

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016 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, Councilwoman Fogarty and Councilman Foglia were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Mark Gleason General Manager, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Fire Chief Conlen, Acting Police Chief Lt. Spain 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 March 17, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager mark Gleason stated that Bulk week had taken place throughout the week, and although an April snowstorm may have slowed it down, the refuse and Recycle Department was on schedule for cleaning up the bulk items. Mr Gleason further stated that the tonnage was down from previous years. Mr Gleason then stated that electronic recycling day is April 8 at the DPW garage.

ITEM #2 – Mr. Gleason stated that the docks had been placed at Hudson Shores. Mr. Gleason showed a picture of the new hardware on the docks which made them move more safely in the water. Mr. Gleason then showed a video of the docks.

ITEM #3 – Mr. Gleason announced that there is a Public Meeting on Tuesday April 19, 2016 at the Watervliet Elks to p[resent the green Infrastructure project that will be taking place on Third Avenue in the Port Schuyler section of the City.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING #1 – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2016, a local law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet and Ordinance No.1958 an Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that Chapter 266. Water of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and began by stating that this was the second Public Hearing for the Local Law and Ordinance. With there being no comment, Mayor Manning Closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2016, a local law to amend Chapter 108. Animals of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained what changes had been made to the Charter to further define the Dangerous Dog language and increase the fee for impoundment which is determined by the Animal Shelter.

A question was asked from the audience as to how a dog is determined to be a Dangerous Dog.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that the Animal Control Officer makes the initial determination and the dog is then taken to the Animal Shelter to await a court hearing. The Judge then makes the final determination.

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

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW #1 2016 – A Local Law to Amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that there was no comment during the Public Hearing. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Local Law was unanimously approved and adopted.

LOCAL LAW #2 2016 – A Local Law to Amend Chapter 108. Animals of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to voting, mayor Manning pointed out that there was a question asked during the Public Hearing but that there was no opposition to the proposed Local Law. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Local Law was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1956 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to publish for ten days in the official newspaper of the City, pursuant to provisions of Section 162 of the City Charter, the intention of the Council of the City to discontinue the portion of 20th Street and on April 21, 2016, this Council will hold a Public Hearing concerning the proposed discontinuance of a portion of 20th Street at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York at 7:00 P.M. at which time all persons interested may be heard in opposition to or in favor of such discontinuance. Prior to voting Mayor Manning stated that this was the second reading of this ordinance. Paul Goldman entered two letters from stakeholders that surround the proposed 20th Street area, into the possession of the City Clerk. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by mayor Manning, this ordinance was passed by a vote of 2-0. Councilwoman Fogarty abstained from voting.

ORDINANCE NO. 1957 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to publish once a week for three weeks in the official newspaper of the City, pursuant to provisions of Section 30 of the City Charter, the proposed sale by the Council of the City of a portion of 20th Street. On May 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM this Council will hold a Public Hearing at the J. Leo O’Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York concerning the proposed sale of the Property at which time all persons interested may be heard in opposition to or in favor of such proposed sale of the Property and that General Manager of the City will sell the Property to the highest bidder, subject to the Minimum Bid and the Approving Ordinance of the Council, at a Public Auction on 20th day of May, 2016 at 10:00 AM in his office at City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189. Prior to voting Mayor Manning stated that this was the second reading of this ordinance. A comment from the audience was asked as to the upset price for the sale of property. Mayor Manning stated that it was set at \$50,000.00 and that the information will be available and questions can be asked during the Public Hearing on May 5, 2016. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Mayor Manning, this ordinance was passed by a vote of 2-0. Councilwoman Fogarty abstained from voting.

ORDINANCE NO. 1958 - An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that Chapter 266. Water of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that there was no comment during the Public hearing for this Ordinance. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9261 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council to advertise in the official newspaper that a public hearing will be held on April 21, 2016 at the City Council meeting that will be held at 7:00 PM at the J. Leo O’Brien Facility Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York, pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 and the rules of the New York State Citizens Participation Program for the purpose of reporting to the City Council and the public on the progress and effectiveness of NYS OCR 2014 Economic Development Grant 1210ED16-14 and allow persons as which to be heard to comment regarding said housing grant. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9262 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that on Thursday April 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the J. Leo O’Brien Facility Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York, that a Public Hearing will be held for the purpose of obtaining citizen feedback and comments on the community and economic needs which to be heard in reference to an Economic Development grant application for Extreme Molding Manufacturing Co. through the submission to the New York State Office of Community Renewal and pursuant to Community Development Block Grant Program guidelines and

regulations. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9263 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council to advertise in the official newspaper of the City is publishing a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds in connection with the Office of Community Renewal for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Watervliet Public Facility Project 1210PF63-15 for the purpose of repair and rehabilitation to the Watervliet Civic Center building. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9264 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council to advertise in the official newspaper that a public hearing will be held on April 21, 2016 at the City Council meeting that will be held at 7:00 PM at the J. Leo O'Brien Facility Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the City of Watervliet acting as the lead agency in the environmental review of the 2016 Comprehensive Capital Grant Program for the Watervliet Housing Authority. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9265 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Soul Rebel Performance Troupe, Inc., with a mailing address of 1810 Vermont Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 for use of the property located at 1501 First Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 for the period commencing on May 1, 2016 and ending on April 30, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9266 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed project is a Type II action and that no further action or review relative to this project is required by SEQRA. Prior to voting, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this SEQRA review was in regards to the grant for Extreme Molding and due to the type of grant and result if awarded, this is a Type II action. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Patricelli – 720 7th Avenue – Mr. Patricelli stated that he had been in contact with City Clerk Jeremy Smith in regards to FOIL request for Delta Dam information. Mr. Patricelli asked if he could make an appointment to discuss the project further. Mr. Patricelli stated that he had spoken to the owners of the Local Flavor Café on 19th Street and they were asking for a crosswalk to be striped on 7th avenue and 19th Street.

Mr. Patricelli stated that he had been in touch with administration at City Hall in regards to the hiring of Joanna Gleason and the lack of advertising for the position and lack of interviews.

Mr. Patricelli stated that he is disappointed that a sign has not been replaced on 19th street as you enter the City of Watervliet.

Mayor Manning offered for Mr. Patricelli to set up an appointment to come in and speak with him further about the Delta Dam project.

Mayor Manning stated that the Highway department would be consulted in regards to the striping on 19th street.

Mayor Manning explained that the contract with Joanna Gleason is as an independent vendor for Professional Services which does not require advertising or interviewing.

General manager Mark Gleason explained that the Welcome signs as you enter the City were being created and should be placed soon.

A comment from the floor was made thanking the refuse department for all of their great hard work during the bulk pickup.

With there being no further comment, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council