

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 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 November 12, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

General Manager Mark Gleason presented the 2016 Budget. Mr. Gleason showed charts and graphs that explain where the percentage of City revenues and expenditures come from. Mr. Gleason stated that there is a potential tax increase of 1.02% which is below the Tax Cap. Mr. Gleason further stated that by cutting positions due to attrition in City Hall and spreading out the duties over several Administrative employees saved the Taxpayers what could have possibly been a 4% increase.

Mr. Gleason stated that there have been no cuts in services provided and that the budget can be viewed on the City website.

Councilman Foglia went on record to state although he voted against the proposal for not hiring a new Director of Finance; he is greatly pleased with the work done by the finance department.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9210 – 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 a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00pm at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York, for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year 2015. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9211 – The City Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves the City of Watervliet Investment and Deposit Policy. Prior to voting City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that the updates in the policy fell in line with the State Comptrollers publication of Investment and Deposit guidelines. Mr. Smith further stated that the policy had not been updated since 2007 and that these updates were necessary. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

General manager Mark Gleason announced that the City of Watervliet Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place on Saturday December 5th.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Christine Kressloff – 1674 8th Avenue – Ms. Kressloff stated that she would like the City to come up with a plan to take down the sneakers that are hanging from power lines throughout the City. Ms. Kressloff further stated that she was upset with the City and felt that the City was “on the bottom of the barrel” because City officials have continued to separate themselves from the public. Ms. Kressloff explained that she felt this way because the Police Department no longer has dispatchers and that when you call for an emergency you must call 911. Ms. Kressloff asked that the dispatchers come back to the police department and that the Police department open their doors to the public.

With there being no further comment a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

Next Meeting: December 10, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council