

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 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, City Clerk/Clerk to the Council Jeremy Smith, 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 June 2, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 - General Manager Mark Gleason announced that he and Recreation Supervisor Bob Loya met with Andrew Peck and Maureen Cunningham with the Hudson River Watershed Alliance; the meeting focused on Hudson Shores Park. The Alliance has been meeting with River Communities in hopes of expanding the alliance into a much larger working group for the betterment of the Hudson River. The Alliance is targeting improving Strom Water infrastructure and better access for recreation. They are particularly interested in Hudson Shores because it is a shoreline park. The Alliance has studies showing that within 100 years if we see a 6 foot rise in the ocean(as some scientists have predicted), during a heavy storm, Hudson Shores would be completely underwater as well as half of Watervliet. The Alliance wants to address the issue now by eliminating stormwater from reaching the Hudson River and shoreline stabilization. We were asked what the Alliance could help us with, we would like to see a “no wake zone”, would help with the docks and kayak/crew. We also would like to have better handicapped access to the docks (blacktopping to dock entrance). The next step in the process will be a review site visit by the entire Alliance; they will work to put together a feasibility study.

ITEM #2 - General manager mark Gleason announced that summer programs begin next week. Once again the recreational department will offer: Adult Aqua Classes, Swimming lessons, Basketball /Softball /Baseball Camps, Men’s Basketball League, Summer Concerts. The pool will open on June 27. Cost for an adult pass is \$5.00, \$3.00 for children. Mr Gleason further stated that if an adult uses the pool for the entire season the cost is equal to less than a penny a day.

ITEM #3 – General manager Mark Gleason announced that Soul Rebel Performance Troupe will begin performances of the play Eclipsed and will start July 15. This will be the 3rd year the Troupe has made the cultural center as their home.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9274 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a final application on behalf of the City of Watervliet with the Office of Community Renewal for an CDBG Public Facilities Grant or grants pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and further authorizes Mayor Manning to execute any contract and/or agreements with the Office of Community Renewal in connection with the 2016 CFA program Application(s) and his designee is further authorized to request and expend funds from the U.S. Government pursuant to said contract and/or agreement. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9275 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed project, Library/Senior Center Public facility Repairs and rehab, is a Type II action and that no further action or review relative to this project is required by SEQRA. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9276 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed project, Rt. 32 Green Infrastructure Project, is a Type II action and that no further action or review relative to this project is required by SEQRA. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9277 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Solomon Energy, Inc., 225 Main Street, Westport, CT 06880 to provide consulting and brokerage services for the City in relation to its electricity accounts. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9278 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby directs Solomon Energy Inc. to request from multiple competitive suppliers their best and final offers for electricity to be delivered to the utility on the City's behalf and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute documentation with the supplier that submits the lowest bid. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr Huban asked for clarification on the dates of the Public Hearing Stated in Ordinance 1963.

Corporation Yorden Huban explained that the ordinance which was passed by the Council and the publication in the newspaper and on the City website stated that the Public Hearing will take place on June 29, 2016.

Mr. Huban asked that there be clarification of the 180 days of submittal and approval of plans if you are the successful bidder.

Amanda Austin – 4 Grotto Court – Mrs. Austin thanked the City for their support in the Relay for Life fundraiser. Mrs. Austin stated that they were able to raise over \$40,000.00.

Jeff Foster – 1201 8th Avenue – Mr. foster asked the Council that they consider using any money over the \$50,000.00 minimum bid for sale of 20th street be used to upgrade the City's parks.

Mayor Manning stated that it was a great idea and will be certainly considered.

Donnely Whitehead – 1921 8th Avenue – Mr. Whitehead asked why Plastic barrels are not permitted for yard waste. Mr Whitehead further asked if those are the rules will they be enforced. Mr. Whitehead stated that the pamphlet distributed for refuse and recycle states that refuse and recycle can not be mixed. Mr. Whitehead stated that many people are mixing them and not recycling. Mr. Whitehead asked how it would be policed.

Mr. Whitehead stated that a vehicle continues to park on the 23rd street side of Price Chopper where there is a curb cut solely for the dumpster to be picked up. Mr. Whitehead said this goes against the city code and asked that it somehow be enforced.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council