

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JUNE 17th, 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 of Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, 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 6-3-2021 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

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**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

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

- Advised the council that preparations of the city pool are continuing. The pool is scheduled to open on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The city's bulk item drop off event will be held tomorrow from 6AM to 2PM at the Hudson Shores Park.
- The DRI presentation by The Chazen Companies will be given at the council meeting on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The RFPs for the city's stump removal program and church feasibility study were sent out last week.
- Updated the council on the striping phase of the Bike Path project

Mayor Patricelli spoke to the council on the following issues:

- The Arsenal City Run is scheduled for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
- The splash pads are now open throughout the city. The mayor thanked the volunteers who are operating them.
- Improvements to Hudson Shores Park continue as new swings were installed recently.
- The painting of the fence around the city pool will be completed on Friday. This is part of an Eagle Scout project for Ben Martini from Troop 1078.

- Pool passes are now available for purchase.
- The city is exploring the possibility of a Veteran's Day program this year.
- Updated the council on the city's FERC re-licensing.
- Relay for Life will be held in person this year on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Watervliet High School from 5PM to 9PM
- The dates for the City Council meetings for July and August have been changed. The July meeting will be Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and the August meeting will be Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will begin at 7:00PM. There will be only (1) meeting for these two months.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Public Hearing regarding the City of Watervliet's community development needs and to discuss the possible submission of one of more Community Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2021 program year.

The public hearing began at 7:05PM with a Power Point presentation by Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley.

The following residents spoke:

Paul Huban, 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet

The public hearing closed at 7:26PM

Public Hearing regarding the City of Watervliet's Public Facilities Grant #1210PF64-17 for work done at the Watervliet Community Center located at 1501 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189

The public hearing began at 7:27PM with a Power Point presentation by Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley.

The following residents spoke:

Paul Huban, 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet

The public hearing was closed at 7:37PM

**LOCAL LAW # 3** – Introduction by Mayor Patricelli of a Local Law to Amend Section 30 of the Charter of the City of Watervliet

Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer introduced Local Law # 3 to the council and the public and advised of the steps that are required to be taken before a vote can be taken to pass this into law.

**RESOLUTION 9826** – A Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Weston & Sampson, PE, LS, LA, PC regarding project No.7406-01-00 (Combined Sewer Outflow elimination).

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

**RESOLUTION 9827** - A Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Weston & Sampson, PE, LS, LA, PC regarding project No. 18535 (Water Filtration Plant structural, infrastructure and process improvements).

*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 gave the council an overview of the city's finances from 2020 and through the first 5 ½ months of 2021.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue
- Don Whitehead – 1921 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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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 8:19 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
David C. Wheatley  
Deputy City Clerk