

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST, 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, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer and Lauren McCloskey for Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, and 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 3-18-2021 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:

- New Police Chief Joseph Centanni will be sworn in tomorrow at the Watervliet Senior Center at 3:00PM. Due to the limited space the event will be live streamed on Facebook.
- Mr. LaCivita thanked Acting Chief Brian Strock for the job he did over the last 10-months while filling the chief's position. Mayor Patricelli, Councilman Torncello and Councilwoman Diamond thanked Lt. Strock as well.
- Mr. LaCivita thanked Mike Testo, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the many volunteers that turned out to build beds for those in need last Saturday at the Dome.
- Two DPW trucks were outfitted for plows and will be ready for next winter and the City will be purchasing a new box truck for the Water Department which will also be able to plow when necessary.
- Phase 2 of the Lead Line Replacement grant program will be available to the public soon.

- The Congress Street Bridge Study final report is anticipated to be released soon.
- City Hall will reopen to the public on Monday, April 5th.
- The next City Council meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 15th, will be held in-person at the Watervliet Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 9816 – The Council of the City of Watervliet authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to file a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal FY 2020 Housing Rehabilitation Program.

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

RESOLUTION 9817 - The Council of the City of Watervliet authorizes approving and ratifying an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Troy and Banks Utility and Telecommunications Consultants 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 9818 – The Council of the City of Watervliet authorizes approving agreement between the City of Watervliet and Troy and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (d/b/a National Grid) resolving all claims related to billing error and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

RESOLUTION 9819 – The Council of the City of Watervliet authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to file a grant application under the 2021 NYS Consolidated Funding Application and the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli accept and receive such grants for community development purposes.

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 spoke to the council on the following items:

- Ms. Austin advised that the City has received 95% of the 1st payments for the FERC relicensing grant from the FRB. The City has also submitted for the first part of the Worker's Comp grant from the FRB for being self-insured. It is likely the City will receive 95% of that. At this time, it is unknown if the City will receive the remaining 5% of either grant but Amanda is hopeful.
- Ms. Austin advised that the City is currently looking into how to apply for the 2nd payments for these grant programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:00 P.M.
This meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk