

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 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, and Acting Police Chief Lt. Spain.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for May 19, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the water department has been working to lower the THM's in the water supply for Fenimore Trace, Highland Club Apartments and Hillside Ave. The last testing from May 5 shows that the THM's for the Storage Tank was 46.8 UG/L (micrograms per liter), down from 84.0 UG/L in April. The water department exercised the system (flushed the lines) more frequently (mixing the water not allowing standing water), which we believe lowered the THM's. This reading was obtained before the mixer was installed. We anticipate the THM's reading to be lower now that the mixer is running (water from the tank with the mixer running is being tested now).

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the Welcome to Watervliet signs as you enter the City from the West and the South have been installed. Mr. Gleason thanked Stephen Luther and the Arsenal Appreciates Program for installing the signs. Mr. Gleason stated that there will be new signs at 25th and 2nd (entranceway from the north) and Rt 155.

ITEM #3 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the USDA Wildlife Services will remove the geese from Hudson Shores Park sometime near the end of June or early July (geese lose their pinfeathers at this time, therefore they cannot fly). For safety reasons the USDA Wildlife Service removes all nesting geese within a 7 mile radius from the Albany International Airport. There will not be a fee for this service as funding is provided by Albany International Airport. At last count there were 18 geese making a home in Hudson Shores Park.

ITEM #4 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the citywide garage sale will take place on Friday, June 3rd, Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th, 2016. **THERE WILL BE NO RAIN DATES.** The City will map out and list on our website (www.watervliet.com – select the box “Interactive Mapping”) your address, days and hours you wish to hold the sale on your property. The normal \$10 permit fee will be waived for this weekend’s sale. All unsold items at the end of the sale must be cleared from the property according to the City’s Refuse and Recycling codes. Please do not block the public right of way (sidewalks, etc.). If you wish to have your garage sale placed on the map and list, please contact Phyllis at 270-3800 ext. 100 no later than 4:00 PM, Tuesday, May 31st. If leaving a message, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number, the day or days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday or ALL) and the hours (e.g. 9 AM to 4 PM) you will be holding your sale. Sale end time must not exceed 5 PM.

ITEM #5 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that there will be a concert at the Gazebo Park on June 7. Mr. Gleason asked that people bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and further stated that this is a family event and no alcohol will be allowed. Mr. Gleason stated that this is the first of a three part concert series with the next two concerts being held at Hudson Shores Park.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING #1 – A Public Hearing 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 Microenterprise Grant 1210ME12-14 and allow persons as which to be heard to comment regarding said grant.

Mayor Manning opened Public Hearing by introducing David Wheatley Director of Planning and Community Development to discuss updates on the progress. Mr. Wheatley stated that this is the second public hearing in regards to this grant. Mr. Wheatley gave a detailed description of the finances of the grant and what was accomplished.

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

PUBLIC HEARING #2 – A Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 and the rules of the New York State Citizens Participation Program for the purpose hearing public comments on the City of Watervliet’s community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2016 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and introduced David Wheatley, Director of Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Wheatley began by explaining the guidelines for CDBG and the CFA process. Mr. Wheatley explained that the type of grants that were available to the City this year are; Microenterprise, Public Facility and infrastructure and planning grants. These grants are competitive throughout the state.

Mr. Wheatley further elaborated on the purpose and time line of these grants. With there being no further comment, Mayor Manning closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1963 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet Authorizing the publication once a week for three consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the city for the proposed sale of a portion of Twentieth Street, more particularly described as a strip of land being approximately 50 feet wide and 103.70 feet long. Prior to voting Yorden Huban Corporation Counsel stated that this was the second reading of this Ordinance and further explained the details of this Ordinance. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Mayor Manning this Ordinance was approved and adopted by a 2-0 vote.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the City's Annual Financial Report was submitted last week to the State Comptroller's office and that he expects to hear from them sometime in mid-June to July.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Prior to Public Comment, Mayor Manning announced that there will be a workshop in regards to the parks, taking place prior to the next Council Meeting on June 16. The workshop will begin at 6:30.

Paul Huban – 1600 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban began by thanking Paul Goldman for having the parcel that will be auctioned lined so that it could be better understood. Mr. Huban further stated that a neighbor may have encroached on the property.

Mr. Huban asked for further explanation of the prospectus in Ordinance 1963. Legal Consultant Paul Goldman responded to Mr. Huban's concerns.

Jeff Foster – 1201 8th Avenue – Mr. Foster asked how things were moving with the Hydroelectric Facility in Rome.

Mayor Manning stated that the City is still going through the licensing with FERC.

Mr. Foster asked how much money has been spent on the project.

Mayor Manning stated he did not know the figures off the top of his head but would have them for the next meeting.

Chuck Marshall – Stewarts – Mr. Marshall wanted to clarify that they have not yet been awarded site plan approval.

Mr. Marshall then asked about litigation from individuals who are not successful bidders, he asked if the 180 days mentioned in the ordinance would be extended if there was litigation that stalled the final sale.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council