

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – General Manager, Mark Gleason stated that on Monday night he attended a Stormwater Coalition of Albany County Information meeting at the Village of Colonie municipal center. The training was led by Nancy Heinzen. The training covered watersheds in Albany County and the pollutants in them. The training also covered the Best Management Practices each coalition member must follow.

Mr. Gleason stated that the City of Watervliet has been a member of the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County since 2008 (founding member). The City was part of the informal group that led to the formation of the coalition (the group first met in 2004). Dave Dressel is our representative to the coalition. Although the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County works closely on some issues with the Albany Pool Communities CSO MS4 group these are two separate entities working on different areas of Stormwater concerns. The Albany Pool Communities CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) group contains municipalities from both sides of the Hudson River; the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County includes municipalities from Albany County only. The Albany Pool Communities CSO MS4 group is working on the remediation of Stormwater going into the Hudson River on a region wide scale, the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County works on preventive maintenance items within each municipality in Albany County.

Mr. Gleason stated that Monday's meeting highlighted the different watersheds in Albany County and the pollutants that end up in them. These pollutants eventually make their way to the Hudson River during heavy rain events. Pollutants:

- Bacteria-broken sanitary or septic system
- Gross Solids- trash, leaf litter grass clippings
- Oil & Grease
- Pesticides

Mr. Gleason explained that the City of Watervliet has the Dry River Watershed surrounding it and flowing thru our city. The Dry River system runs under the city and empties into the Hudson River at Hudson Shores Park.

Mr. Gleason stated that Best Management Practices were also discussed. This is where the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County really comes into play. The Coalition works to ensure that members are up to speed as to what the DEC expects from municipalities and has produced a handbook guiding municipalities on what DEC Best Management Practices are. Some Best Management Practices for the City of Watervliet are:

- Establish a sweeping schedule/log for all City Parking Lots
- Establish a sweeping schedule/log for all City Streets
- Train DPW staff on spill prevention
- Label all catch basins that do not go directly to the Sewer Plant

The Best Management Practices manual was produced after DEC inspections of Colonie and Albany DPW. Dave Dressel has distributed the manual to the appropriate department heads, who are working to implement the practices. We should expect a DEC Audit within the next 2 years.

Mr. Gleason explained that the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County agreement expires at the end of this year, Dave Dressel is working with the coalition to produce a successor agreement which we will present to the council sometime in the fall of this year.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - A public Hearing 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 Mayor Manning opened the public hearing;

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this is the process for determining if any of the grant work being applied for by the Watervliet Housing Authority has no Negative Declaration.

General Manager, Mark Gleason explained that he spoke with WHA Director Charles Patricelli and was informed that there was no expansion work as part of the grant process but minor updates and upgrades to the housing itself.

With there being no further comment Mayor Manning read the Short EAF questions to the public and then closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9148 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby agrees to be the lead agency in the environmental review of the 2015 Comprehensive Capital Grant Program for the Watervliet Housing Authority. The Council of the City of Watervliet is hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed Short EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution and to complete and sign the Request for Release of Funds and Certification. Prior to voting, Mayor Manning noted that the record of the public hearing will be on the minutes. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9149 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper that sealed bids will be received until 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Watervliet City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, #2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 for The Watervliet Public Library Additions and Renovations Project. Bid Documents will be on file and publicly exhibited as of Monday, April 6, 2015 at the Watervliet City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, #2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189. Prior to voting, Corporation Counsel, Yorden Huban stated that there was still a Planning & Zoning Component to this project and felt that a public hearing announcement would be made at the next meeting to review if the project is exempt from any further zoning regulations. 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

ANNOUNCEMENT #1 – City Clerk/Clerk to the Council Jeremy Smith announced that the meetings for the month of April were moved to April 9 & 23 and that there would be a public meeting in regards to the upcoming Hudson Waterfront Corridor Study on April 16 at the Senior Center. This Meeting is sponsored by the CDTC among other sponsors but not by the City of Watervliet. Mr. Smith stated that the venue was offered to help the citizens of Watervliet and Menands to have a closer option for a meeting than downtown Albany.

ANNOUNCEMENT #2 – Mayor Manning announced that there would be a public meeting at the Senior Center on March 31, 2015 to discuss the Composting Facility in the Town of Colonie.

ANNOUNCEMENT #3 – General Manager, Mark Gleason announced that the Recreation Department sponsored Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on Saturday April 4, 2015 and that there are limited seats still available.

A motion was mad and seconded to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation at 7:31pm.

Next Meeting April 9, 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 7:35 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 pending litigation. The Council voted unanimously to allow the City's Counsel on the matter to explore a settlement.

A motion was made to adjourn the executive session at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council