

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:06 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning and Councilwoman Ellen R. Fogarty and Councilman Foglia were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Mark Gleason General Manager, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Assessor Mark Gilchrist and Jeremy Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for October 23, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason introduced Sanitation Director Chris Daus to talk about Bulk Week.

Mr. Daus stated that this Bulk Week was the “heaviest” fall pick up in the history of the bulk system. Mr. Daus explained that there is still the feeling that people are bringing in bulk items from outside of the City to be picked up at their rental properties. Mr. Daus further stated that the pick-ups were behind because of the increase in volume and because of this the Sanitation department came in on Saturday to complete the run and ensure that the streets were cleaned for Halloween.

Mr. Daus further suggested that a further look be taken at the reason for bulk week, because the amount of items has not decreased. Mr. Daus also stated that in the Spring they plan to do one section for Bulk pick up each week. So the Bulk pick up would be a four week process rather than attempting to collect all bulk in one week.

Mr. Daus also mentioned a piece of equipment that is helpful in picking up bulk items.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the docks at Hudson Shores Park had been removed and that they were going to be brought to Strecks. While at Strecks, the decking would also be replaced.

Mr. Gleason further stated that the Park is now closed for the season but is still available for pedestrians to enter through the gate. Mr. Gleason cautioned residents that the park is closed to pedestrians during the snow season because it is where cars are towed during snow emergencies.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1950 – An Ordinance 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 signs. Upon a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1951 – An Ordinance Authorizing Mayor Michael P. Manning and General Manager/Interim Director of Finance Mark E. Gleason to execute a quitclaim deed conveying title Lot 342A in the City of Watervliet to Francis J. Marcil. Prior to voting Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this property was sold to the lowest bidder in the 1950’s but the deed was never filed properly and therefore this ordinance was necessary. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1952 – An Ordinance providing that Chapter 175 Housing Standards, Article X vacant Building Registry of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended. Prior to voting Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this matter had been spoken about many times in the recent past and that this was the most efficient way to update the Charter. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9205 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an annual renewal letter to the existing agreement between the City of Watervliet and the New York State Unified Court System for court cleaning and minor repairs (Contract Number C3000271) for the renewal period commencing on April 1, 2015 and terminating on March 31, 2016. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9206 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) for Project Number CGC39768 – Capital District Inter-Municipal Organics Waste Management. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9207 – 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, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016. Prior to the voting Corporation Yorden Huban stated that the only noticeable change in the contract was a fee related to the use of the range. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was Unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9208 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Solar Power & Services Agreement between the City of Watervliet and SunEdison Origination1, LLC, with an address of 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. Prior to the voting City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that this was a process of the past 18 months. Mr. Smith stated that the City’s Solar Consultant Solomon Energy helped to find the best option for solar power. Mr. Smith further thanked Jeff Conrad and Solomon Energy not only for their diligence in the matter but also for educating City Officials on the changes in the industry. Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that prior to moving forward with construction on the site, a SEQRA review may need to be done. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

A discussion took place in regards to updating the Cooperation agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Housing Authority. Mayor Manning stated that this original agreement was out dated and needed a complete update.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that the agreement was approved with one change to “Exhibit A”. This exhibit should exclude the Van Rensselaer Village and also not include any new properties moving forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 9209 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Amended and restated Cooperation Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Housing Authority and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the same. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the Budget would be presented during the Reports of Officers section of the November 19, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Amanada Austin – 4 Grottoa Court – Ms. Austin began by thanking Sanitation Director Chris Daus for his department’s hard work in making sure that all bulk items were picked up prior to Halloween. MS. Austin then asked what the process was for changing a meeting date or time because she and others came to the meeting regularly scheduled for November 5th but there was no meeting.

Mayor Manning replied by stating that the announcement of the change did not get on the website in time and that further measures would also be taken in the future to ensure that any changes would make it to the public.

With there being no further comment a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

Next Meeting: November 19, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council