

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manning at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor 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, Director of Finance Michael McNeff, Fire Chief Conlen and Police Chief Spain.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for November 3, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason presented the 2017 Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures. Mr. Gleason’s budget presentation called for a 15% increase in the tax levy. Mr. Gleason explained that there were several areas that the City administration was looking at where expenditures could be cut to lower. Mr. Gleason explained that City Clerk Jeremy Smith was working on health insurance options that could lower the increase by nearly 8%. Mr. Gleason also stated that if certain open positions that were proposed to be filled during the budget workshop were not filled that would also lower the expenditures. Mr. Gleason closed his presentation by stating that the 2017 budget is a living breathing budget that can and most likely will continue to change throughout the next month.

ITEM #2 – James Buono from Potentia presented his findings through an electrical audit of the City buildings. Mr. Buono stated that NYSERDA currently has funding available to change all lighting within City buildings to LED lighting. Mr. Buono stated that if the City took advantage of this opportunity it would initially cost the City about \$8,000 over two years and then the City would see a savings of \$800 per month from then on. Mr. Buono left his report for the Council’s Consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW #3 2016 - A local law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Sewer Rents for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Local Law was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1970 - An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Chapter 266 Water of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Water Rates for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9299 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid from Slack Chemical Company, Inc., 465 South Clinton Street, Carthage, New York 13619 in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Nine and 43/100 Dollars per cylinder (\$169.43) for the furnishing of Chlorine to the City of Watervliet Water Department for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019, the bid from Holland Company, Inc., 153 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA 01220 in the amount of \$.135 per lb. for the year 2017, \$.145 per lb. for the year 2018, and \$.155 per lb. for the year 2019 for the furnishing of Polyaluminum Chloride to the City of Watervliet Water Department, and the bid from Shannon Chemical Corporation, P.O. Box 376, Malvern, PA 19355 in the amount of Ninety Eight and 98/100 Dollars (\$98.98)/CWT for the year 2017, One Hundred One and 01/100 Dollars (\$101.01)/CWT for the year 2018 and One Hundred Three and 03/100 Dollars (\$113.03)/CWT for the year 2019 for the furnishing of Zinc Phosphate to the City of Watervliet Water Department, the lowest responsible bidders in conformance with the respective specifications, and Mayor Michael P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute the contracts. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9300 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Carter, Conboy, Case, Blackmore, Maloney & Laird, P.C., 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211 to perform legal services on behalf of the City of Watervliet in connection with a dispute with Lorenc Holdings, LLC and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the contract. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9301 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to advertise once in the official newspaper that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00pm at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York, for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year 2017. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9302 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes, in anticipation of the receipt of certain revenue. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

City Clerk Jeremy Smith announced that there will be a Public Meeting held at the Sr. Center on November 29th at 6:00pm in regards to the proposed CDTA BRT route.

Mayor Manning stated that at the next meeting he expected a PILOT agreement to be placed on the agenda for the hi-rise apartment adjacent to the Sr. Center. Mayor Manning stated that along with that agreement the new owners of the property planned to make some improvements to the parks along Second Avenue.

Todd Smith – 902 19th Street – Mr. Smith asked if the proposed freeze on hiring would negatively effect the workforce. Mr. Smith further asked if all departments were at full strength.

Andrew Williams – 1212 6th Avenue – Mr. Williams asked what the Council's feelings were on neighborhood watch programs and stated that he would like to begin the initiative of neighborhood watch.

Paul Hughes – 108 15th Street – Mr Hughes asked how the Albany Pool Communities functions in regards to the Green Infrastructure project. Mr Hughes then asked if the new owners of the hi-rise would be taking ownership of the parks or just providing some services in the parks. Mr. Hughes asked if Schuyler companies were done with their work on 16th Street and Broadway because there are still some issues.

Nancy Sheridan – 604 3rd Avenue – Ms. Sheridan expressed her displeasure with the bio-retention units on 3rd Avenue and asked if anything could be done to reduce the size of the one in front of her property or remove it all together. Ms. Sheridan presented pictures to the Council.

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Rachel Dombroski – 604 3rd Avenue – Ms. Dombroski expressed her concerns over the bio-retention units on Third Avenue. Ms. Dombroski stated that it made it difficult to walk out to the street. Ms. Dombroski suggested to make the unit smaller.

Todd Smith – 902 19th Street – Mr. Smith had a complaint about people waiting in front of his apartment for the bus. Mr. Smith asked if the bus stop could be moved and what he would have to do to get it moved.

Andrea Hughes – 108 15th Street – Mrs. Hughes asked if the City could stop cars from parking on the corner of Broadway and 15th Street.

With there being no further comment, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting: December 1, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council