

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

*****Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held via video conference*****

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilwoman Diamond and Councilman Torncello were present.

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Acting Chief of Police Brian Strock, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley.

Before the meeting began Mayor Charles Patricelli swore in Councilwoman Barbara Diamond who was re-elected in November 2020

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 12-17-2020 and 12-29-2020 Council Meetings which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke to the council on the following issues:

- Introduced Brian Kremer and Lauren McCloskey from Goldberger & Kremer as the City's new Corporation Counsel.
- The Congress Street Bridge study that is being undertaken by the City of Watervliet and the City of Troy is continuing and the joint meetings are producing many great ideas. There will be a virtual public meeting regarding the study on January 13, 2021 beginning at 6:00PM
- The General Manager Notes is a new feature on city's Facebook and website pages which will provide residents with information on upcoming events in the City of Watervliet.
- Mr. LaCivita announced that the Bulk Item Pick-up dates have been released and will be January 22, February 19, March 26, April 23, May 21 and June 18
- The Village of Green Island turned on their water connection with the City of Watervliet and have been taking about 300 gallons a day for about a week due to construction work being done on Elm Street. Per Dave Dressel in the Water Department there is no concern for the City's water supply with this additional usage.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

*****The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby calls a public hearing for Thursday January 21,2021 for 7:00pm regarding proposed changes to Chapter 233 entitled Shopping Carts of the City Code*****

RESOLUTION NO. 9798 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the Order of Business for the Council of the City of Watervliet, New York for the Year 2021.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9799 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates that regular meetings of the Council during the Year 2021 will be held at either the J. Leo O’Brien Facility, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York 12189 or Watervliet City Court, #2-15th Street Watervliet, New York 12189 or via electronic media at Seven O’clock P.M. on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9800 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates the Troy Record as the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet for the Year 2021.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9801 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and permits City Officials to attend meetings and conferences held during the Year 2021 and delegates the Director of Finance to establish mileage reimbursement

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9802 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli, in consultation with the General Manager and the appropriate City Department Heads, to enter into agreements with Albany County, the City of Cohoes, the Village of Green Island, 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 §119-0; and the terms and conditions of such agreements are subject to review and approval by the City’s Corporation Counsel.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9803 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the 2021 Animal Shelter Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, New York 12204 for a 30-day period and not to exceed 90 days beginning January 1, 2021 and ending on March 31, 2021 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9804 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates Pioneer Commercial Bank as the official depository for City funds during the Year 2021.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9805 - 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, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this ordinance passed 3-0.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

- Director of Finance Amanda Austin advised the Council that the tax bills will be going out to residents soon.

Before the Public Comment period City Manager Joe LaCivita discussed the Covid-19 pandemic and advised that the city is taking every effort to protect residents and employees. He advised that there are a couple of employees currently under quarantine and the city is looking to have some departments tested as a group for further protection.

Acting Police Chief Brian Strock advised that the Watervliet Police Department is working with EMS Coordinator Tom Corcoran in the Fire Department to move the City's police officers moved into the 1B category which would allow them to be vaccinated sooner.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Kandy Frey, 709 25th Street
- Paul Hughes, 108 15th Street

After the public comment period Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. This motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:00 P.M.

*****This meeting will be held virtually*****

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk