

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:03 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 Dave Wheatley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 10-1-2020 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:

- A flyer was mailed to all City residents explaining the City's new Bulk Pick-up program.
- Members of the City staff met with members of the Office of Court Administration this week to tour the vacant City property located at 1501 1st Avenue to discuss the potential of restoring the building to be used by the Watervliet City Court.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9779 – 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, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2020, "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR THE 2021 CITY OF WATERVLIET BUDGET.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9780 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Cost Reimbursement Agreement between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the City of Watervliet Police Department 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. 9781 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and authorizes the creation of the City of Watervliet Police Policy Review Committee.

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 updated the council on the following items:

- The 2021 budget will be presented at the City Council meeting on 11/5/2020. The public hearing will be held at the 11/19/2020 meeting and the budget will be voted on by the council during the 12/3/2020 meeting.

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

- Councilman Torncello discussed the work being done at Hudson Shores Park and stated that he believes the park looks great and thanked all those involved for all their hard work.
- Mayor Patricelli agreed and thanked all those involved and discussed the work that still needed to be done at City Hall and other municipal owned buildings.
- Councilwoman Diamond discussed the issue that is occurring at the Civic Center with issues of water in the basement of the building. Mr. LaCivita advised that he has met with contractors to review the issues and hope to have this corrected in the near future.
- Mayor Patricelli reminded the public of the following:
 - The “Community Shred It” day is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the DALLE Accounting parking lot located at 1400 Second Avenue in Watervliet.
 - The Hudson Shores Farmer’s Market and Craft Show will take place on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday October 25 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. There will be food vendors, crafters, and live music. There is a \$5.00 charge for admission.
 - There are discussions being held about a possible food drive to be held on Thursday, November 5th in the DOME parking lot but this has not been finalized as of yet. During the public comment period Rebecca Williams advised the council that Redemption Church will hold a food drive on Thursday, October 22nd at the DOME from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue
- Rebecca Williams – 1525 5th 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 7:28 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council