

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:03 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilman Torncello, and Councilwoman Diamond were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Acting City Manager Mark Spain, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley, Director of Finance Mike McNeff, Deputy Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Police Chief Anthony Geraci, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bridgette and Anthony McAvoy

Councilman Torncello made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting, which Mayor Patricelli seconded. A vote was then taken to dispense with the minutes as written and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESSs**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9693** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby appoints Barbara A. Diamond to the Council of the City of Watervliet to December 31, 2020.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello which was seconded by Mayor Patricelli this resolution was passed 2-0.

After the resolution was passed Councilwoman Diamond was sworn in by Mayor Patricelli.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9694** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the Order of Business for the Council of the City of Watervliet, New York for the Year 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9695** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates that regular meetings of the Council during the Year 2020 will be held at either the J. Leo O’Brien Facility, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York 12189 or Watervliet City Court, #2-15th Street Watervliet, New York 12189 at Seven O’clock P.M. on the first and third Thursday of each month.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9696** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the appointment of Mark J. Spain (Ex Officio Member) to the City of Watervliet Tree Committee.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9697** - The Council of the City of Watervliet, in accordance with §28-20(B)(2) of Chapter 28. Code of Ethics of the Code of the City of Watervliet, hereby reappoints Steve Jamrosz to the City of Watervliet Board of Ethics.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9698** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates the Troy Record as the official newspaper of the City of Watervliet for the Year 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9699** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and permits City Officials to attend meetings and conferences held during the Year 2020 and delegates to the Director of Finance the responsibility of establishing mileage disbursements.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9700** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Charles V. Patricelli, in consultation with the General Manager and the appropriate City Department Heads, to enter into agreements with the City of Cohoes, the City of Troy, the Town of Colonie or other local municipalities for the performance of municipal duties or functions pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-0; and the terms and conditions of such agreements are subject to review and approval by the City’s Corporation Counsel.

City Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this resolution authorizes the City to enter into agreements with other municipalities to provide cooperation or assistance in various matters.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9701** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the 2020 Animal Shelter Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, New York 12204 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

City Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban explained that this resolution is the annual agreement with the Humane Society and allows the City to bring animals to the shelter that have been picked up in the City.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9702** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby designates Pioneer Commercial Bank as the official depository for City funds during the Year 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9703** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Capital Region IT, Inc., 440 Third Street, Suite 300, Watervliet, New York 12189 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 for support of the City of Watervliet's information technology infrastructure at City Hall and the Watervliet Fire Department and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9704** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Capital Region IT, Inc., 440 Third Street, Suite 300, Watervliet, New York 12189 for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 for support of the City of Watervliet's information technology infrastructure at the Watervliet Police Department and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9705** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby extends the term of the Dog Park Committee to June 30, 2020, reappoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Dog Park Committee to June 30, 2020: Irvin Ackerman, Member; Karla Carusone, Member; Andrea Hughes, Member; and Austin McGuire, Ex Officio Member; and appoints Mark J. Spain to serve as Ex Officio Member of the Dog Park Committee to June 30, 2020.

Police Chief Anthony Geraci asked the council to amend this resolution by removing Austin McGuire from the Ex Officio position and to appoint Office Nehill Danbury to the same position. The Council agreed to this change after being advised by Corporation Counsel Huban that it was able to do so.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9706** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement for legal services with Goldberger & Kremer, 39 North Pearl Street, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12207 commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Corporation Counsel Huban advised that this agreement allows the City's department of law to get assistance on certain legal matters. He advised that Goldberger & Kremer area of expertise is in labor relations.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9707** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Joanna P. Gleason, Esq. commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

NONE

**Prior to the opening of the Public Comment Period the following items were discussed.**

- Mayor Patricelli announced that Joe LaCivita has been appointed as the new City Manager. He also announced that Mark Spain has been appointed to the position of Deputy City Manager.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Paul Huban 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Mr. Huban wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

After the public comment period Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmen Torncello and was passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

**Next Meeting: January 16, 2020 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council