

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, City Clerk/Clerk to the Council Jeremy Smith, Fire Chief Conlen, and Acting Police Chief Lt. Spain.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for July 21, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that the City of Watervliet will implement a work order/issue procedure based on the work order system at the WHA. Residents will be able to call City Hall with problems or items that are in need of repair or replacement. The City Hall employee taking the call will be able to pull up a screen that will allow the repair/replacement to be recorded and forwarded onto the proper department. The repair can then be tracked to ensure items will be completed in a timely manner. Mr. Gleason gave an example that previously a resident called in that there was graffiti on the door of the vacant Cumberland Farms Store on 19th street. Once the work order system is in place a city hall employee will receive the call, complete the work order, and e-mail the work order to the correct department. The department head will then schedule the repair/replacement.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that the demolition of the Warehouse at 329 Broadway is complete. The material has been removed.

ITEM #3 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that on Monday of this week the Green Infrastructure project on R.t 32 (3rd Ave in Port Schuyler) began. The project is expected to last into late fall (late October-early November). The project is part of our CSO agreement with the Albany Pool Communities and the DEC.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1964 – An Ordinance: (1) Approving the development plans for a certain parcel of real property owned by the City of Watervliet being a portion of Twentieth Street more particularly described in Ordinance No. 1963 of the Council of the City of Watervliet; (2) Designating a successful bidder pursuant to Ordinance No. 1963; and (3) Authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a certain purchase contract with the successful bidder for the purchase and sale of the property described in Ordinance No. 1963, in the form appended hereto and conveying title to the property to the successful bidder. Prior to voting, Mayor Manning read through the SEQRA short form. After reading through the form a question from the floor was posed to the Council as to why the answer would be no to traffic impact with the proposed plans likely adding traffic flow in the area. Mayor Manning stated that the portion sold is a City Street and should not be affected by the purchase. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Mayor Manning, this Ordinance was approved by a 2-0-1 vote. Councilwoman Fogarty Abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 1966 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet Providing that Section 260-47 Schedule XI: Yield Intersections be amended to remove signs from the northwest/southeast corner of the intersection of 4th Avenue and 16th street and the Northwest corner of 5th Avenue and 16th Street. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty seconded by Councilman Foglia this Ordinance was unanimously approved and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1967 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet Providing that Section 260-46 Schedule X: Stop Intersections be amended to erect and maintain stop signs at the northwest/southeast corner of the intersection of 4th Avenue and 16th street and the Northwest corner of 5th Avenue and 16th Street. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Ordinance was unanimously is approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9281 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute a final application on behalf of the City of Watervliet with the Office of Community Renewal for CDBG Grants or grants pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute any contract and/or agreements with the Office of Community Renewal in connection with the 2016 CDBG program application. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9282 – The Council of the city of Watervliet hereby appoints Michael McNeff, residing at 1121 24th Street, Watervliet, New York 12189, to the position of Director of Finance for the City of Watervliet, New York effective August 8, 2016. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9283 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of \$42,301.67 from the Fire Payroll Account (A3410.1001) to the Fire Special Wages Account (A3410.1005) for the 207A wages paid for the months of January thru June 2016. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9284 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the transfer of \$54,361.97 from the Police Payroll Account (A3120.1001) to the Police Special Wages Account (A3120.1005) for the 207C wages paid for the months of January thru June 2016. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Pat Snyder – 1450 1st Avenue – Mr. Snyder asked what can be done about his neighbors weeds encroaching on his property so much that they reach his kitchen window. Mr. Snyder also asked to have his alley patched because it is very bad.

Charles Patricelli – 720 7th Avenue – Mr. Patricelli first asked if the City performs employee evaluations.

Mr. Patricelli asked to view the contract with the broker for the gas and electric.

Mr. Patricelli asked about a possible date for the workshop on Delta Dam project.

Mayor Manning stated that he was working with the consultant on the project to set a date for a workshop.

Mr. Patricelli asked if there was anything being done for the treatment of the City's water supply specifically for the Reservoir and the water tank.

Mr. Patricelli asked what was being done in regards to the City's Nuisance law.

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Amanda Austin – 4 Grotto Court – Amanda asked if the Deputy Director of Finance position that was posted for would still be filled since the person appointed was appointed as Director and not Deputy.

Mayor Manning stated that the search found someone qualified to be Director and that at this time the deputy position would not be filled.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next Meeting: September 1, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council