

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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 Counsel, 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 May 21, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 - General Manager Mark Gleason reported that the Water Department has received permission from the Albany County Department of Health to reduce the weekend manpower hours from 16 total hours to 6. Instead of mandating an 8 hour shift on Saturday and Sunday, the DOH has granted permission for 1- 3 hours shifts each day. Mr. Gleason explained that thanks to investments made to the SCADA system (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition), the water plant is completely automated. The reduction of the 2-8 hour weekend shifts frees up a laborer to work a Monday – Friday schedule. This is the 3rd manpower modification made at the Water Filtration Plant. In 2009 a change was made to modify the afternoon shift from 3-11 to 12-8. In 2010 the afternoon shift was completely eliminated.. These reductions in shifts have contributed to a 10% reduction in our labor force (thru attrition and retirements).

ITEM #2 - : 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. Mr. Gleason asked the City Council to review the designs and decide what sign we should place at our entranceways.

Mr. Gleason stated that the plan is to address the entranceways from the North (intersection of 25th street and 2nd ave) and Rt. 155 later in the summer.

The Council decided on signs and alterations to each of the signs. It was decided that two signs would be placed later in the summer with two more in other areas of the city later in the year.

ITEM #3 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the Soul Rebel Performance Troupe was opening their first performance of the year “Wedding Band” on June 12. Mr. Gleason stated that the production would be for three weekends with Friday and Saturday start times at 7:30 and the Sunday start time at 4:00pm. Admission is \$12 with senior admission at \$10.

ITEM #4 – Mr. Gleason announced that tomorrow kicks off the weekend of the City-wide garage sale. Mr. Gleason stated that the weather looked great for the event and that the unsold items must be removed at the end of the day which is at 5:00pm. Mr. Gleason further stated that the sale cannot block the public right of way.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 4 for the Year 2015, a local law to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as “Chapter 280. Defense and Indemnification.”

Mayor Manning opened the public hearing and asked Corporation Counsel, Yorden Huban for further explanation of the proposed Local Law.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that this proposed Local Law was distributed to the members of the Council at the previous meeting and made available to the public at the City Clerk’s office. Mr. Huban further explained that the purpose of this chapter is to provide legal and financial protection for those individuals serving the City of Watervliet from losses which may result from legal actions which may be brought against them in their individual and official capacities for actions taken while in the performance of their official duties and responsibilities. Mr. Huban also stated that this Local Law was to adopt Public Officers Law Section 18 and provide further protection for City employees.

Mayor Manning recognized a comment from the floor.

Donnelly Whitehead stated that he was in favor of the proposed Local Law.

With there being no further comment the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW #4 – 2015 – A Local Law to Amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new Chapter to be known as “Chapter 280. Defense and Indemnification”. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that there were only positive comments made during the Public Hearing. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Local Law was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9169 – that the City Clerk and Clerk to the Council be and he hereby is authorized and directed to advertise in the official newspaper that a public hearing will be held June 18, 2015 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 and stakeholders who wish to be heard in reference to grant applications and program information pertaining to the New York State Regional Economic Development Consolidated Funding Application Program for 2015. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING
NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Robert Gusberti – Mr. Gusberti asked that the land south of the High School, west of the railroad tracks be annexed from the Town of Colonie by the City of Watervliet.

With there being no further comment, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation at 7:16pm.

Next Meeting June 18, 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
7:20 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 and Yorden
Huban, Corporation Counsel.

The Council and administration discussed a personnel matter. There was no Legislation voted
on.

A motion was made to adjourn the executive session at 7:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council