

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, 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 7:00 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 4-2-20 meeting which Councilman Torncello seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke about the work being done at 617 19th Street by the Department of Environmental Conservation and advised that demolition of the property will begin on 5-4-2020 and should take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete.
- The City Manager advised the Council that there will be a presentation by the Chazen Co. at the next meeting regarding the City's DRI report and he also discussed the work being done with Chazen Co. on the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Deputy City Manager Mark Spain gave a presentation on the City's FERC relicensing process for the dam located in Guilderland.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9744 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid and awards the contract for the 9th Avenue Water Replacement Project to Tech Industries LLC, with an address of 20 Heather Ridge Road, Troy, New York 12180, in the amount of Four Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 Dollars (485,335.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications, and Mayor Charles V. Patricelli is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract between the City of Watervliet and Tech Industries LLC.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9745 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the annual estimate for the fiscal year 2019 be amended in accordance with the attached budget line transfer form.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9746 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes participation in the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (“NYSMEC”) for cooperative energy purchasing services for electricity and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute all required agreements and documents that are necessary and appropriate for this purpose.

A motion was made by Councilman Torncello which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond to move on this resolution. After discussion on this item, Councilman Torncello withdrew his motion and the resolution was tabled until the May 7th meeting

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

None

Prior to the Public Comment period:

- Mayor Charles Patricelli spoke about the following items:
 - The City had received an offer to resurface the basketball court at Clinton Park and the City was reviewing the contractual process.
 - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a decision has not been made as to opening the city pool this year. The City will complete the maintenance work that needs to be done at the facility, but a final decision will be made as more information becomes available.
 - The Watervliet Police department is handing out masks to residents and had approximately 1,000 remaining at the time of the meeting.
 - The city has consolidated the information for city residents to find sources of help during this time, especially food banks.
- Police Chief Anthony Geraci expressed his condolences to the family of Detective Sergeant Randall French from the Troy Police Department who passed away earlier that day. Chief Geraci also expressed his condolences to the members of the department as well. Mayor Patricelli and the Council also expressed their condolences.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

After the public comment period Mayor Patricelli requested the council and certain staff members adjourn to Executive Session.

Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn to the Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond and the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

A video of this meeting is available on the City's website: www.watervliet.com

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2020**

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

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 8:51 pm.

Roll call showed that Mayor Charles V. Patricelli, Councilman Peter Torncello and
Councilwoman Barbara Diamond were present.

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

The Council and administration discussed personnel issues, tax assessments, funding concerns
and a potential grant program.

There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Torncello which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond
to adjourn the executive session which was passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council