

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Acting Chief of Police Brian Strock.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 9-3-2020 meeting which Councilman Torncello seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

- The 8th Avenue road work will not be completed this year by the Town of Colonie so the City will be postponing their work until 2021 so the project can be bid properly.
- Provided updates to the council on the budget process meetings.
- Work to remove the trees in Hudson Shores park will commence in the coming weeks.
- Work has begun on the pool house at the Veterans Memoria pool.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

*****Before the New Business portion of the meeting began City Manager Joe LaCivita gave a presentation to the council on the 2021 Water and Sewer budgets and advised that there are no rate changes proposed for either fund.*****

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2032 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article VIII “Schedules” §260-50 be amended.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9772 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Watervliet Police Department and the Watervliet City School District regarding the Watervliet Police Department Handle With Care Program commencing on September 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2021 and further authorizes and directs City of Watervliet Acting Chief of Police Lieutenant 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. 9773 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the New York State Unified Court System for a one-year period commencing on April 1, 2020 and terminating on March 31, 2021 for the City of Watervliet to provide security services to Watervliet City Court 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 by a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9774 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Agreement and Release between the City of Watervliet and William Ashline, James Bulmer, David Dressel, Peter Hanley, Kathy Liney, Gerard McGill, Thomas Murphy, Peter Murray and Michael Pontore 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 by a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9775 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs David Wheatley, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O’Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2020, a local law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding establishing and imposing Sewer Rents for the periods of November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9776 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs David Wheatley, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O’Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Ordinance No. 2033, 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 periods of November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9777 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby rejects all bids submitted for the Seasonal Paving Project through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

Before the Public Comment period the Council discussed the following topics:

- Proposed changes to the City of Watervliet Bulk Pick-up process.
- Potential curfew time to be established in the City for Halloween this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council