MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manning at 7:02 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, Police Chief Anthony Geraci, and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

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.

September 2019 Citizen of the Month

Mayor Michael Manning presented the September 2019 Citizen of the Month to Mr. Paul Huban. Mr. Huban is a pillar of the Watervliet community. He is never afraid to speak his mind when something isn't quite right and is always the first to smile and say hello when seen out an about. Mr. Huban has helped the City in many ways and with many organizations, including but not limited to, Watervliet Housing Authority, Kid's Count, and the Watervliet City School District.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Item #1 – General Manager Jeremy Smith took this time to announce three new employee hires for the City. The first being Patrick Ebenboch, who was appointed to the Watervliet Fire Department and was already enrolled in the Fire Academy. The second was CJ Apple, who transferred from the Albany Police Department to the Watervliet Police Department. Lastly, Mr. Smith announced that Stacey Claremont had been hired to work as Secretary to the General Manager.

Mayor Manning then welcomed newly appointed Police Chief Anthony Geraci, as this was the first City Council Meeting, he attended as Police Chief.

Item #2 – General Manager Smith also announced the City recently received a "Food Scraps Grant" which will expand the City's Organic Waste Program. He explained that the grant was worth $131,000.00 and would cover the hiring of an employee to focus on the Organic Waste Program as well as an electric vehicle to pick up food scraps from participating residents.

Mr. Smith then stated that at the next City Council Meeting he would present a preliminary budget for 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2011 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that Chapter 260. Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended.

This was the second reading of this Ordinance.

General Manager Smith explained that this Ordinance would create time limit parking spaces on certain portions of Nineteenth Street.

Councilman Patricelli then made a motion to move on the Ordinance, which Councilman McGrouty seconded. A vote was taken with Councilman Patricelli and Councilman McGrouty being in favor and Mayor Manning opposed. The Ordinance passed with a 2-1 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 "Vehicle and Traffic" Article IV "Handicapped Parking" Section 260-30(B)(1) "Access Points" be amended.

General Manager Smith explained that this would create a handicapped access point at 602 Second Street, and it had been recommended by Police Chief Geraci.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9643 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute the Statement of Intent (2020 Annual Membership and Fees) that the City of Watervliet intends to renew its Stormwater Coalition membership for 2020 and will contribute to the Coalition their portion of membership dues in the amount of $18,596.00.

General Manager Smith explained that this is an annual agreement.

After a motion from Councilman Patricelli and a second from Councilman McGrouty the Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9644 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed Maintenance and Replacement of Infrastructure in the Watervliet Sewer System is a Type II action and that no further action is required and SEQR is hereby concluded for this project.

General Manager Smith explained that this review was for Combined Sewer Overflow separation project the City has attempted to get funding for in the past.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9645 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to file an application with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant and further authorizes Mayor Manning to accept and receive a grant for a Sewage Treatment Works Project.

General Manager Smith explained that this Resolution would allow the City to apply for the grant funding needed for the Combined Sewer Overflow separation project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9646 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed Maintenance and Replacement of Infrastructure in the Watervliet Drinking Water System is a Type II action and that no further action is required and SEQR is hereby concluded for this project.

General Manager Smith explained that this review was for upgrades and repairs to the City Filtration Plant.

Upon a motion from Councilman McGrouty and a second by Councilman Patricelli, the Resolution passed with a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9647 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to file an application with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant and further authorizes Mayor Manning to accept and receive a grant for the Watervliet Filter Plant Drinking Water Improvement Project.

General Manager Smith explained that this Resolution would allow the City to apply for the grant funding needed for upgrades and repairs to be made at the City Filtration Plant, which is in need of roughly three million dollars' worth of maintenance.

Councilman Patricelli asked for a timeline on this project should the City receive the grant funding. Mr. Smith explained that the City would not hear about receiving the grant until December. After that, the project would require six to eight months of preparation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9648 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the execution by Watervliet Police Chief Anthony W. Geraci of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Use and Receipt of Technology Equipment between the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the Watervliet Police Department.

Police Chief Anthony Geraci explained that his department has received two desk top computers and one lap top computer from the Albany County Sheriff's Office and that they come at no cost to the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9649 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the Watervliet Police Department and the Watervliet City School District regarding the Watervliet Police Department Handle With Care Program.

Police Chief Geraci explained that the Police Department will now notify the Watervliet City School District in the event that one of its students are exposed to trauma at home or away from school. He noted that no details or personal information will be given. The notification will serve as an indication that the student should be "handled with care" while in school.

Councilman Patricelli then stated that the City of Albany also has this program. Chief Geraci confirmed that and stated that San Antonio, Texas has it as well.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9650 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a State and Local Task Force Agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration [Albany District Office] and the Watervliet Police Department.

Police Chief Geraci explained that his department has one officer who is deputized with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) as a Task Force Officer. With this agreement the DEA agrees to reimburse $18,000.00 of overtime costs that are due to that officer's work with their agency. Chief Geraci also pointed out that the City is entitled to a portion of the forfeitures that DEA recovers during its investigations involving these Task Force Officers.

Councilman Patricelli then asked if the City loses this officer as a result of his work with the DEA. Chief Geraci explained that the officer spends the majority of his time here in the City of Watervliet completing his normal duties. When the officer is called to help on a DEA case, he reports to the head quarters located in Latham. Chief Geraci pointed out that the City is lucky to have the DEA head quarters in such close proximity if the officer is needed back in the City in a timely manner.

Upon a motion from Councilman McGrouty, which Councilman Patricelli seconded, the Resolution passed with unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9651 - 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, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of

hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2019, "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR THE 2020 CITY OF WATERVLIET BUDGET."

General Manager Smith explained that this is an annual Resolution that is passed as a placeholder in the event the upcoming years budget needs to exceed the tax cap. He also noted that many municipalities pass this type of Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9652 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Agreement between the County of Albany and the City of Watervliet Police Department regarding the STOP-DWI program.

General Manager Smith explained that this was an annual agreement with Albany County and that they will reimburse the City $9,000.00 for Officers time participating in the "Stop DWI" program.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9653 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Richard Comi d/b/a The Center for Municipal Solutions, with an address of 70 Cambridge Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077 for professional consulting services regarding T-Mobile Northeast LLC's proposed modifications to its existing telecommunications facility located at 1545 Broadway.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that T-Mobile has equipment on the roof of the Hudson Shores high rise and want to make modifications to the equipment. He stated that Mr. Comi will oversee the modifications to ensure safety and monitor the esthetics. Mr. Huban also explained that T-Mobile has issued a $5,000.00 escrow check to the City, which Mr. Comi will be paid with.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9654 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Empire Trail Work Agreement between The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, The New York State Department of Transportation, and the City of Watervliet.

General Manager Smith explained that this Resolution would allow signage to be placed in the area of Twenty-Fifth Street and Broadway for the new "Empire Trail." He also noted that

the signage will be paid for by the Department of Transportation and State Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9655 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Scott P. O'Reilly, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City, a Notice to Bidders for the Watervliet Bike Path Connection Project.

General Manager Smith explained that the advertisement would be in the newspaper on September 16th, with the bids being due on October 7th. Once the project is awarded, he stated that the work would likely carry over into 2020.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9656 - A Bond Resolution of the City of Watervliet authorizing not to exceed $5,000,000.00 aggregate principal amount of Serial General Obligation Bonds to finance the cost of Reconstruction of and Improvements to the Watervliet Filter Plant.

General Manager Smith explained that this Bond is required for the City to apply for a grant to fund the Filter Plant Project. He pointed out that the project would most likely not require the five million dollars that the bond calls for but that is the amount required for the grant application.

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

Prior to the opening of the Public Comment Period Councilman Patricelli asked for an update on the Former Dutch Reformed Church Project. General Manager Jeremy Smith explained that the final report from the engineer would be provided to him the following day so he would have a better idea of what needs to be done at that time.

Councilman Patricelli then asked if the City was planning on having a second "Bulk Garbage Week" where residents can dispose of larger items that aren't taken on normal collection days. General Manager Smith stated that the City was not planning on having a second bulk week this year. He cited reasons such as the costs associated such as tipping fees, wear and tear on the sanitation trucks and the physical toll bulk week takes on the trash collectors. Rather than having another bulk week, Mr. Smith pointed out that the City allows residents to dispose of

bulk items on the last Friday of every month if the acquire a permit from the City Clerk's office. The permit is ten dollars to be able to drop off your bulk items at the City Garage and twenty dollars for the sanitation crew to pick up the items, but that service is only for Senior Citizens.

Councilman Patricelli then stated that he is in favor of holding the second bulk week this year and asked the other members of the Council their thoughts. Mayor Manning stated he has been in favor of eliminating bulk week for some time citing that it is not environmentally friendly.

General Manager Smith then suggested changing the policy for the last Friday of the month bulk item disposal so that anyone, not just senior citizens could have their items picked up, provided they acquire the permit. Councilman McGrouty suggested increasing the fee for the bulk item permits.

Councilman Patricelli then stated he would like to have a discussion with Sanitation Department Supervisor Chris Daus to gauge how opening the bulk item pick up option to more than senior citizens would affect his staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lionel Goodrow – 2105 4th Avenue – Mr. Goodrow made a comment about Police Department overtime and asked if the City had enough officers.

He then stated that not everyone who puts their trash cans out without a lid gets a ticket but that the rule should apply to everyone.

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban expressed a complaint about filing a Freedom of Information request with the City Clerk's office and not receiving a response in the required five days.

Mr. Huban also stated there are numerous potholes that need to be address throughout the City and that the Sixteenth Street Boulevards still have to be tended to,

Lastly, Mr. Huban expressed concerns over the work National Grid does within the City. He asked if anyone from the City monitors them when they are digging up City streets.

Joe Early – 1327 4th Avenue – Mr. Early stated he was in favor of the proposed parking Ordinance in front of Vera's Tailoring shop located on Nineteenth Street. Councilman Patricelli informed Mr. Early that the Ordinance passed earlier in the meeting.

With there being no further comments Mayor Manning closed the Public Comment Period. Councilman Patricelli then mad a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second from Councilman McGrouty, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

***Next Meeting: September 26, 2019 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott P. O'Reilly

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council