

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 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, Lauren McCloskey of Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, 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 10-7-2021 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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CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

The city council honored Watervliet resident Ellen Hughes for her volunteer work in the city. Ellen is a member of the City's Park's and Dog Park Committee's and the Watervliet Historical Society. This past summer she volunteered her time to turn on and off the spray pools at the parks. Ellen donates her time to decorate the gazebo for different holidays and teaches crafts at the Watervliet Senior Center.

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REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

- There will be a special City Council meeting on Thursday, October 28th at 1:00 PM at City Hall to adopt the Water & Sewer budget.
- The city will conduct a total of four interviews for the vacant Code Enforcement positions in the Building Department.
- A cleaning service has been hired for City Hall and the Police station.
- Two interviews will be held for the vacant position in the Sanitation department next week.
- The city has received resumes for the part-time Assessors position.

- A company come forward to volunteer to take down a tree located at 603 1st Street. The city is working with the company to complete the necessary steps to have this completed.
- Updated the Council on the Lead Line Repair grant program.
- The city is working with National Grid to get the electric terminated for 703 7th Street so the demolition of the property can begin. The gas has been terminated to the property.
- The city is awaiting a date for the repair work to be done at Mrs. Lewis property on Broadway and 1st Avenue.
- Recapped the city's announcement of the Splash Pad project that the mayor accounted earlier in the week at the city pool.
- The city has issued a purchase order for the new weed harvester which will be used at the reservoir to clear the water chestnuts. Delivery of the harvester is anticipated to be in February or March 2022.

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OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law No. 4 of 2021, a Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law §131 Opting Out of On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments within the City of Watervliet.

The public hearing began at 7:15 PM

The following residents spoke:

Paul Hughes - 108 15th Street

Don Whitehead – 1921 8th Avenue

The public hearing was closed at 7:27 PM

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance No. 2051, an Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Chapter 266. Water of the Code of the City of Watervliet establishing and imposing Water Rates for the periods of November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022, and May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022.

The public hearing began at 7:28 PM

There were no public comments

The public hearing was closed at 7:29 PM

PUBLIC HEARING - Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2021, a Local Law to amend Chapter 230. Sewers of the Code of the City of Watervliet establishing and imposing Sewer Rents for the periods of November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022, and May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022.

The public hearing began at 7:29 PM

There were not public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 PM

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 9840 – A Resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$350,000 from Twin Bridges Waste and Recycling, LLC. and a donation in the amount of \$150,000 from Prestige Services, Inc. to be used in the construction of a splash pad at the Watervliet Municipal Pool.

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

RESOLUTION No. 9841 – A Resolution authoring the implementation and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program Aid costs, of a Transportation Federal Aid Project and appropriating funds, therefore.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Peg Germano – 1124 7th Avenue
- Andrea Hughes – 108 15th Street

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:43 P.M.

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 8:15 PM

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4th, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting will be held at the Watervliet City Hall**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 7:48 PM

Roll call showed that Mayor Charles V. Patricelli, Councilman Peter Torncello and
Councilwoman Barbara Diamond were present.

Also present from City Administration were City Manager Joe LaCivita, Lauren McCloskey of
Goldberger & Kreme, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Deputy City Clerk & Clerk to the
Council Dave Wheatley and Paul Goldman of Goldman Attorney's, PLLC

The council and administration were updated on a litigation issue by Mr. Goldman.
There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Torncello to adjourn the Executive Session. This was
seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk