

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 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, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Fire Chief Rob Conlen and Director of Finance Mike McNeff.

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

General Manager Jeremy Smith introduced representatives from The Chazen Companies who are in charge of the Housing Needs Assessment project currently taking place. They explained that project began in August of 2018 and is designed to identify housing needs throughout the City. They then announced they would be conducting a direct mail survey of home owners in the City that will help identify common housing rehabilitation needs in the community. The survey would be targeted towards senior citizens and veterans but would also be available online for anyone to participate.

Councilman McGrouty then asked if landlords who rent strictly to veterans would qualify for the Housing Rehabilitation program. He was informed that they would.

Councilman Patricelli then noted that one prevalent issue throughout the City was the deterioration of porches. He also stated that he would be sending out a link to the housing survey to his email distribution list.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1 – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard in reference to the City of Watervliet's proposed Housing Rehabilitation Program.

David Wheatley, head of the City's Planning Department, gave a presentation outlining the particulars of the program. He stated that the goal of the program was to assist low to moderate income home owners in upgrading their property. The total amount of funds available for the project is Two-Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars, with each grant recipient having a maximum benefit of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars. Mr. Wheatley stated that applications could

be found in his office or on the City of Watervliet's website and anyone with questions was encouraged to contact Mr. Wheatley's department located on the second floor of City Hall.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing.

Gail Wood – 806 19th Street – Ms. Wood asked if the income limit for applicants was posted. Mr. Wheatley informed her that the limit is posted on the City's website.

Councilman Patricelli then asked when applications can be turned in. Mr. Wheatley stated applications were already being accepted and that awards will be granted on a first come first serve basis.

Lois Gundrum – 600 3rd Avenue – Ms. Gundrum asked if the City planned on applying for similar grants in the future. She also asked if home owners had to commit to living in their homes for a certain amount of time if they receive one of the grants. Mr. Wheatley explained that the City does plan to apply for this grant funding again in the future and that a five-year lien is placed on every home that is awarded one of the housing rehabilitation grants.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2 – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 1-I for the Year 2019, a Local Law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Sewer Rents for the sewer billing periods of November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments during this Public Hearing.

Mayor Manning closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2019 - A Local Law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Sewer Rents for the sewer billing periods of November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

Mayor Manning stated for the record that there were no comments made during the Public Hearing on this topic.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9561 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates Pioneer Commercial Bank the official depository for City funds during the Year 2019.

Councilman McGrouty made a motion to move on the Resolution, which Councilman Patricelli seconded, and the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9562 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the regular meetings of the Council during the year 2019 be held at the J. Leo O'Brien Facility, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York or the Watervliet City Court, #2 – 15th Street, Watervliet, NY 12189 at 7:00 P.M. on the first and third Thursday of each month.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9563 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and permits City Officials to attend meetings and conferences held during the year 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9564 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates the Order of Business for the Council for the year 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9565 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates The Troy Record as the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet for the Year 2019.

Councilman McGrouty suggested using the Times Union as the official newspaper due to its larger circulation which would allow more people to view any announcements the City publishes. General Manager Smith explained that advertising in the Times Union costs roughly double the amount the Troy Record does. Councilman Patricelli then stated that the City can advertise in both newspapers if the situation calls for it but that he is in favor of keeping the official newspaper as the Troy Record.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9566 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby adopts the City of Watervliet Procurement Policy for the year 2019 pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 104.

General Manager Smith explained that there are no changes from the 2018 Procurement Policy.

Councilman Patricelli made a motion to move on the Resolution which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty. The Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9567- The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan Financing Inter-Municipal Agreement.

General Manager Smith explained this would authorize a second mechanism to make payments into the Albany Pool Communities who regulate the Combined Sewer Overflows. Councilman Patricelli asked if this would cause any additional costs for the City. Mr. Smith informed him that it would not.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9568 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Novara GeoSolutions, LLC, with a principal place of business at 575 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207, to host and maintain the City of Watervliet's Geographic Information System (GIS) Interactive Mapping Application.

General Manager Jeremy Smith explained this is an annual agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9569 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Colonie and the City of Watervliet for the removal of garbage, trash, refuse, and recyclables from the Maplewood District of the Town.

General Manager Jeremy Smith explained that this would be a revenue for the City and that it will be accomplished without disrupting the refuse pick up within City limits.

Councilman Patricelli asked if this would require the City to add additional personnel to the Sanitation Department. Mr. Smith stated it would not and that if needed, employees from the Highway Department could be used.

