

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Fogarty at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Councilwoman Fogarty and Councilman Foglia were present. Mayor Manning was excused.

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 September 1, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the week of October 3, 2016 will be the fall bulk week. This is the week that residents can dispose of bulk items on their usual garbage day. Mr. Gleason explained that the materials should fit in an imaginary 4x4x8 foot area. Electronics and other items are not allowed to be placed for pick up. Mr. Gleason stated that electronics recycling day will be Friday October 7, 2016 at the DPW Garage behind the firehouse. Disposing of these items will have a small fee.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the Budget Workshops have begun and will continue throughout the remainder of the year. Mr. Gleason stated that he would present the proposed budget at the second meeting in November and that a public hearing on the budget would take place during the first meeting of December. The council will vote on the budget in the final meeting of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9289 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Mark J. Spain for the position of Police Chief commencing on October 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2021. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

City Clerk Jeremy Smith announced that bids were accepted today for the sale of the City's Bond Anticipation Notes. Mr. Smith stated that the City received the lowest rate it has ever received of 2.45%. The previous lowest rate was 4.5%.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Patricelli – 720 7th Avenue – Mr. Patricelli asked for reply on his suggestions for discussion on delta Dam. General manager Mark Gleason explained that Mayor Manning has been trying to organize a date but did not want to speak for him in his absence.

Mr. Patricelli asked what if anything was being done in regards to the Skunk/Rodent issue that has been brought up several times.

General Manager Mark Gleason stated that he did a report on the matter at the previous meeting and that Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban had been looking further into some of the ideas.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that one idea for rectifying the matter was for the city to split the cost of a specialist to come to a residence and remove the skunk. Mr. Huban stated that he feels this is not acceptable due to the fact that the expending of City funds for the benefit of a single resident is not justified. Mr. Huban further stated that he understands both sides of the idea but he could not find reason to justify the funds for an individual residents benefit.

Theresea Smith – 608 5th Avenue – Ms. Smith stated that she was concerned about the possible opening of a daycare at St. Jermain's.

Councilman Foglia stated that the Church has not yet been licensed by the state nor have they been approved by the planning or zoning boards in the City.

Mary Kay Smolin – 620 5th Avenue – Ms. Smolin expressed concerns about the daycare because she heard there were going to be anywhere from 45 to 200 children.

Ralph Harlan – Mr. Harlan expressed his concerns about parking due to the new Day care.

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Robert Piescor – 209 23rd street – Mr. Piescor expressed growing concerns over the drug issue within the city.

Lt. Spain told Mr. Piescor that he would speak to him after the meeting to get more information in regards to his concerns.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Next Meeting: September 15, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council