

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 7:01 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, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Acting Police Chief Brian Strock and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2-4-2021 Council Meeting 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:

- On 11/19/2020 the Council passed Ordinance 2036 giving the City Manager the authority to sell surplus City owned vehicles. Per that ordinance Mr. LaCivita is selling the 2009 Ford Econoline ambulance for \$1,000.
- The City has purchased two new plows for the City pick-up trucks, and they will be installed upon delivery.
- Mr. LaCivita advised that he is working with developer's on re-development projects for the old Papa's Restaurant and School 9 sites in the City. He will advise the council as these moves forward.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the City of Watervliet's community development needs and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2020 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M. and a presentation was given by Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley on the City's CDBG activities and the applications the City intends to submit.

Public comments were made by the following:

- Jerry Crucetti 499 Broadway

With no other comments the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the final report of the Watervliet Police Policy Review Committee (WPPRC). This report was required under Executive Order 203 signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo on June 12th, 2020.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M.

City Manager Joe LaCivita and Acting Police Chief Brian Strock provided an overview of the process and the final report to the public.

There were no public comments.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 P.M.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

Before the Public Comment Mayor Patricelli thanked everyone for listening his State of the City address which he gave prior to the City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jerry Crucetti – 499 Broadway
- Greg Pecchio – 973 Broadway
- Amanda Austin – 2 15th Street

Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0.

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk