

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael P. Manning at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Michael P. Manning, Councilwoman Fogarty and Councilman Foglia were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Mark Gleason General Manager, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Fire Chief Conlen, Acting Police Chief Lt. Spain and Jeremy Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for April 7, 2016 and April 15, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that spring 2016 Bulk Week totals were 150 Tons. This has been the lowest Spring Bulk Week since the inception of the program. This was the 8th spring bulk week; there have been 16 total bulk weeks. Mr. Gleason further stated that he wants to remind residents that they may get rid of bulk items on the last Friday of each month by obtaining a \$10 permit from the City Clerk and bring the bulk items to the DPW. Seniors may have bulk items picked up at their residence on the last Friday of the month for \$20.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the Water Department starts the City's annual Spring Flush on April 22nd. The flush will run until approximately May 30. The flush forces water through the water main pipes at a high velocity, removing all accumulated mineral sediment and biofilm. Biofilm is a collection of organic and inorganic, living and dead material that may cling to the inside of water pipes. Mr. Gleason stated that the flush eliminates all sediment and biofilm. Residents may notice a discoloring of their water when the lines are flushed on their block. Mr. Gleason advised that if the discoloring occurs, we ask that you run your water for 5 minutes, if after 5 minutes your water is still discolored, we ask that you call the Water Department @785-7082.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING #1 – A Public Hearing concerning the proposed discontinuance of a portion of 20th Street in which all persons interested may be heard in opposition to or in favor of such discontinuance.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and explained that this hearing was in regards to a portion of a street that runs from Broadway to Second Avenue by Parker Brothers Funeral Home and Pioneer Bank.

A comment was made by a resident that did not pertain to the discontinuance of the street and the resident was asked to return at the next meeting for the proper public hearing.

With there being no further comment, Mayor Manning closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 – A Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 and the rules of the New York State Citizens Participation Program for the purpose of reporting to the City Council and the public on the progress and effectiveness of NYS OCR 2014 Economic Development Grant 1210ED16-14 and allow persons as which to be heard to comment regarding said housing grant.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and introduced Paul Murphy to give a presentation.

Mr. Murphy thanked the Mayor and the Council and explained that he was representing the Community Revitalization department of the City of Watervliet. Mr. Murphy presented the results of a previous grant awarded to Extreme Molding Manufacturing Co. which is located inside the Arsenal. The presentation is available upon request at the City Clerk's Office.

With there being no further comment, Mayor Manning closed the Public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING #3 – A Public Hearing purpose of obtaining citizen feedback and comments on the community and economic needs which to be heard in reference to an Economic Development grant application for Extreme Molding Manufacturing Co. through the submission to the New York State Office of Community Renewal and pursuant to Community Development Block Grant Program guidelines and regulations.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and introduced Paul Murphy.

Mr. Murphy thanked the Mayor and the Council and explained that he was representing the Community Revitalization department of the City of Watervliet. Mr. Murphy presented the proposal for a grant application by Extreme Molding Manufacturing Co. which is located inside the Arsenal. Mr. Murphy explained that this and other grants are available for businesses within the City of Watervliet. The presentation is available upon request at the City Clerk's Office.

Councilman Foglia asked if there were any other businesses that had inquired about applying for such grants.

Mr. Murphy said that he could not answer that question and that it should be answered by the Department Head.

Mayor Manning stated that he did not believe that there were any other inquiries.

With there being no further comment, Mayor Manning closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING #4 – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the City of Watervliet acting as the lead agency in the environmental review of the 2016 Comprehensive Capital Grant Program for the Watervliet Housing Authority.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and explained that this is a yearly occurrence which allows the Housing Authority to apply for grants.

Housing Authority Director Matt Ethier stated that at this time the only project that the Housing Authority is planning to apply for is a water line.

With there being no further comment, Mayor Manning closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1959 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet discontinuing a portion of Twentieth Street, more particularly described as a strip of land approximately 50 feet wide and 103.70 feet long. Prior to voting City Clerk Jeremy Smith announced that this was the first reading of this ordinance and it would not be voted on tonight.

Mayor Manning added that there was no comment in regards to this ordinance during the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1960 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that the code of the City of Watervliet Section 260 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” Article VIII “SCHEDULES” Section 260.53 “Schedule XVII: Parking or Standing Prohibited Certain Hours” be amended to add a sign from the southwest corner of 25th Street and 3rd Avenue, 110 feet south to the driveway of the parking lot on the South side of 2431 3rd Avenue. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1961 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet providing that the code of the City of Watervliet Section 260 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” Article IV “HANDICAPPED PARKING” Section 260.30(C) “SIGN LOCATIONS” be amended to add a sign at 1809 9th Avenue. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9268 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to file an application under the Community Development Block Grant Program and further authorizes the Mayor to accept and receive a grant for community development purposes. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9269 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby agrees to be the lead agency in the environmental review of the 2016 Comprehensive Capital Grant Program for the Watervliet Housing Authority. The Council of the City of Watervliet is hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed Short EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution and to complete and sign the Request for Release of Funds and Certification. Prior to voting Mayor Manning noted that there was no negative comment during the Public Hearing. Mayor Manning then read through the SEQRA review paperwork. Upon a motion by

Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Matt Ethier – Watervliet Housing Authority Director – Mr. Ethier stated that he was present today to represent citizens whom live in the Watervliet Housing Authority and are concerned about the plans for the new Stewarts at the current Pioneer Bank location. Mr. Ethier stated that the gas pump location, lighting and traffic are all concerns of the residents and families that live in the Michael J. Day apartments. Mr. Ethier continued by stating that all understand that the planning and Zoning Board meetings are the venues to express the concerns but that he wanted to make the Council aware of the concerns.

Amanda Austin – 4 Grotto Court – Ms. Austin began by thanking City Officials for allowing her and a few others to have a tag day on the City streets to help raise money for the Relay for Life Fundraiser. Ms. Austin then stated that she is still hopeful that the City Council and School Board meetings will be changed to be on different dates.

General Manager Mark Gleason responded to a public comment from a previous meeting in which it was asked if a crosswalk could be place on 19th street at 7th Avenue. Mr. Gleason explained that NYSDOT had and still has a say in the street. The reason that a crosswalk was not placed there originally was that the sidewalk cuts do not line up with a crosswalk and that the “bump outs” were designed to allow for safer crossing at those specific blocks where there are street lights.

With there being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council