

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, November 19, 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, Councilwoman Diamond and Councilman Torncello were present.

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, Acting Chief of Police Brian Strock, 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 11-5-2020 meeting which Mayor Patricelli seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed 2-0. Councilman Torncello abstained as he was not in attendance during the 11-5-2020 meeting.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

The Mayor and Council recognized Danielle Woodruff of 1207 Hillside Drive as “Citizen of the Month” for her work at The Garden on Hillside which served 972 residents with fresh vegetables from May to November of this year.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke to the council on the following issues:

- Bulk week began on Friday, October 30, 2020 and the city did 58 pick-ups. There was also three drop off days at Hudson Shores Park which resulted in 211 residents dropping of bulk items.
- The paving of the Watervliet Bike Path will take place in the Spring of 2021. The city will have temporary striping put down for the winter.
- Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and quarantine cases in Watervliet, City Hall will be closed to the public beginning Monday, November 23rd.
- Mr. LaCivita made the recommendation to the council that after the meeting this evening the council returns to virtual meetings beginning with the December 3rd meeting. This was agreed upon by the council.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2020, a local law to amend Chapter 245, Trees of the City of Watervliet.

- Mayor Patricelli opened the Public Hearing at 7:15PM and after no comments from the public the hearing was closed at 7:18PM

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2021 commencing on January 1, 2021.

- Mayor Patricelli opened the Public Hearing at 7:18PM and the following residents spoke:
 - Rebecca Williams 1525 5th Avenue

There were no further comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:24PM

ORDINANCE NO. 2036 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing General Manager Joseph LaCivita to dispose of certain surplus vehicles and equipment.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2037 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet Chapter 260 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article IV “Handicapped Parking” Section 260-30(C) “Sign Locations” be amended.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2038 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that Section 260-48. Schedule XII: Trucks Over Certain Weights Excluded of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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 Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this ordinance passed 3-0.

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2020 – A Local Law to amend Chapter 245, Trees of the City of Watervliet.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2039 - An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that Section 260-50, Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited at All Times of the Code of the City of Watervliet be amended.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2040 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260 “Vehicles 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 ordinance passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9786 – A Resolution approving, ratifying, and confirming the execution by Mayor Charles V. Patricelli of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Albany and the City of Watervliet for a VAC/Sweeper Truck.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9786 – A Resolution approving the proposal from Family Danz Heating & Cooling for the furnishing and installing of two (2) Bryant 5 Ton Air Handler units in the Watervliet Community Center located at 1501 1st Avenue in the City of Watervliet in the amount of \$10,480.00 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 ordinance passed 3-0.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

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

- The water and sewer bills were sent out earlier this week.

***Prior to the Public Comment period Mayor Patricelli recognized Don Whitehead and thanked him for his work in putting together a sign inventory for the City of Watervliet.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Carm Fiaco – 2420 3rd Avenue

After the public comment period Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. This motion passed 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2020 7:00 P.M.

*****This meeting will be held virtually*****

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council