

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JULY 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, Bob Fahr Director of Finance and Mark Gilchrist Assessor/Building Inspector.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for June 18, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the NYS Public Employee Safety & Health bureau has been working with the administration on updating two programs. In March of this year PESH issued the city its finding after an inspection of the Public Works buildings and City Hall, the findings were:

Water Plant;

Replacement of a railing surrounding a tank-has been replaced

Designated Confined Space entrant Employee (Dave Dressel) needed his physical updated-physical has been completed

Confined Space policy had to be updated- Mr. Gleason stated that he and Water Department Working Supervisor Bill Ashline have been updating the confined space policy. The City was informed that the policy while effective was not in step with the new regulations. Mr. Gleason explained that the City has been exchanging drafts of the new updated policy with PESH. Mr. Gleason informed the Council that the City is close to having a completed, updated policy. Once the policy is accepted by PESH, the City will begin training our employees on the new procedures.

Mr. Gleason further stated that PESH also asked the City to update our Anti-Violence Policy. He stated that the policy is good but needed to add a survey of our employees. The survey asks if our employees have ever encountered violence situations during their work day and asks employees to identify potential trouble areas. City Hall employees have completed the survey. Mr. Gleason explained that he still has to meet and receive completed surveys from the 3 unions.

Mr. Gleason concluded that he hopes to have the PESH findings satisfied by the end of August.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1947 – 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 631 4th Avenue. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9178 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby acknowledges receipt of, accepts, and agrees with the Albany County Planning Board Notification and Recommendation dated June 18, 2015 regarding the Watervliet Public Library Additions and Renovations Project. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9179 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid and awards the contract 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 to Northeastern Rescue Vehicles, Inc., 10 Dwight Park Drive, Syracuse, New York 13209, in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$182,940.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications. Prior to voting General manager Mark Gleason explained that this will take the place of Medic 2 which has been out of service on multiple occasions due to necessary servicing. Mr. Gleason explained that Medic 2 will remain in the fleet as a back-up in case either of the in-use ambulances is out of service for any reason. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9180 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement with Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, 18 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Suite 8, Albany, New York 1221, for a period of one (1) year commencing on July 23, 2015 and terminating on July 23, 2016. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9181 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a final application on behalf of the City of Watervliet with the Consolidated Funding Application process and the NYS Office of Community Renewal for a grant pursuant to the New York State Main Street Program for projects in the designated Watervliet Main Street Target Area and further authorizing the Mayor to accept and receive a

grant for Community Development purposes. Prior to voting, City Clerk Jeremy Smith explained that this and the following three pieces of legislation were in regards to applications CFA grant process. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9182 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a final application on behalf of the City of Watervliet with the Consolidated Funding Application process and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation and the NYS Canal Corporation for the construction of the bike path connection and further authorizing the Mayor to accept and receive a grant. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9183 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a final application on behalf of the City of Watervliet with the Consolidated Funding Application process and the Office of Community Renewal for an CDBG Public Facilities Grant for the Civic Center and further authorizing the Mayor to accept and receive a grant for Community Development Purposes. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9184 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a final application on behalf of the City of Watervliet with the Consolidated Funding Application process and the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and Historical Preservation for Pershing Green Park and further authorizing the Mayor to accept and receive a grant for park construction and rehabilitation purposes. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9185 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a letter of intent fully supporting all aspects of the funding process and related grant implementation to Albany County, as host of the Stormwater Coalition, as they function as the Lead Applicant for the Consolidated Funding Application/New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Quality Improvement Project Program. Prior to voting General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the City has been a member of the Stormwater Coalition for quite some time and that this grant application has a positive effect on the City. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9186 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a contract with Capital District Physicians Health Plan for Health Care Coverage for the period between January 1, 2015 and December 31 2015. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9187 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$586,000 (Five Hundred Eighty Six Thousand) in serial bonds for the purpose of financing rehabilitation and repairs to various municipal buildings in the City. Prior to voting Director of Finance Robert Fahr explained that the this as well as the next three pieces of legislation were for BAN's and that now is the proper time to seek this funding. Mr. Fahr explained that the schedule for repayment for these borrowings coincide with a decrease in other payments such as the 911 dispatch payments to Albany County. Mr. Fahr further explained that this specific borrowing was for; renovations to the Library, City Garage, the flat roof of the Dome, concrete work at the pool and upcoming work at the Civic Center. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9188 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$184,000 (One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand) in serial bonds for the purpose of financing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Braun XL Ford E-450 Gas Engine Ambulance for use by the City of Watervliet Fire Department. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9189 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$95,000 (Ninety Five Thousand) in serial bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of the changes in assessment practices including but not limited to property review and inventory pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9190 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$23,000 (Twenty Three Thousand) in serial bonds to finance the purchase of a John Deere ATV (Gator) for use by the City of Watervliet Recreation Department. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9191 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of \$23,500.00 from the Fire Payroll Account (A3410.1001) to the Fire Special Wages Account (A3410.1005) for the 207A wages paid for the months of April thru June 2015. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

Director of Finance Robert Fahr stated that the sales tax had come in from the county and this time was an increase of 4%. Mr. Fahr stated that both payments have been increases over budget and if this keeps up this could result in about \$150,000.00 over budget which would help with the \$300,000.00 allocated fund balance.

Assessor/Building Inspector Mark Gilchrist stated that the City has been looking into the demolition of three unsafe buildings in the City. It had been approved by the contracted City engineer but was awaiting approval by the County.

Mr. Gilchrist further explained that Auto Zone had submitted plans for the property formerly used as Price Chopper on Second Avenue.

Mr. Gilchrist stated that plans have been made for a catering and take out facility at the former Cumberland farms property on 19th Street. Mr. Gilchrist also mentioned plans have been submitted to renovate the former Sacred Heart School into approximately 15 apartments. Mr. Gilchrist also stated that the new owners of the former Selby's gas station will be removing the old gas tanks and placing new up to date tanks in prior to opening.

City Clerk/Clerk to the Council Jeremy Smith stated that the new process to submit invoice to the Arsenal has become a difficult process. The invoicing account is now set up and the invoice was sent through this process but was denied. Mr. Smith stated that the invoice was resubmitted and accepted but at this time the bill is over 60 days late.

With there being no further comment a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting August 20, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council