the Council..

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council