

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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, Jeremy Smith, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council, Mark Gilchrist Assessor/Building Inspector and acting Fire Chief Rob Conlen.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for April 9, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 - General Manager Mark Gleason reminded everyone that the City of Watervliet's Spring Bulk week will be held the week of April 24-27.

Items go out at the same time as your garbage. Residents must follow the guidelines set in the Sanitation/Recycling policy. Materials must fit into a 4ft. X 4ft. x 8ft. area. NO Refrigerators/Electronics/Hazardous Materials.

ITEM #2 - General Manager Mark Gleason reminded everyone that the City will hold an Electronic Recycling day on Friday May 1. The event will be Held at The DPW (Behind the Firehouse) from 7am to 2pm, Watervliet Residents Only. Televisions and other Electronics are FREE; there is a small charge for tires, propane tanks, air conditioners and refrigerators.

ITEM #3 - General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the City's highway department found a blacktop plant that was able to open and produce hot blacktop; the plant is located in West Sand Lake. This enabled the highway department to blacktop potholes and water main repairs.

ITEM #4 - General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the Recreation Department has started a long overdue repair of the pavers surrounding the edge of the pool. The pavers have been heaving, creating a lip that could trip not only our residents using the pool but our lifeguards as well. NYS regulations state that a municipal pool must have a flat 5 foot deck, the repair corrects the problem. Mr. Gleason stated that City employee Peter Hanley was heading up the project with the pouring of the concrete.

ITEM #5 - General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the City is remodeling the entranceways to the City. The welcome to Watervliet signs as you enter the City from the west and the south will be rebuilt. I would ask the City Council to review the designs and decide what sign we should place at our entranceways.

Councilman Foglia asked if the signage renderings from the route 32 project could be looked at again as a possibility for the entranceways.

Mr. Gleason stated that he would find those renderings and distribute them as well. Mr. Gleason also pointed out that the original small bushes that were placed at the South End entrance to the City had overgrown and would be removed as well.

A member of the audience recommended that the school art class be involved in creating the signs.

Mr. Gleason stated that this was a good idea and that all recommendations would be reviewed.

ITEM #6 - Mr. Gleason stated that the City also has plans for the boulevard on 3rd and 2nd in Port Schuyler. He stated that the City would be placing planters with flowers in the boulevard.

Members of the audience interrupted the General Managers presentation.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban requested that all members of the audience please hold their comments until the Public Comment period unless recognized to comment by the Mayor.

ITEM # 7 - General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the City has installed the non-motorized docks at Hudson Shores Park. This action was timed to coincide with the Rusty Anchor installation of their dock, saving on the set-up fee. Mr. Gleason stated that he anticipates the park being opened within a few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1939 – An Ordinance directing 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 General Manger Mark Gleason stated that this sign was being placed at 211 7th Avenue and had been reviewed and approved by Chief Boisvert. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1940 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that Chapter 260 Vehicle and Traffic of the Code of Watervliet be amended. Prior to voting general Manager Mark Gleason explained that Chief Boisvert had been studying the traffic at this location and deemed it necessary to place a stop sign at the corner of 5th Avenue and 23rd street for the east bound traffic. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9153 – 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, May 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2015, a local law to amend Chapter 108 of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to the voting Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this was due to a change in the contract with the Humane Society to change the rate for dog redemption up to \$65.00 per day. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9154 – 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 Town of Colonie for use of the Town of Colonie Police Range and Training Facility by the City of Watervliet Police Department for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason stated that this was the yearly agreement with the Town of Colonie for the Police training facility. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9155 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the 2015 Animal Shelter Agreement with Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, New York 12204 for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Prior to voting City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that this was the yearly contract with the Humane Society.

Councilwoman Fogarty asked if we always wait this long to renew the yearly contract.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that he had originally contacted the Humane Society at the beginning of the year but they failed to get the new contract to us until just recently.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9156 – 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 Wednesday, May 27, 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. Prior to the voting General Manager Mark Gleason stated that this was a re-publication of the Library project due to the surveyors not having their report in on time..

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this was originally published in April and will now be republished with a later date of bid openings.

City Clerk Jeremy Smith announced that he had received nearly a dozen calls by companies that are interested in bidding the work.

Councilman Foglia stated that portions of this project were being funded through state funds and gifts as well.

Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9157 – The Council of the City of Watervliet by this Resolution hereby calls on the Governor, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to promptly enact the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2015. Prior to voting Mayor Manning stated that this was an official resolution of support of the bill known as the “Zombie Law”. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Pat Snyder – 1415 1st Avenue – Mr. Snyder stated that he was at the meeting to once again complain about Mr. Ding-A-Ling. He stated that he did not understand why the ice cream truck was allowed in the City and has a problem with him playing his music so loud and parking on his street.

City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that he would speak with the owner of Mr. Ding-A-Ling about lowering the music.

Jeff Foster – 1201 8th Avenue – Mr. Foster stated that he was present to speak about the mulching facility just outside the City Lines of Watervliet. He asked if there were laws against the facility being so close to the schools and effecting students and employees due to the smell. Mr. foster stated that he has not yet had to deal with the smell but that he knows many that have.

Mayor Manning stated that he did not know of any such law. Mayor Manning stated that the City had officially, on record by resolution expressed opposition to the facilities and will not transport waste to the facilities. Mayor Manning also stated that the City had hosted on public meeting and would be hosting another on the upcoming Tuesday.

With there being no further comment Mayor Manning closed the public comment period.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at
7:39pm

Next Meeting May 7, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council