

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 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 Patricelli, and Councilman McGrouty were present.

Also present from City Administration were: General Manager Jeremy Smith, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council Scott O'Reilly, Director of Finance Mike McNeff, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, and Police Chief Mark Spain.

Councilman Patricelli made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting, which Councilman McGrouty seconded. A vote was then taken to dispense with the minutes that passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

WATER/SEWER BUDGET PRESENTATION

General Manager Jeremy Smith presented the proposed 2019 Water and Sewer Budgets which included a zero percent increase for the water budget and a four percent increase for the sewer budget. Mr. Smith also announced that there would be Public Hearings regarding both budgets at the next City Council Meeting on October 18, 2018.

During the presentation there was a debate regarding the billing of vacant properties located in the City.

A full copy of each budget can be found in the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1987 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 "Vehicles and Traffic" Article II "Traffic

Regulations” Section 260-15 “Trucks Over Certain Weights Excluded” be amended.

This was the first reading of this Ordinance.

Police Chief Spain explained that the City has seen an influx of large vehicles, such as campers, construction vehicles, and boats being parked on City streets. In an attempt to preserve the condition of the roads, the aesthetic look of our neighborhoods, and provide for more personal vehicle parking this legislation has been presented.

Councilman McGrouty then asked if the owners of these types of vehicles that were already parked on the street would be notified which he believed should happen. Police Chief Spain explained that he had no problem giving notice to those individuals but stated it could be difficult to do so for those who don't actually live in the City. Councilman Patricelli also stated he was in favor of giving advance notice to those people before writing them a ticket.

There was then a debate as to how to notify people who may be in violation and whether to change the Ordinance to allow for more time to get the word out. It was decided that a flyer would be sent out with the upcoming Water and Sewer bills as well as using the City's digital notification system and the Police Department's Facebook Page.

Upon a motion by Councilman McGrouty that was seconded by Councilman Patricelli the Ordinance passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9540 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, 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, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 6 for the Year 2018, 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, 2018 to October 31, 2019.

Upon a motion from Councilman Patricelli, which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty, the Resolution passed with a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9541 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott O'Reilly, 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, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1988, 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 Rents for the period of November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019.

After a motion was made by Councilman McGrouty and was seconded by Councilman Patricelli the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9542 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and adopts the City of Watervliet Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Policy and Complaint Form and The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby directs General Manager Jeremy A. Smith to distribute the City of Watervliet Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Policy and Complaint Form to all employees of the City of Watervliet.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that the City Council had approved the same Resolution at the previous meeting but since then the State recommended revisions to the policy and complaint form, which was the reason for presenting a Resolution again.

Councilman McGrouty asked when the trainings would begin. Corporation Counsel Huban stated that the changes to the policy included pushing the deadline for completing the training from January 1, 2019 to October of 2019. General Manager Smith also stated that the City's Liability Insurance carrier will be able to provide the training to City employees for no cost.

Councilman Patricelli then made a motion to move on the Resolution which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli and the Resolution passed with a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9543 – The Council of City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs City Clerk Scott O'Reilly, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that the City of Watervliet is publishing a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds with the NYS Office of Community Renewal for the Release of CDBG funds to undertake a project known as Watervliet Community Center Public Facility Project.

General Manager Smith explained that this is required to move forward with the project.

Upon a motion to move on the Resolution by Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli the Resolution passed with a 3-0 vote.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – First, Mr. Huban complimented the recent block party that was held on Twelfth Avenue.

Mr. Huban then stated that with the City owned General Manager's vehicle, the General Manager should be able to observe various issues in the City such as the dust caused by the work on Sixth Avenue, pot holes in the City and the problem with the manholes on Third Avenue. He also stated that there are still malfunctioning street lights on Nineteenth Street. Lastly, Mr. Huban commented on National Grid working in the City and stated they shouldn't be able to work in the manner they do.

General Manager Smith stated that pot holes in the City were continuously fixed during the Spring and Summer as well as during the current week. He also explained that the City's Electrical contractor is notified of all malfunctioning street lights. Mr. Smith also stated that he is constant contact with National Grid about their ongoing work in the City.

Lois Gundrum – 600 3rd Avenue – Ms. Gundrum thanked the Police Department for establishing a safe community but suggested to Police Chief Spain that he encouraged his officers to take more time to get to know City residents. She stated that she likes to see the Officers patrolling on bicycles because it allows for more interaction between residents and officers.

Chief Spain explained that he completely agreed with Ms. Gundrum and would love for his officers to be able to do just that. Although staffing can make getting out and meeting people an issue the department will make every attempt to do so when the staffing allows for it.

Paul Hughes – 108 15th Street – Mr. Hughes explained that he fixes and donates bicycles to children in need and asked Police Chief Spain if the City still had the program that allows for residents to register their bicycles. Chief Spain stated that the Bicycle Registration program is still in place but that it was not widely used in the past and with the amount of turnover in the department many of the newer officers are not familiar with it.

Mr. Hughes then suggested the City Council take the time to listen to thoughts of the people in attendance at meetings before they vote on the legislation.

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

Councilman Patricelli then made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty. After a 3-0 vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

***Next Meeting: October 18, 2018 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott P. O'Reilly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott P. O'Reilly

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council