

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 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: 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 March 30, 2017.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ITEM #1 – Acting General Manager, Jeremy Smith presented Part One of the City of Watervliet’s Water Infrastructure Improvement Plan (PDF presentation available on the City website).

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-I for the Year 2017, a Local Law to amend Chapter 176. Residential Occupancy of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing

Acting General manager Jeremy Smith stated that this Local Law was much like those that had previously presented in that it provides much needed clarification and several changes for efficiency purposes.

Police Chief Spain stated that most changes were in the wording of the permits required. Chief Spain further stated that there was no change in fees but that they would have to be paid prior to the inspection taking place.

A public comment was made that the pre-payment of the fee would slow down the process and would cause more work.

A public comment was made that the proposed changes that put the responsibility on the property owners to contact the City and schedule the 3-year inspection will not work.

Police Chief Spain explained that letters would still be mailed to property owners.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1975 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, Providing that Chapter 279. FEES of the Code of the City of Watervliet, be amended. Prior to voting, Acting General manager Jeremy A. Smith stated that this was the second reading of the Ordinance and that action could now be taken on the Ordinance. Upon a motion by Mayor Manning, seconded by Councilman Patricelli, this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9361 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby ratifies and confirms the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Uniformed Firefighters Association, Local 590, AFL-CIO; and That Mayor P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute an Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Uniformed Firefighters Association, Local 590, IAFF, AFL-CIO governing salaries and other economic benefits, terms and conditions of employment for a period of three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019. Prior to voting Councilman Patricelli stated that he had originally tabled the legislation while he looked for further information that would allow him to make a better informed decision. Councilman Patricelli further stated that he was informed that the information would be made available to him on April 28, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning, this resolution was unanimously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW #4-I 2017 - A Local Law to amend Chapter 176. Residential Occupancy of the Code of the City of Watervliet. Prior to voting Mayor Manning stated that there were two comments made during the Public Hearing. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Local Law was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9362 – 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 by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on Friday, May 12, 2017 for the purchase of one (1) Rearloading Refuse Collection Truck & Body for use by the City of Watervliet Department of Public Works, Sanitation Department. Specifications and General Instructions will be on file and publicly exhibited as of April 24, 2017 at the office of the City Clerk. Prior to voting Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith stated that the department currently has two trucks that are beyond their useful life and deteriorating quickly. Mr. Smith further stated that a plan for preventative maintenance and accurate record keeping will be starting effective immediately to extend the life of all DPW vehicles. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9363 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and adopts the City of Watervliet Section 3 Participation Plan for Section 3 Covered Contracts pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9364 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a shared services agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and the City of Watervliet for a period of one (1) year commencing on April 6, 2017 and ending on April 6, 2018. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9365 - 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 The City of Watervliet will received sealed bids to provide consulting services and management support to the City of Watervliet Planning and Community Revitalization Department for consulting service associated with CDBG grant administration, program design and program delivery as required by the Community Development Block Grant, NY Main Street and other federal and state grant programs. Proposals should be received no later than 3:00 pm on May 10, 2017, at the City of Watervliet Department of Planning and Community Revitalization, Room 2, City Hall, 2-15th Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 Specifications and General Instructions will be on file and publicly exhibited as of April 24, 2017 at the office of the City Clerk. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9366 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby ratifies and confirms the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Civil Service Employees Association, INC. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA); and That Mayor P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute an Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Civil Service Employees Association, INC. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA) governing salaries and other economic benefits, terms and conditions of employment for a period of four (4) years, beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2020. Prior to voting Acting general manager Jeremy Smith explained that this agreement including a 1% wage increase for the first two years and 1.5% increase over the next two years as well as reducing the amount of the Health Insurance buy back and a restructuring of the Public works which would save the Tax payers money in the years to come. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9367 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed project, the DASNY State and Municipal Facilities Program for rehabilitation work at Watervliet City Hall, is a Type II action and that no further action or review relative to this project is required by SEQRA. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9368 - 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 by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on Monday, May 15, 2017 for Roadway Resurfacing through the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). Specifications and General Instructions will be on file and publicly exhibited as of May 1, 2017 at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189. Prior to voting Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith stated that previously this project was under state contract and no longer is, therefore it is necessary to go to bid. Mr. Smith further stated that this project would be paid for by State funds and not City funds. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9369 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid from Gallo Construction, 50 Lincoln Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189, in the amount of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen and 13/100 Dollars (\$657,317.13), for the DWSRF Project No.18231, Comprehensive Water System Improvements, Task Order 1, Phase 1. The lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9370 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of funds from certain under spent accounts to other over spent accounts in the annual estimate which have become necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. Prior to voting Acting General manager Jeremy Smith stated that this action is part of how things have been historically done but noted that moving forward, Director of Finance Michael McNeff has outlined an encumbrance system that would make these actions take place prior to any expense line being allowed to over encumber spending. Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by mayor Manning, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban asked that when the roads are repaved that the manholes be lifted as well. Mr. Huban further stated that there are many potholes in the City and asked for them to be repaired.

