

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 and 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 20, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

ITEM #1 – General Manager Mark Gleason announced that Canadian Pacific Railroad had placed signs on Railroad Avenue to control the parking in that area. Mr. Gleason also stated that the Railroad planned to place a guardrail on the edge of the Bob's Diner parking lot to protect the railroad tracks. Mr. Gleason also mentioned that the Railroad plans on placing Jersey barriers on the residential section of railroad Avenue.

ITEM #2 – General Manager Mark Gleason stated that he recently spoke with NYSDOT in regards to maintenance of the 19th Street bridge. Mr. Gleason stated that DOT has requested that the City of Watervliet and the City of Troy clear snow from the sidewalks on the bridge. This maintenance was previously provided by DOT. Mr. Gleason stated that he and Mayor Manning had communicated to DOT that the City would not maintain the sidewalks as the City does not have the manpower or equipment to do so and since the modification recently made to the bridge made it unsafe for City employees.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing 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.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing.

General Manager Mark Gleason explained that the proposed 5% increase in the Sewer Budget was due to increase in expense disbursed to the County and the cost of the Green Infrastructure project that is taking place on Third Avenue which is part of a DEC consent order. With there being no further comment the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING - A Public Hearing 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.

Mayor Manning opened the Public Hearing and stated that there was no increase in the water rates.

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

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW #3 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 Councilman Foglia, seconded by Mayor Manning this Local Law was unanimously tabled.

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 Mayor Manning this Ordinance was unanimously tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 9296 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Weston & Sampson, PE, LS, LA, PC, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York 12144, for engineering services regarding water infrastructure improvements pursuant to a NYS Water Grant awarded by the New York State Department of Health and New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9297 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Maplewood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the taking by gift of a fire engine to be used by the City of Watervliet Fire Department. Upon a motion by Councilman Foglia, seconded by Councilwoman Fogarty this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 9298 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Jeremy A. Smith City Clerk/Clerk to the Council to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that the City of Watervliet is seeking proposals from firms qualified in conducting Lead Paint Assessments in homes and businesses in compliance with the requirements of the US Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation program. Proposals should be received at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 2-15th Street, Watervliet, NY 12189 no later than December 7, 2016. The Request for Proposal documents can be obtained at the Watervliet Planning and Community Renewal Office, City Hall, Watervliet, NY 12189. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Foglia this Resolution was unanimously approved and adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Next Meeting: November 17, 2016 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Smith

City Clerk and Clerk to the Council