

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**\*\*\*Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic this meeting was held via video conference\*\*\***

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:07 P.M.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Charles Patricelli.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 3-5-20 meeting which Councilman Torncello seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

Councilman Torncello made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 3-11-20 meeting which Councilwoman Diamond seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

- Mayor Charles Patricelli thanked Deputy City Manager Mark Spain for coordinating the broadcasting of the meeting tonight so that it would be available to the public.
- City Manager Joe LaCivita also thanked Mr. Spain for coordinating the meeting. He also thanked Frank Cone from Capital RegionIT and City Clerk Dave Wheatley for their work in making it possible for City employees to work remotely from home during this time.
- Mr. LaCivita also thanked all Police, Fire, EMS, Highway, Sanitation, Code and City Hall employees for their hard work and dedication during the Pandemic. Mayor Charles Patricelli echoed these sentiments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024** – An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2023 and cancelling the public hearing and public auction for the proposed sale of 2112 Fourth Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9738** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a professional services agreement between the City of Watervliet and Chazen Engineering, Land Surveying & Landscape Architecture Co., D.P.C., with a principal place of business at 21 Fox Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12061 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. 9739** - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a State of New York Master Contract for Grants between the New York State Department of State Division of Local Government Services and the City of Watervliet regarding the relicensing and upgrading of the City of Watervliet's Hydroelectric Facility 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 passed 3-0. +*

**RESOLUTION NO. 9740** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby cancels the April 9, 2020 bid opening for the 9th Avenue Water Replacement Project, approves to advertise the acceptance of sealed bids for the 9th Avenue Replacement Project until 10:00 AM (local time) on April 17, 2020, approves the opening and reading aloud of sealed bids via video conference, and authorizes and directs David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that the City will be accepting sealed bids for the 9th Avenue Water Replacement Project. Bids will be received at Watervliet City Hall,

2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM (local time) on April 17, 2020. The City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids submitted.

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

- Director of Finance Amanda Austin advised the Council that she spoke with someone at the Department of State and was advised that while there would be no loss in funding for the grants the City has received it is very possible that there will be delays in the payments the City will receive from these grants.
- Mrs. Austin also advised the Council that the bids for the City's financial software were received today and are being reviewed at this time. It is anticipated that a resolution for the award will be on the agenda for the April 2,2020 meeting for the Council to consider.

### **Prior to the Public Comment period:**

- Councilman Torncello thanked Deputy City Manager Mark Spain for his assistance in coordinating have a Stop sign, which was knocked down, replaced on Hillside Drive.
- Chief of Police Anthony Geraci agreed with the previous comments from the Mayor, Council and City Manager LaCivita in regards to the hard work being done by the Police, Fire, EMS, Highway, Code, Sanitation departments along with the City Hall Staff.
- Chief Geraci asked that the City residents discontinue all non-essential gatherings in an effort to help "flatten the curve" from the Corvid-19 virus and to maintain the required 6-foot social distancing. He stated that it was important during these times to maintain focus to help everyone stay as healthy as possible.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Paul Hughes – 108 15<sup>th</sup> Street

After the public comment period Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello and the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

A video of this meeting is available on the City's website: [www.watervliet.com](http://www.watervliet.com)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley  
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council