

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 9-17-2020 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 installation for the heating system in the Church, where renovations are wrapping up will commence on October 26 with target date for completion to be October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Working continues in pool house. Ceiling have been scraped and repainted and moving to walls at this time. The City is contemplating use of former areas that were boarded up to have doors installed and shelving units so that these rooms are more functional
- Mayor and General Manager had meeting with Town of Guilderland regarding the City Reservoir. The meeting was productive and came away with willingness to work together to improve quality
- Solicitation went out to residents within the City for the Watervliet Police Policy Review Committee (WPPRC). To address the goals of the Governors Executive Order #203
- A heating system study was completed for City Hall. There were four options for implementation ranging in projected costs from \$80,000 to \$850,000. Each of the options are being analyzed and an RFP will be developed to move towards contractor selection
- Discussions were held with NYSBOC on changes needed to property management code for the City. Due to recent events within City and the number of violations seen by Code Enforcement a point system is being contemplated where a significant fine can be levied against property owner.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING** – A Public Hearing 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.

*No comments on the Public Hearing we made from the residents in attendance. Public Hearing closed at 7:15pm*

**PUBLIC HEARING** – A Public Hearing 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

*No comments on the Public Hearing we made from the residents in attendance. Public Hearing closed at 7:17pm*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**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.*

**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.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2034** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 “Vehicle and Traffic” Article IV “Handicapped Parking” Section 260-30(C) “Sign Locations” be amended.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2035** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that Chapter 168. Garbage, Waste, Littering and Recycling of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9778** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the proposal from and awards the contract to Alta Planning + Design, Inc., with an address of 1801 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 204, Troy, New York 12180, in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$170,000.00) for consulting services to the City of Watervliet for a feasibility study in connection with the Watervliet/Troy Congress Street Bridge Zone Waterfront Access and Connectivity Study between the City of Watervliet and City of Troy and authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a contract between the City of Watervliet and Alta Planning + Design, Inc.

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

Amanda Austin, Director of Finance updated the council on the following items:

- NYS Deferred Compensation withholding is moving forward and should be completed for October 15, 2020
- The new Edmunds Financial Software system is on track and will be ready for the November 1<sup>st</sup> utility billing.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Kathy Judd - 1620 8<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Paul Huban – 1500 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7:50 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph LaCivita  
General Manager*