

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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 1-21-2021 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:

- Provided the council with a recap of the city's cleanup efforts from the recent snowstorm.
- Announced upcoming Civil Service exams to be held for the Fire Department and Code Enforcement. Dates of the exam to be announced.
- Mr. LaCivita participated in a conference call earlier in the day to discuss FEMA relief for COVID expenses with the possibility of the City being reimbursed back to January 2020.
- City Hall is looking into have a new door security system installed for City Hall and the Police and Fire Departments. The City is looking into having this cost being paid for as part of a grant.
- Updated the Council on the issues the City has been having with the hydro plant due to design issues. The City will apply for credit for expenditures due to these issues with Gomez and Sullivan Engineers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby calls a public hearing for Thursday February 18, 2021 for 7:00pm for a presentation from the Watervliet Police Policy Review Committee

LOCAL LAW #1 for 2021 - A local law to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 233 Shopping Carts. This amendment allows City to collect, retain and invoice retail establishments in future.

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

RESOLUTION 9806 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes a resolution authorizing and approving the transfer, not to exceed \$12,000.00, from the Equipment Reserve (HRA) to be used for the purchase of and installation of two (2) Fisher 8' x 6' XVS MS Snowplows 2021 to be installed on 2 existing Ford F250 trucks already owned by City.

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

RESOLUTION 9807 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Watervliet and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the installation of security cameras in light/telephone poles.

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

RESOLUTION 9808 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Watervliet and NYS Department of Transportation for work within or on the right of way.

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

RESOLUTION 9809 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Watervliet and Capital District Transportation Authority setting forth the terms and condition for the installation of security cameras.

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

RESOLUTION 9810 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby calls a public hearing for Thursday February 18, 2021 for 7:00pm for the purpose of hearing public comments on the City of Watervliet's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications

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 updated the Council on the following:

- The finance department has changed software providers to Edmunds GovTech software. They are working out any issues as they come up.
- The Building and City Clerk departments are currently working with Edmunds GovTech to get their software packages installed.
- The City received 85% of the payment due from the Financial Restructuring Board for the first FERC portion. The finance department is waiting to hear from the FRB regarding the software portion of the FRB grant. The FRB has not met since the COVID-19 pandemic began. At this time there are no meeting dates scheduled.

Before the Public Comment Mayor Patricelli advised of the following:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Doug Marsceill - 123 2nd Street

After the public comment period City Manager Joe LaCivita made a request for the Council to go into Executive Session. He also requested Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer and Lauren McCluskey to join the session.

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

The meeting was adjourned to the Executive Session at 7:48 P.M.

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

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021 7:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 7:55 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Charles V. Patricelli, Councilman Peter Torncello and
Councilwoman Barbara Diamond were present.

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Corporation Counsel
Brian Kremer and Lauren McCluskey.

The Council and administration discussed personnel matters.

There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Torncello which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond
to adjourn the executive session which was passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk & Clerk to the Council