

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 6:03 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, Brian Kremer of Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli.

The mayor asked for a moment of silence for those who are affected by the events occurring in the Ukraine.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2-10-2022 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Patricelli provided an overview of his State of the City address to the council and administration members. The full State of the City address is available on-line at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLrG8giLmil>.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- ❖ Water Systems Working Supervisor Dave Dressel provided the council with an update regarding a letter sent out by the city to residents advising of elevated THM's in the water system that serves the Highland Club Apartments, Fenimore Trace Apartments, Hillside Drive and Wiswall Drive.

- ❖ Police Chief Joseph Centanni spoke to the council members regarding updates to the departments body camera program.

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

- Provide an update on the city's Lead Line replacement grant program
- Spoke about the steps being taken to fix the heating system in City Hall.
- The City Planner position was advertised this past Sunday and the city has received (4) responses. The plan is to fill the position by the end of April
- Updated the council on the work being done on the Splash Pad area at the pool.
- Watervliet will hold a bulk drop off event at Hudson Shores Park in May on a date yet to be determined.
- Mr. LaCivita updated the council on the city's discussions with Verizon regarding their software called Snow PATHS which will allow residents to be able to track the location of city plows during a cleanup event.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for those persons who wish to be heard regarding one or more possible submissions by the City of Watervliet for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES (CV) program for the 2020 program year.

Mayor Patricelli opened the meeting at 6:58PM which was followed by a presentation by General Manager Joe LaCivita on the program and applications the city is considering for submission..

There were no public comments and Mayor Patricelli closed the meeting at 7:03PM

RESOLUTION No. 14 for 2022 – A Resolution authorizing and approving the transfer of up to \$70,000 from the equipment reserve (HRA) to be used for the purchase and upfitting of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD.

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

RESOLUTION No. 15 for 2022 - A Resolution determining that the Watervliet CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant program is a Type II Action under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act.

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

RESOLUTION No 16 for 2022 – A Resolution designating Joseph LaCivita as Certifying Officer and adopting the Environmental Responsibility Certification.

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

RESOLUTION No 17 for 2022 – A Resolution awarding a contract for the repairs to the City Hall soffit and gutter systems and authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute all required documents regarding same.

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

RESOLUTION No 18 for 2022 – A Resolution selecting Centrica as the Energy Consultant for the City of Watervliet and authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute all required documents regarding such activities.

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

RESOLUTION No 19 for 2022 - A Resolution approving the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD with Knapheide service body from Denooyer Chevrolet.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

Mayor Patricelli spoke to the council on the following items:

- Bid specs for window replacements at City Hall will be going out in the next couple of weeks.
- The city is putting together a grant application for Canal Corp. funding for new docks at the Hudson Shores Park and is also looking to apply for a grant to hold events at the park and on the river, possibly a regatta.
- The Mayor and General Manager Joe LaCivita met with RPI recently to discuss restarting their Crew Rowing program out of Hudson Shores Park.
- Reminded those in attendance that the city's Fire & Ice event will be held tomorrow, Friday, February 25th at Hudson Shores Park.

Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the council meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0 and the council meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
The meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk