

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manning at 7:03 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Manning, Councilman Patricelli, and Councilman McGrouty were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Acting City Manager Mark Spain, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley, Director of Finance Mike McNeff, Police Lieutenant. Brian Strock 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.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Officers and Committees

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING # 1 – A Public Hearing for the purposes of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for Housing Rehabilitation in the amount of \$500,000 with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons.

City Clerk Dave Wheatley presented information regarding the City's submission of a Housing Rehabilitation grant which is due December 6, 2019.

Tim Weaver – 1436 1st Avenue – Mr. Weaver asked if this grant was only for one or two-family owner-occupied homes throughout the City. Mr. Wheatley advised that was correct.

Don Whitehead – 1921 8th Avenue – Mr. Whitehead advised that he was in favor of the City's submission of this grant.

ORDINANCE No. 2013 – SECOND READING - 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 rates for the water billing periods of November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 and May 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020

Paul Huban – Questioned whether a flat fee was considered for 2020 instead of the 12% increase. Mayor Manning advised that this was not under consideration at this time as this was not the public hearing. He also advised that this was not proposed during the public hearing for consideration.

Councilman McGrouty stated that he believes the rate should be raised between either 5 or 5 1/2 % as there are too many seniors in the City and the 12% increase was too high for them.

Councilman Patricelli made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty. Mayor Manning and Councilman Patricelli voted to approve the resolution and Councilman McGrouty voted against.

ORDINANCE No. 2014 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York directing and authorizing the City Clerk to advertise that the City of Watervliet will sell certain surplus vehicles.

Acting City Manager Mark Spain advised that the vehicles needed to be offered for auction first and then if there were no bids at auction the City could scrap the vehicles. He advised that there were 12 vehicles in total. Mr. Spain advised that 4 of these vehicles were previously offered up for auction but the City did not receive any bids.

Upon a motion from Councilman Patricelli and seconded by Councilman McGrouty the motion was approved 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 9674 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the issuance of \$406,000 in serial bonds to finance a capital project described in the combined sewer overflow long term control plan

Mike McNeff this is required to apply to EFC as the City's percentage to finance for the Beaver Creek portion of the CSO project of the long-term control plan.

Mayor Manning explained how the CSO Pool Communities was created and the benefits the City of Watervliet receives for being part of this program.

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

Resolution No. 9675 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County of Albany and the City of Watervliet regarding a Joint Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

Acting City Manager Mark Spain advised this agreement allowed the City's lead hostage negotiator to work with the County of Albany which will enhance his skills and allows for additional job training and experience.

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

Resolution No. 9676 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid from Holland Chemical Company, Inc., 153 Holland Avenue, Adams, MA 01220 in the amount of \$0.165/wet lb. for the year 2020, \$0.175/wet lb. for the year 2021, and \$0.185/wet lb. for the year 2022 for the furnishing of Polyaluminum Chloride to the City of Watervliet Water Department, the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications; and Mayor Michael P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute a contract with Holland Chemical Co., Inc.

The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid from Carus LLC

(f/k/a Carus Corporation, 315 Fifth Street, Peru, IL in the amount of \$1.04/lb. for the year 2020, \$1.06/lb. for the year 2021, and \$1.08/lb. for the year 2022 for the furnishing of Zinc Phosphate to the City of Watervliet Water Department, the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications; and Mayor Michael P. Manning be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute a contract with Carus LLC.

Acting City Manager Mark Spain advised that these chemicals are put out to bid every year to treat the City's water. He advised that the City did not receive any bids for Chlorine which was also in the bid specs. The City will go back out to bid for Chlorine.

Councilman Patricelli asked whether it was necessary to have these chemicals bid for 3-years each time. Mark advised that he would discuss this with Dave Dressel.

Upon a motion by Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli this motion passed 3-0.

Resolution No. 9677 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the amended Albany County

Inter-Municipal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding to Continue an Existing Coalition for Cooperation on Issues Related to Stormwater Management, finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action, and based upon its thorough review of the

potential areas of environmental concern and its completion of the Short EAF Part II, hereby concludes that the proposed project will result in no significant adverse impacts to the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared, and makes a negative determination of environmental significance in accordance with SEQR and issues a Negative Declaration.

Mayor Manning read into record the SEQR Negative Declaration for the Stormwater Management agreement which showed that all questions on the questionnaire were answered “No”.

Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban advised that the next resolution would be for the Mayor to enter into an agreement to continue as part of the Stormwater Coalition. The SEQR process is required to enter in to that agreement.

Upon a motion from Councilman Patricelli which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty this resolution passed 3-0.

Resolution No. 9678 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute an amended Albany County Inter-Municipal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding to Continue an Existing Coalition for Cooperation on Issues Related to Stormwater Management.

There was no discussion on this resolution.

Upon a motion by Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli this resolution passed 3-0.