After a motion from Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli, the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9570 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to initiate and implement a Watervliet Downtown Revitalization Initiative Study Project using Program Income funding not to exceed \$50,000 as designated by the NYS Office of Community Renewal and pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Mayor Manning explained that this funding would come from the same pool of money as

the Housing Rehabilitation Study. He also pointed out that having the study completed will help with future grant funding.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9571 - 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 commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019.

General Manager Smith explained this was an annual agreement for the City's labor litigation needs.

Councilman McGrouty then made a motion to move on the Resolution, which Councilman Patricelli seconded, and the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9572 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Joanna P. Gleason, Esq. commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that Ms. Gleason is the Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City and that she represents the City in vehicle and traffic court matters.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9573 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves wireless connectivity/wi-fi access at the City of Watervliet Dome located at 1300 2nd Avenue and further adopts the City of Watervliet Wi-Fi Terms and Conditions.

General Manager Jeremy Smith explained that the City had consulted with its insurance company. The insurance company stated they had no concerns with regards to liability. General Manager Smith also stated that the installation would cost only about Five Hundred Dollars.

Councilman Patricelli stated he was in favor of the Resolution because it could serve a large number of people in the community.

Councilman McGrouty stated he was opposed to the idea because he believes the Dome is a place for socializing and recreational activities.

After a motion from Councilman Patricelli and a second from Councilman Patricelli the Resolution passed with a vote of 2-1. Councilman Patricelli and Mayor Manning voted in favor, while Councilman McGrouty was opposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 9574 - the Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott P. 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, January 17, 2019 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 2019, a local law to amend Chapter 245. Trees of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Corporation Counsel Huban announced that there are three sections of the Tree Code that included proposed changes that that the proposed Local Law is available to the public to be viewed prior to the Public Hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9575 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Capital Region IT, Inc., commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019 for IT services at the Watervliet Police Department.

General Manager Smith explained that this is one of two annual agreements between the City and Capital Region IT. He also stated that there is no change in cost from the previous year.

After a motion from Councilman McGrouty, which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli, the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9576 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Capital Region IT, Inc., commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019.

General Manager Smith explained that this was the second of the two agreements and that this one covers all departments other than the Police Department.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9577 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the proposal from and awards the lead paint risk assessment services contract to Flatley Read, LLC., P.O. Box 104, Schuylerville, New York 12871 for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program.

General Manager Smith explained that the City received three acceptable proposals and that Flatley Read scored the highest among the three.

After a motion from Councilman McGrouty, which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli, the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9578 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to enter into agreements with the City of Cohoes, the City of Troy, the Town of Colonie or other local municipalities for the performance of municipal duties or functions pursuant to General Municipal Law.

General Manager Jeremy Smith explained that the City routinely has shared services agreements with local municipalities. He went on to state that passing this legislation would allow the City to utilize local municipalities in the event of an emergency before each formal agreement is passed.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jen Sawyer – 1517 Avenue A – Ms. Sawyer expressed her displeasure with residents being fined for not having lids on their trash cans. She stated that many trash can lids have been damaged by City garbage collectors. Ms. Sawyer also stated she believed the trash cans that the City is currently selling to the public are too expensive at sixty-five dollars apiece.

Peg Germano – 1124 7th Avenue – Ms. Germano congratulated Fire Chief Rob Conlen on his upcoming retirement.

She then asked for an update on work being done at the City reservoir. General Manager Smith explained that the final phase of the Water Infrastructure Improvement plan would take place this year. He also mentioned that there was money specifically budgeted in 2019 for maintenance at the City reservoir.

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban pointed out two potholes, located on 17th Street and the corner of 19th Street and 12th Avenue, in the City that should be fixed. He also stated that multiple street lights are malfunctioning on 19th Street.

General Manager Smith stated he would look into these issues.

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

Councilman Patricelli then asked General Manager Jeremy Smith if there was an update on the issue of poor lighting under the bridge on Broadway. Mr. Smith explained he was waiting on a response from the Department of Transportation.

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General Manager Jeremy Smith then requested adjourning into Executive Session to discuss legal, personnel and union matters. He further requested members of the City Council, Corporation Counsel Huban and City Clerk Scott O'Reilly be in attendance.

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

***Next Meeting: January 17, 2019 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott P. O'Reilly", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott P. O'Reilly

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 8:22pm.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning, Councilman Charles Patricelli and Councilman Frank McGrouty were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Jeremy Smith, General Manager, Scott O'Reilly, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council, and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the executive session at 8:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott P. O'Reilly

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council