

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017 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, Councilman Foglia and Councilman Patricelli 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 15, 2016.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**ITEM #1** – Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith provided an update on some Public Works Initiatives. Mr. Smith stated that an ice rink is set to be built at the Civic Center Field next to the “Dome”. Mr. Smith further explained that this rink’s use would be directly related to weather. Mr. Smith then explained that the Public Works Department had begun to remedy some issues at Clinton Park that had been identified by the parks committee. Finally, Mr. Smith stated that several trees were identified at Brotherhood Park to be removed. This removal would assist the Police department with visibility in the park and help to provide more area for equipment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9306** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott P. O’Reilly, Acting City Clerk, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on February 6, 2017 for the Civic Center Public Facility Rehabilitation Project. Plans and specifications for the proposed work will be on file and publicly exhibited as of January 9, 2017 at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9307** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the regular meetings of the Council during the year 2017 be held at the J. Leo O'Brien Facility, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York or the Watervliet City Court, #2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, NY 12189 at 7:00 P.M. on the first and third Thursday of each month. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9308** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates the Order of Business for the Council for the year 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9309** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the Bank of America, Pioneer Commercial Bank, JP Morgan Chase Manhattan be and they are hereby designated official depositories for City funds during the year 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9310** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the Troy Record be and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet for the year 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9311** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and permits City Officials to attend meetings and conferences held during the year 2016. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9312** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the proposal from and awards the lead paint risk assessment services contract to Enviro-Test, Inc., 137 Broadway, Suite B-2, Amityville, New York 11701 for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program and Mayor Michael P. Manning is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a contract between the City of Watervliet and Enviro-Test, Inc. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9313** –The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement for legal services with Goldberger & Kremer, 39 North Pearl Street, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12207 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 5, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2017 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Prior to voting Councilman Patricelli asked for an explanation on this and the following Resolutions.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that each of these agreements was to cover legal areas that are not covered by the corporation counsel either due to time constraints, specialization of law or conflict.

Councilman Patricelli stated that he needed more time to review each of these before approving.

Upon a motion by Mayor Manning, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this resolution was unanimously tabled until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9314** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Joanna P. Gleason, Esq. commencing on January 5, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2017 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously tabled until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9315** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement with Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, 18 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Suite 8, Albany, New York 1221, for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 5, 2017 and terminating on December 31, 2017 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously tabled until the next meeting.

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

**NONE**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Paul Huban – 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Mr. Huban stated that he had a problem with the fact that 20<sup>th</sup> street had not yet been developed as he believes it was stated in the prospectus for purchase of this street.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban stated that in the sale agreement there is a 180 day clause but further stated he will have more information at the next meeting.

John Bolt – 619 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Mr. Bolt asked about the vacant building and Zombie Property Law. Mr Bolt further stated that there are several houses in a small area by his home that are vacant and eyesores.

Chief Spain explained some of the areas of the new law and further discussed the procedures currently being followed by the City.

Nancy Forgett – 1230 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Mrs. Forgett asked about the vacant old store at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She stated that it has become a dangerous situation. Ms. Forgett ask for reasons as to why workers comp rates had doubled over the past 5 years. Ms. Forgett asked for a list of positions within the City what the job titles are and description of work. Ms. Forgett stated that she feels that there have been significant raises over the years and they need to be looked into.

Jeff Foster – 1201 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Mr. Foster questioned the design of the Rt 32 green Infrastructure project and further stated that he felt the roadside bio retention units were a hazard and would cause problems in the future.

Councilman Patricelli announced that the City Council would begin recognizing a CITIZEN OF THE MONTH. Mr. Patricelli further stated the criteria and application process for the award.

With there being no further business, Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith asked that the meeting be adjourned into executive session to discuss Personnel and Union matters. The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 8:02pm.

Regular session was called to order at 8:34pm. With there having been no legislation discussed in the executive session, A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next Meeting: January 5, 2017 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 8:05 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning, Councilwoman Councilman Nicholas W. Foglia and Councilman Patricelli were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Jeremy Smith, Acting General Manager & Clerk to the Council, Michael McNeff, Director of Finance and Yorden Huban, Corporation Counsel.

The Council and administration discussed a personnel matter. There was no legislation voted on or discussed during the executive session.

A motion was made to adjourn the executive session at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council