

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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: Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Acting General Manager/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 December 1, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith announced that the City had received three grants through the Consolidated Funding Application process. Mr. Smith Stated that the City received a \$300,000.00 public facilities grant for the Senior Center and Library. Mr. Smith stated that Deputy City Clerk David Wheatley should be recognized for his hard work on this grant. Mr. Smith further stated that two other grants were planning grants for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure. Mr. Smith thanked Paul Murphy for his assistance in completing each of the grant applications.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 4 for the Year 2016, “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR THE 2017 CITY OF WATERVLIET BUDGET.”.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and stated that due to some recalculating and some further cuts to the budget the City will no longer be exceeding the tax cap.

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

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW #4-2016 – A Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit established by General Municipal Law §3-c for the 2017 City of Watervliet Budget. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Local Law was withdrawn from consideration.

ORDINANCE NO. 1971 – An Ordinance adopting the annual estimate and fixing the rate to be employed in computing the amount to be collected for the City taxes for the year beginning January 1, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1972 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York adopting the rate to be employed in computing the amount to be collected for State and County Tax pursuant to Section 116 of Chapter 462 of the Laws of 1918. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1973 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that the code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 “VEHICLE AND TRAFIC” Article IV “HANDICAPPED PARKING” Section 260-30(C) “SIGN LOCATIONS” be amended to add a sign at 1512 6th Avenue. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9305 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Gregg Carroll Recruiting Services LLC. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was approved and adopted with a 2-0-1 vote. Mayor Manning Abstained.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban thanked Chief Spain for having specific street lights repaired.

Mary Barnidge – 1274 3rd Avenue – Ms. Barnidge asked that the curbs by her home be looked at and replaced because they are crumbling and causing damage to vehicles.

Nancy Forgett – 1230 5th Avenue – Ms. Forgett stated that she felt the amount budgeted for workers comp insurance was way too high. Ms. Forgett further expressed her displeasure with the amount that the City pays to the Humane Society and feels it could be lower. Ms. Forgett stated that she felt pay increases for city staff from 2012-2016 were too high.

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Art Fruscio – 568 6th Avenue – Mr. Fruscio thanked the Council and City administration for working diligently to reduce the budget and keep it under the tax cap.

Bruce Hidley – 2520 8th Avenue – Mr. Hidley thanked Councilwoman Fogarty for her years of service as Councilwoman and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

Councilwoman Fogarty thanked everyone for their support over the years. Councilwoman Fogarty expressed her love for the City of Watervliet and the privilege and honor that it was to work with the other members of the Council, the City Administration, and all of the City residents.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Next Meeting: January 5, 2017 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council