

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 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, Jeremy Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council, Bob Fahr Director of Finance, Mark Gilchrist Assessor/Building Inspector and 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 June 4, 2015.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**ITEM #1** – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the City’s summer recreation programs had begun. These programs include the basketball league, baseball, soccer and softball clinics, water aerobics, and swimming lessons. Mr. Gleason reminded everyone that ID cards are needed for admission to the pool.

**ITEM #2** – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the pool deck project will be completed by Friday. The rainy weather we have been receiving had made it difficult to pour concrete. Prepping the pool will only take a few days thanks to the purchase of the new liner last year. The pool is scheduled to open on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Residents may pick up their cards for the pool at the dome starting this week.

Mr. Gleason also stated that flowers have been placed at the right of way intersection on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Gleason further stated that the Welcome to Watervliet signs would be getting worked on over the next few weeks.

**ITEM #3** – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that on Friday June 12 the WPD, WFD, Albany County Sheriff’s Department & WHS held a training exercise demonstrating the dangers of drinking and driving. A mock DWI crash was staged at the high school. The goal of the exercise is to bring better awareness to our WHS students the consequences of drinking and driving. The exercise was held the day before the Watervliet Prom. We want to take this time to thank all the parties involved including the Arsenal FD and Green Island FD who helped on short notice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING** –A Public Hearing 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.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing

City Clerk Jeremy Smith presented the information in regards to the Consolidated Funding Application Program for 2015.

There was a question from the floor in regards to the bike path application.

Mr. Smith explained that the project was the approved short term recommendation from the Bicycle Master Plan.

There was a question from the floor asking if there was still time to complete an application for a park project to be submitted.

Mr. Smith explained that the deadline for applications is July 31, 2015.

There was a question from the floor in regards to Main Street Programs.

Mr. Smith explained that a section 19<sup>th</sup> Street was the focus of this year's application. In past years Third Avenue and a different section of 19<sup>th</sup> Street had been the focus.

With there being no further comment, Mayor Manning Closed the Public Hearing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1946** – 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 to add a sign at 1812 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9170** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Green Island and the City of Watervliet for the purpose of supplying equipment and vehicles along with the necessary operator(s) for lawful municipal purposes. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9171** – 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 to assist the Planning Board by providing engineering consulting services during the construction phase of the proposed project by Cellco Partnership d/b/a on the City of Watervliet’s Water Tank. Prior to voting, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that this was an agreement with the engineering firm to consult with the planning board for the construction of the proposed project. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9172** – the Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the employment agreement between the City of Watervliet and Robert F. Conlen II for the position of Fire Chief for the City of Watervliet Fire Department for a period commencing on June 26, 2015 and ending on June 26, 2019. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason stated that Rob Conlen had been acting Chief for nearly a year and had shown that he possesses the attributes needed for the position. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9173** – 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 of the City that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2015 for the purchase of one (1) 2015 Braun Chief XL, Ford E-450 Gas Engine Ambulance for use by the City of Watervliet Fire Department. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9174** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby concludes that no further action is required and SEQR is thereby concluded for the installation of a digester pilot plant. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9175** –The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid and awards Contract No. 1, General Construction, for the Watervliet Public Library Additions and Renovations Project to Gallo Construction Corp., 50 Lincoln Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 in the amount of Three Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$348,464.00), Contract No. 2, Mechanical Work, for the Watervliet Public Library Additions and Renovations Project to T. McElligot, Inc. 589 River Street, Troy, New York 12180 in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

(\$127,000.00); Contract No. 3, Electrical Work, for the Watervliet Public Library Additions and Renovations Project to O'Brien Electrical Contracting, Inc., 39 Hampshire Way, Niskayuna, New York 12309 in the amount of Eighteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$18,000.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications. Prior to voting, City Clerk/Clerk to the Council Jeremy Smith stated that it should be noted that the bid by O'Brien Electric was significantly lower than the other electrical Contractors. Mayor Manning asked Corporation Counsel when the County Zoning Board was meeting to make a determination on the zoning that was forwarded to them. Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that the County Zoning Board was also meeting (tonight) and should have their decision back to the Council before the next scheduled meeting. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9176** - The Council of the City of Watervliet encourages the State of New York Department of Transportation to modify the designation of Lakes to Locks Passage State Scenic Byway to add the "RiverSpark Loop." Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

City Clerk/Clerk to the Council Jeremy Smith informed the Council that Solomon Energy the Solar Consultant had contacted City Hall and requested an extension to the RFP for the Remote Net Metering. Mr. Smith stated that this was due to the extremely high demand from Solar Providers during the time frame because of the NYSERDA "grandfathering" that was mentioned in the presentation by Solomon Energy.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9177** – The Council of the City of Watervliet authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper that the City of Watervliet will receive sealed proposals by 5:00PM on Wednesday July 15, 2015 from solar energy providers to design, install, finance, own, operate and maintain one or more solar photovoltaic systems at one or more project sites in accordance with solar power purchase agreements ("PPA") or Remote Net Metering Agreements ("RNMA"). Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

NONE

The Council discussed the Summer Council meeting schedule. It was determined that July 23 and August 20 would be the dates for the summer meetings.

With there being no further comment, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next Meeting July 23, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council