

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:05 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, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer of Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Chief of Police Joseph Centanni 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 9-16-2021 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

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## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

- The paving project for 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which was scheduled to be completed by the Town of Colonie has been pulled from their 2021 schedule. The Town has advised this project will be rescheduled for the spring of 2022.
- The demolition contract of the home located at 703 7<sup>th</sup> Street has been awarded to Dan's Hauling. The project is currently waiting for National Grid to disconnect the electric and gas to the property. The city has notified the neighbors to this property of the pending demolition. The contract with Dan's Hauling is for \$33,000.
- The city's "Gun Buy Back" program is scheduled to take place this Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM to 1PM at the Watervliet Dome.
- The city has received their new Ford F-750 and will have a new salter and plow installed before winter of this year. This will replace the 1999 International vehicle in the Highway Department.
- Mr. LaCivita gave the council a status update of the city's lead line grant program.
- Postings for the city's open positions of Assessor, Cleaner and Sanitation worker have been posted in the Times Union and interviews are schedule to begin soon.

- A Civil Service exam was recently held for the position of “Code Enforcement Officer” and all 4 participants passed the exam. The city has canvassed all four candidates who have until Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, to express their interest.
- Councilwoman Diamond, Water Supervisor Dave Dressel and Mr. LaCivita recently visited the city reservoir and tested a harvester which the city is considering purchasing to utilize in the clearing of water chestnuts in the reservoir. Once harvested the chestnuts would be composted by the Town of Guilderland.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING** – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2021 Grant Program

The public hearing began at 7:19 PM with a Power Point presentation by Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley.

There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed at 7:27PM

### **PRESENTATION** – 2022 Water and Sewer Budget

Director of Finance Amanda Austin gave a Power Point presentation to the council on the proposed 2022 Water and Sewer Budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2050** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York Amending Section 260-30 (C) “Sign Locations” of the Code of the City of Watervliet

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

**LOCAL LAW 4 of 2021** – Introduction of A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law §131 Opting Out of On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments within the City of Watervliet.

Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer advised the council that this was an introduction of this law and advised that there will be a Public Hearing scheduled for the October 21, 2021 meeting.

**RESOLUTION No. 9838** - A Resolution Requesting that the Tree Committee Consider, Investigate, Make Findings, Report and Make a Recommendation Regarding the Removal, in Whole or In Part, of a Tree Located at 603 1st Street in the City of Watervliet

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

**RESOLUTION No. 9839** - A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Paving and Related Work at the Corner of Broadway and 1St Street to Luizzi Bros., Inc and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same

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

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Cannabis Law** – Public Hearing scheduled for October 21, 2021, meeting.

**Water and Sewer 2022 Budget** – October 21, 2021 – Public hearing scheduled for October 21, 2021, meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**CSEA Employee Residency Requirement** – Mr. LaCivita and Mr. Kremer led a discussion on this matter with the council.

**APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

**NONE**

**Mayor Patricelli updated the Council on the following items:**

- Updated the council on the Tree Committee’s Memorial Tree program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Bob Lewis – 18 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- Don Whitehead – 1921 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21st, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
This meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,  
David C. Wheatley  
Deputy City Clerk