

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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, Fire Chief Robert Conlen 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 19, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason, stated that he was giving his annual winter weather report. Mr. Gleason stated that as we can see it has been a mild December thus far and it looks as though it will continue into the New Year. Mr. Gleason stated that he does not expect a bad winter and predicts that the City will see one Snow Emergency and that it will be in February.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that this Friday (December 11) will be the last day for Lawn & Leaf pick up by the Sanitation Department.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year 2016. Mayor Manning officially opened the Public Hearing.

Charles Patricelli – Mr. Patricelli asked if there was a Profit & Loss report that he could look at. Mr. Patricelli further asked for a more elaborate budget report from the Council. This would allow for him to view more information to have a better understanding of how the budget is prepared.

General manager Mark Gleason responded by stating that all information is available at City Hall and that in the future this information can be provided.

City Clerk Jeremy Smith stated that each of the line items on the budget are discussed in detail during the Departmental Budget Workshops that are held one hour before the Council meetings beginning in September. At these meetings all budgetary line items are discussed which is the information used in preparing the next year's budget.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9213 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Agreement between the City of Watervliet and Watervliet Housing Authority for a period of four (4) years commencing on June 1, 2015 and ending on May 31, 2019. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

REOLUTION NO. 9214 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the designation of Pioneer Bank, located at 2000 2nd Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 to collect all over the counter payments for City/County tax bills commencing January 1, 2016 and water and sewer rents commencing May 1, 2016 for the City of Watervliet. Prior to the voting, it was explained that Pioneer Bank's Watervliet Branch will now be collecting all over the counter payments for City/County taxes as well as Water/Seqwer rents. Pioneer has longer hours and provides a higher level of security for residents than City Hall.

General Manager Mark Gleason explained that there is a fee charged to the City for this service but that it works out to be a savings due to not needing an employee at City Hall to collect the over the counter payments.

City Clerk Jeremy Smith explained that all mail in payments will still come directly to City Hall and that payments can still be made on line.

Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Resolution was approved and adopted by a 2-0 vote. Councilwoman Fogarty Abstained.

Fire Chief Conlen presented a training plan to the Council. This plan required a five-year contract with target Solutions, a Company that provides all of the training necessary for the Fire Department. Chief Conlen asked that the City Council consider this program and contract and further stated that it fell within his training budget.

RESOLUTION NO 9215 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Target Solution 10805 Rancho Bernardo Road Suite 200, San Diego CA, for Fire and EMS training purposes and further authorizes Mayor Manning to execute the contract. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dawn Kerber – 28 Andrewsville Court – Ms. Kerber stated that she is the homeowner of the house that was broken into and had tear gas shot into it during a police chase. Ms. Kerber stated that she had issues with the insurance company and her home is still unlivable. Ms. Kerber asked the City administration to help her to get her home in order and properly fixed so that she and her family could move back.

Carol Kerber, the mother of the homeowner, stated that she had hoped the house could be knocked down and rebuilt.

General manager Mark Gleason stated that he had been in touch with the Insurance Adjuster to make sure that everything was moving along. Mr. Gleason stated that the City would continue to follow up with the Insurance Company with permission from Ms. Kerber. Mr. Gleason further stated that the Building department and Grant Administrator would do a “walkthrough” to determine what was needed to get the house in order.

Mayor Manning stated that the City will also research who should be responsible for covering the damages and ensure that the work was completed and paid for by the proper entity.

Jeff Collett – 10 Second Street – Mr. Collett thanked the City Council and City officials for the grant work that was provided to his business. He stated that the work that was done changed his business for the better and has allowed him to expand the business. He further stated that what the City has provided to Small Business owners has kept he and his family in the City.

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

Next Meeting: December 17, 2015 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council