

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, 7:00 P.M.

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 Police Chief Joseph Centanni 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 4-1-2021 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

* * *

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

The City honored Michelle Wooten, the Redemption Church and all its members for their contribution to the city with their food distribution program they ran during the Covid-19 pandemic.

* * *

*** Before the meeting began Mayor Patricelli introduced the new Chief of Police for the City of Watervliet, Joseph Centanni

***Lindsay Zefting of Alta Planning & Design presented the Council with the final draft of the recently completed Congress Street Bridge Study.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

- The City is working with the Department of Environmental Conservation on the Goose program at Hudson Shores Park.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding Hudson Shores Park with the Department of State regarding potential changes to a study the City is undertaking.
- The City is anticipating opening the City pool unless Covid-19 guidance changes. Mr. LaCivita advised that with the pool opening the City has summer job opportunities available for lifeguards.
- The City was notified that they are receiving \$895,000 for road improvements and Mr. LaCivita and Mr. Patricelli attended a meeting to discuss potential uses of this funding earlier in the day.
- Updated the council on the upcoming paving plan for the City.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2043 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Section 260-30(C) “Sign Locations” of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

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

RESOLUTION 9820 – A Resolution approving the hiring of Jefferson Solutions, Inc. to perform the required GASB 75 actuarial valuation and authorizing and directing Mayor Charles V, Patricelli to execute a contract regarding same.

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

ORDINANCE N0 2044 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Section 279-2 “Additional Fees” of the Code of the City of Watervliet

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

None

***Chief Centanni provided the Council with an update on his first week in the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue
- Don Whitehead – 1921 8th Avenue

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 7:54 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 6th, 2021 7:00 P.M.
This meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk