

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 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, 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 February 16, 2017.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – Acting general manager Jeremy A. Smith stated that on February 27th the fire department responded to a structure fire to a large brick building located behind Highland Tank. The Cause of the fire was vehicle under repair that caught fire. The vehicle was in a garage and quickly knocked down by Lt. Rolfe and Firefighter Vinnie Ellis. Due to the high volume of smoke it appeared that the fire had spread to the second floor but after approximately 30 minutes of searching it was established that the fire had not spread.

Mr. Smith further explained that on February 28th the fire department responded to a structure fire at a residence on the 1300 block of 3rd Avenue. Residents were evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department. The fire was a heavily involved kitchen fire which began on the stove. The fire was quickly knocked down. Further investigation found that the fire had some extension into the second floor and was once again quickly extinguished.

Mr. Smith stated that in both cases, there was mutual aid from Troy, Cohoes, Arsenal and Green Island which provided needed manpower and an extra level of safety. There were no injuries to residents or responders. I would like to thank Chief Conlen and the Watervliet Fire Department for their quick response and aggressive work to extinguish both fires.

ITEM #2 – Acting General Manager Jeremy A. Smith stated that in response to a Public Comment first at the February 2nd meeting and then again at the February 16th meeting by Mr. Huban in regards to the sale of 20th Street and proposed work by Stewarts Corporation, he, at the direction of the Council, has issued a letter to Stewarts Corporation advising them that, in accordance with the signed agreement between the City of Watervliet and Stewarts Corporation, if a building permit is not acquired prior to March 17, and construction as outlined in that permit has not commenced by April 7, the Council will invoke the clause in the agreement and the title of the property will irrevocably and permanently be reverted to the City.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1974 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that Chapter 127. BUILDING Construction and Fire Prevention of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended. Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this was the first reading of this Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 9337 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly Acting City Clerk to advertise in the official newspaper of the City is publishing a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds in connection with the Office of Community Renewal for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Housing Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Units within the City of Watervliet. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9338 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly Acting City Clerk to advertise in the official newspaper of the City is publishing a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds in connection with the Office of Community Renewal for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as J. Leo O'Brien Municipal Building Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of rehabilitation of J. Leo O'Brien Municipal building within the City of Watervliet. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9339 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Department of the Army to secure for each the benefits of mutual aid in fire prevention and the protection of life and property from fire or other emergencies by the City of Watervliet Fire Department and the Watervliet Arsenal Fire Department. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9340 - the Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to issue a non-binding letter of intent to Gomez & Sullivan, D.P.C., 288 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502 for the purpose of discussing and negotiating the terms and conditions of a proposed agreement between the City of Watervliet and Gomez & Sullivan, D.P.C. for engineering services relating to the Watervliet Reservoir. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9341 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to issue a non-binding letter of intent to Upstate Kayak Rentals, Inc., 67 Island View Road, Cohoes, New York 12047 for the purpose of discussing and negotiating the terms and conditions of a proposed agreement between the City of Watervliet and Upstate Kayak Rentals, Inc. for kayak rentals at Hudson Shores Park in the City of Watervliet. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9342 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, Acting City Clerk, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 1-I for the Year 2017, a local law to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as "Chapter 100. Alarms, False". Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9343 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, Acting City Clerk, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 2-I for the Year 2017, a local law to amend Chapter 278. Contracts of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9344 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, Acting City Clerk, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 3-I for the Year 2017, a local law to amend Chapter 253. Taxation of the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new Article VIII entitled "Tax on Gross Income or Gross Operating Income of Corporations or Utilities" Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9345 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, Acting City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 4-I for the Year 2017, a local law to amend Chapter 176. Residential Occupancy of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was withdrawn by a 2-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9346 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, Acting City Clerk, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 5-I for the Year 2017, a local law to amend Chapter 273. Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control the Code of the City of Watervliet. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning this Resolution was approved by a 2-0 vote.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Prior to the public comment period Mayor Manning explained that Councilman Foglia had recently resigned and that the Council was accepting applications for the position of Councilperson and would be interviewing.

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban thanked Acting General manager Jeremy Smith for sending the letter to Stewarts and placing deadlines. Mr. Huban stated that he does not believe this is the proper way but is happy that something has been done.

Mr. Huban stated that he felt the Mayor did a great job on the news the other day and felt that because of that the City no longer needs to spend \$15,000.00 on the PR firm.

Mr. Huban asked about a lien on the newly built property on hillside Drive.

Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith stated that he would research and get back to him.

Councilman Patricelli stated that the two Tree grants that were previously approved by the Council to be submitted had been submitted and that the City is hopeful to receive both.

Councilman Patricelli stated that an architect was contacted and asked to take a look at the parks in the City and give a report. Councilman Patricelli further stated that the next meeting of the parks committee is on March 13, 2017 and all are invited to attend.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2017 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

Clerk to the Council