Resolution No. 9679 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on November 20, 2019, for one (1) HITCHDOC HDS 9200 HYDRAULIC SNOW BLOWER for the City of Watervliet Department of Public Works. Specifications for this item will be on file and publicly exhibited at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 during normal business hours. The Council of the City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding or to reject any or all bids submitted.

Acting City Manager Mark Spain indicated that this is for a snowblower that would go on to the City’s large loader. This resolution is necessary for the City to go out to bid to purchase this item.

Councilman Patricelli inquired if this item was on State Contract or not. Highway Supervisor Mark Cady indicated that there were issues whether or not this was purchased on state contract or not, so it was determined to go out to bid.

Mr. Huban asked if the orange snowblower the City currently has could be fixed. Mr. Cady indicated that the price would be approximately the same.

Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty this resolution passed 3-0.

Resolution No. 9680 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and adopts the Mission Statement of the City of Watervliet Tree Committee.

Mark Spain advised that this mission statement was created by the tree committee to give a better understanding of their roles and assists in future grant applications.

Upon a motion by Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli this motion passed 3-0.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

Prior to the opening of the Public Comment Period the following items were discussed.

- Councilman Patricelli thanked the voters in the City of Watervliet for their support during the recent election.
- The Councilman spoke about the Tree Committee's ceremony which was held earlier that day in conjunction with Capital Roots.

Mayor Manning advised that the City accepted their Climate Smart Community recertification from DEC at this ceremony as well.

- Councilman Patricelli asked City Clerk Dave Wheatley to report on the status of the work being done on the Church on 1st Avenue. Mr. Wheatley advised that work had begun on the foundation and roof this week and it is anticipated that it will take approximately three weeks to complete. He advised that the building has been determined to be structurally sound once the work is completed.

Mr. Huban inquired as to what uses the City had in mind for the church. Councilman Patricelli advised that Mr. Huban would be on the committee to determine the use of the church. Mr. Huban recommended that the building be torn down to accommodate the parking needs in the area.

- Councilman Patricelli inquired if anyone has reached out to Colonie in regard to the proposed project of repaving 8th Street in the City. Mayor Manning indicated that Jeremy had previously had discussions with Colonie on this project with nothing being determined at that time. Mark Spain indicated that he would start that process again.
- Mark Spain indicated that the City recently met with the NYS Department of Transportation in regard to the City's Bike Trail project. A discussion was held on the disparity of the lowest bid which was approximately \$500,000 more than the grant. DOT has advised that they will supply the City with the additional funding, but this funding would be part of the Marchiselli funding program.

As part of this program 80% of the funding will be grant, 15% is through the Marchiselli program and 5% is the City's cost. Due to the funding cycles for the Marchiselli program the City will be required to cover the entire 20% match up-front and will then be reimbursed once the money becomes available.

Mr. Weaver inquired as to whether or not it was known before the bids that the bids would be hire then the funding the City was to receive. He also inquired as to why the trees were taken down before the bids were given out.

Mayor Manning advised that construction was slated to begin this year, so the trees were removed. They will be replaced upon completion of the work.

- Mark Spain indicated that the City will begin removing Veteran's Banners next Tuesday for the season and the plan is to leave the brackets in place from 19th Street to the north the City will remove the brackets from 19th Street to the south. This will be assessed in the spring to see if the brackets will stay up during the winter months. This will help with labor costs in the spring when the banners are reinstalled.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Peg Germano – 1124 7th Avenue – Ms. Germano asked for clarification on the increase in the rate as it pertained to Ordinance 2013. Councilman McGrouty advised that the increase was 12%. Ms. Germano also inquired about the status of the reservoir and the water chestnuts. She also asked how to find out about the presentations prior to the council meetings. Councilman McGrouty advised that there was a list of dates and times that were announced at previous meetings. Councilman Patricelli advised that this evenings meeting was the last one in regards to the City's budget.

Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue – Mr. Huban inquired at the status of the boulevards on 16th Street in Watervliet. He also asked about how the City would address the pothole situation in the City. Mark Cady asked Mr. Huban to send him a list of the potholes that he sees in the City and his office will address.

Councilman Patricelli advised that he is looking into establishing a new work order system for the City which would address issues such as this.

Mayor Mike Manning then requested to adjourn in to Executive Session to discuss a labor issue. He further requested members of the City Council, Acting City Manager Mark Spain, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley, Director of Finance Mike McNeff, Police Lieutenant Brian Strock and Adjunct Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer to be present.

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 7:46 PM.

***Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:56pm.

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

Also present from City Administration were: Acting City Manager Mark Spain, Dave Wheatley, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Director of Finance Mike McNeff, Police Lieutenant Brian Strock and Adjunct Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer to be present.

The Council and administration discussed a labor issue. There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

A motion was made to adjourn the executive session at 8:27 PM.