

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban and Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alaina Staccio

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 8-6-2020 meeting which Councilman Torncello seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

At this time Mayor Patricelli presented certificates to (7) youths who reside in the City of Watervliet and who ran a lemonade stand which raised \$523.00 for city organizations in need of assistance. The group was also donated (15) bags of food to the local food bank.

The certificates were presented to Alaina Staccio, Amelia Grant, Lili Armoe, Benjamin Bulson, Alex Rockwood, Colin Carhart and Nolan Herb.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

City Manager Joe LaCivita updated the council on the following items:

- Budget review meetings have begun and announced that the police department meeting will be held on 9/17/20; fire department on 10/1/20; administration on 10/15/20. All meetings begin at 6:00pm.
- There will be a public hearing on the water and sewer budget at the council meeting on 10/1/2020 and the water and sewer rates will be voted on at the 10/15/2020 council meeting.
- The budget will be presented on 11/5/2020 at the council meeting with a public hearing on 11/19/2020. The final budget vote will be held on 12/3/2020.
- With the help of volunteers, the mayor and the council and Albany County there was striping done on city streets, work done on Hudson Shores park including the removal of 32 trees that have been identified as blight. A sign was donated and installed identifying the Dome.

- The pool house building will be power washed, painted and window glazing work will be completed so that the area is ready to re-open next year.
- Three bids were received for the RFP for the bridge study for the Congress Street bridge. The companies bidding were Weston & Sampson, Creighton Manning and Alta Planning & Design.
- Mr. LaCivita and Mayor Patricelli met earlier this afternoon with Col. Earl B. Schonberg, Jr. who is the Commanding Officer for the Watervliet Arsenal and the City and the Arsenal look to work together on community events moving forward.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue project final paving will be completed this coming Tuesday.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2030** – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Deputy City Clerk to advertise that the City of Watervliet will sell certain surplus vehicles and equipment.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2031** – An Ordinance regarding the sale of 2112 Fourth Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9769** – A Resolution authorizing and directing David Wheatley, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City, that Sealed Bids to furnish milling and asphalt paving for the Seasonal Paving Project through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) at 3rd Avenue from 15th Street to 19th Street, Andrewsville Court, and 1st Avenue from 13th Street to 15th Street as located in the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York will be received at City of Watervliet, City Clerk's Office, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 12 P.M. (local time) on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. 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 by a 3-0 vote.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 9770** – A Resolution approving a Surge Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration Albany District Office and the Watervliet Police Department and authorizing and directing City of Watervliet Acting Chief of Police Brian J. Strock to execute same.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9771** – A Resolution approving the Boiler Proposal dated August 18, 2020 from Family Danz Heating & Cooling for the furnishing and installing of a boiler system in the Watervliet Community Center locate at 1501 1st Avenue in the City of Watervliet and authorizing and directing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a contract between the City of Watervliet and Family Danz Heating & Cooling.

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

Director of Finance Amanda Austin discussed the following:

- Budget hearings are underway and discussed the upcoming dates.
- Advised the council that she recently met with finance directors from Cohoes, Troy, Albany and Schenectady to discuss the issues the local municipalities are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ideas on the best ways to move forward.

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Before the Public Comment period Mayor Patricelli discussed the following topics:

- The Mayor, Council and City Manager LaCivita discussed bulk week and advised they are still discussing the fall bulk week for the City. A decision is anticipated by the 9/17/20 Council meeting.
- There will be a remembrance ceremony held at the Watervliet Elks on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in memory of those that lost their lives on that day.
- There will be a group of volunteers painting the fence around the city pool starting next week.
- There are a couple of changes in the works for the Hudson Shores Park including the installation of swings.
- The Census is still on going and the city reporting is in the high 50% which is behind where the city was 10-years ago. Director of Finance Amanda Austin spoke about the importance of the Census numbers and how the population numbers for the city affects the percentage of Albany County Sales tax that we receive.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Paul Huban – 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Don Whitehead – 1921 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Before closing the meeting, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban the City Council, General Manager Joe LaCivita and Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley to go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter and a personnel issue.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Councilmen Torncello. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:50 P.M.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to close the regular Council meeting which was seconded by Councilmen Torncello. This motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 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  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2020**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by  
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 7:56 P.M.

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, Corporation Counsel  
Yorden Huban and Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley

The Council and administration discussed a litigation matter and a personnel matter.

There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council