Acting general manager Jeremy Smith explained that the City has a reporting system for potholes and other issues throughout the City and the forms are on the website or can be reported by emailing or calling the General Managers Office.

Kelly Gilchrist – 1306 6th Avenue – Ms. Gilchrist stated that the relay for Life will be taking place at the Watervliet High School on June 3, 2017. Ms. Gilchrist further stated that the Watervliet Baseball team would be participating in the Coaches Versus Cancer game at Joe Bruno Stadium on Friday April 28th.

Jeff Foster – 1201 8th Avenue – Mr. Foster asked what the square footage was for the repointing of the brick at the Civic Center. Mr. Foster further stated that a Detective/Lieutenant of the Police Force is retiring and that should be noted.

Acting General manager Jeremy Smith stated that the majority of the repointing of the Civic Center was taking place on the South side of the building where it was very deteriorated but that also below the “apron” on all sides was also being repointed.

Police Chief Spain stated that long time Lieutenant and detective Edward “Jake” Watson was retiring from the Force. Chief Spain stated that Lt. Watson had changed how the entire force does regular business through his investigations and his relationship with the DEA. Chief Spain further explained that Lt. Watson’s actions as well as Sgt. Morrow have brought in a great amount of revenue that has allowed the police force and other departments to make purchases and save from having to make purchases so that the burden was not felt by tax payers.

Andrew Williams – 1202 6th Avenue – Mr Williams announced that he would be hosting a Homebuyer Seminar on Tuesday April 25, 2017.

Mr. Williams thanked all of the City’s professional services for their continued work to keep the City safe and as well as maintaining the City’s infrastructure.

Paul Hughes – 108 15th Street – Mr. Hughes thanked the City for the great job in the snow removal this winter. Mr Hughes further stated that he was disappointed in how the parks have been maintained thus far in the spring and asked when something would be happening with 15th Street Park and what will happen next year with the Ice Rink.

Acting General Manager Jeremy Smith stated that to prepare all of the park for the season, 15th street park was placed lower on the priority list since the amount of work to be done there was much more vast and required more time and man power. Mr. Smith further explained that if 15th park had been the priority no other parks would be ready for the spring season. Mr. Smith further explained that at the present time no further discussion has taken place in regards to an ice skating rink.

Nancy Forgett – 1230 5th Avenue – Ms. Forgett asked if anything had been done to change the Charter to add Council members or to make the Mayor Full Time. Ms. Forgett also asked why it was taking so long to appoint a new Council Member and a new General Manager.

Christine Kresloff – 1624 7th Avenue - Ms. Kresloff asked what was being done in regards to hiring a Council Member and a new General Manager.

Mayor Manning stated that he and Councilman Patricelli have interviewed candidates for the Council position and that due to travel they have not been able to meet over the past two weeks to make a final decision.

Councilman Patricelli reminded everyone that this is a very important decision and that both he and the Mayor were taken by surprise when the position was vacated.

Kevin Moran – 734 8th Avenue – Mr. Moran asked what was being done in regards to complaints at Brotherhood Park.

Chief Spain stated that it is the time of year where youth and others start to get back into the parks. Chief Spain further explained that the police force has been in the parks and speaking with those who utilize the parks and have taken a pro-active approach to working with the youth to maintain a safe environment.

Councilman Patricelli thanked all of the dispatchers for their continued work.

Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli, seconded by Mayor Manning the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2017 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

Clerk to the Council