

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 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 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 5-6-2021 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:

- The city has hired Joe Fiacco to work in the Refuse & Recycling department and Jennie Marzio as a Senior Accountant in the Finance Department. Both begin work on June 7th. The city brought back Marlo Ellis to work in the Finance Department as well. She previously worked in the City Clerk's office.
- The Watervliet Police Department has promoted Matthew Rimmer to the rank of Sergeant.
- On Saturday, June 5th the city will hold an exam for a Code Enforcement Officer for the Building and Codes department. The city brought back Steve Hoffman to work part-time in that department.
- Updated the council on the status of the paving of the Bike Path.
- Mr. LaCivita gave the council an update on the work being done on the city pool in preparation for this upcoming season along with the plans for staffing for the pool.
- Updated the council regarding progress of the Bell Memorial being constructed at the corner of 19th Street and 2nd Avenue.
- City submitted a SAMS grant application for 4 items to Senator Neil Breslin. The awards will be announced in the coming weeks.

Mayor Patricelli spoke to the council on the following issues:

- On Sunday, June 6th, two scouts from Troop 1078 in Loudonville will be completing their Eagle Scout projects in the city. Frank Schaefer will be painting the fence around the city pool and clearing the leaves and weeds around the perimeter. Matt Martini will be landscaping around the Bell Memorial on 2nd and 19th Street.
- There were approximately 60 people that attended the Memorial Day Service at the Watervliet Veteran's Memorial Park. Councilwoman Diamond commended the city's department of public works for how the parks appearance that day.
- The city will receive (4) trees as part of the National Grid Tree Grant that the city received. The city will receive approximately (110) trees through the grant.
- The city will be going out to bid for 219 stump removals throughout the city as part of a grant program.
- Updated the Council on removal of the equipment at Brotherhood Park.
- The Mayor spoke to the Council regarding the Mutual Aid costs for the city's public safety departments.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 9822 – A Resolution amending the annual budget for 2020.

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

RESOLUTION 9823 - A Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on 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.

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

RESOLUTION 9824 – A Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing regarding the City of Watervliet’s Public Facilities Grant #1210PF64-17 for work done at the Watervliet Community Center located at 1501 1st Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189

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

RESOLUTION 9825 – A Resolution appointing Matthew Beeble to the City of Watervliet Tree Committee

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Paul Huban – 1500 12th 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 7:41 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 17th, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk