

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll call showed that Mayor 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, Director of Finance Michael McNeff, Fire Chief Conlen, Police Chief Spain.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the City Council minutes as written for October 6, 2016.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**ITEM #1** – General Manager Mark Gleason introduced Eric Lerner from the Schuyler Companies. Mr. Lerner presented plans once again to the Council to remove trees on Broadway and 16<sup>th</sup> Street by the previous first Niagara location. Mr. Lerner stated that he was willing to fix up the entire corner including the City owned sidewalks and complete landscaping.

**ITEM #2** – General Manager mark Gleason announced the annual curfew for Halloween night. Mr. Gleason stated that the Police Department would be enforcing the curfew. The curfew prohibits all young persons under the age of 18 from being on Streets, avenues, Parks and public right of ways within the City from 10:00pm on October 31 until 6:00am on November 1.

**ITEM #3** – General Manger Mark Gleason introduced Chief Spain to talk about the Vacant Properties. Chief Spain stated that there was a meeting of all stake holders from the City including all department heads, at City Hall. The discussion included previous actions, the new Zombie Law and the future of vacant buildings. Chief Spain stated the many issues that are caused by vacant properties. Chief Spain announced that the stakeholders will continue to meet until this critical situation has been resolved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9292** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby adopts an energy benchmarking policy requiring that certain Municipal Building in the City of Watervliet have their energy usage tracked and a report be prepared by the General Manager and presented to the City Council on an annual basis. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9293** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit with the stipulations that the City reserves the right to a full engineering review of the proposed installation prior to the issuance of a permit and that the proposed installation is in compliance with the Code of the City of Watervliet including but not limited to Chapter 272. Zoning and further authorizes Mayor Michael P. Manning to complete the grant application through the Streamlined Permitting Program to allow for the City of Watervliet to receive a grant award up to \$2,500 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the adoption of the Unified Solar Permit Application. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9294** – the Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York 12189 on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1970, an Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Chapter 266. Water of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Water Rates for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, Seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9295** – the Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs Jeremy A. Smith, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2016, a local law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Sewer Rents for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Foglia, this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

## APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**Paul Huban – 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Mr. Huban asked why a street exaction on Hillside Drive had not yet been taken care of. Mr. Huban stated that it had been eight months and in his experience this was beyond the accepted amount of time.

General Manager Mark Gleason stated that he would address the situation.

**Paul Hughes – 108 15<sup>th</sup> Street** – Mr. Hughes stated that he is upset that the Senior Center is not being cleaned and cared for properly. Mr. Hughes asked that it please be looked into.

**Jeff Foster – 1201 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Mr. Foster asked for an update on the Hydro Dam project in Utica.

Mayor Manning stated that this was discussed during the budget workshop and that the project is still in the licensing phase but has been put on hold due to the drop in energy pricing.

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council