

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli 6:04 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilwoman Diamond, and Councilman Daus were present

Also present from City Administration were City Manager Joe LaCivita, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, City Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer, and 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 1-04-24 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Days. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

- Albany County Clerk Bruce Hidley addressed the council and informed them that the City of Watervliet, and the Albany County Clerk's office will be the recipient of a shared services grant in the amount of \$308,896 to assist in digitizing old record books in City Hall. This grant represents the largest shared services grant program award in Albany County.
- The Mayor and City Council presented a citation to Brennan Boisvert who planted 10 trees on Broadway, along the Watervliet Arsenal wall to complete his Eagle Scout Project.

Presentation Verity Engineering: Lindsay Zefting from Verity Engineering made a presentation to the council regarding a proposed change of location of the stop light currently located at 19th Street and 6th Avenue to the intersection of 19th Street and 5th Avenue,

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

General Manager Joe LaCivita updated the council on the following items:

- The city contacted O'Brien Electrical to fix the lighting issues identified at Hudson Shores Park.
- O'Brien Electrical will replace the light pole which was damaged in a car accident on the 1200 block of 19th Street.
- Mr. LaCivita met with NYSDOT to discuss the proposed project to relocate the Rt. 378 bridge offramps. During the meeting Mr. LaCivita discussed safety concerns regarding the fencing at 15th Street and Broadway which separates the bike path and 787.
- Advised the council of his findings pertaining to a complaint filed by Mr. Parvez regarding the 7Stars Auto Repair and Tires business located at 2307 10th Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

CALL PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 15th, 2024 – 6:00pm

2020 Community Development Block Grant – Housing Rehabilitation

2020 Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities

Local Law No. 1 for 2024 Amend Chapter 168-1.2

RESOLUTION NO. 13 for 2024 – A Resolution approving a contract extension agreement for consulting and management services between the City of Watervliet and MFCS, LLC. for a period of two (2) years commencing on September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2025 and authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14 for 2024 – A Bond Resolution dated January 25, 2024 of the Council of the City of Watervliet authorizing not to exceed \$879,786 aggregate principal amount of Serial General Obligation bonds and the expenditure of available funds to finance the acquisition of existing street lights throughout the city from National Grid and the conversion to and installation of energy-efficient light emitting diode (LED) fixtures said amount to be offset by any grants received at an estimated maximum cost of \$879,789, levy of tax in annual installments in payment thereof, the expenditure of such sum and for such purpose, and determining other matters in connection therewith including obtaining a letter of credit.

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

ORDINANCE No. 1 for 2024 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Chapter 168 “Garbage, Waste, Littering and Recycling” of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUTING

NONE

Before opening the public comment period Mayor Patricelli addressed the following items with the council:

- Build-a-Bed program will be held at the DOME on Saturday, March 16th
- The annual car show will be held at Hudson Shores Park at a TBD date in May
- Asked Mr. LaCivita for an update on the Spectrum contract
- Asked Mr. LaCivita for an update on the city's Downtown Revitalization Initiative application.
- Mayor Patricelli took part in a ceremony that honored Gus' Hot Dogs as a NYS Historic Business.
- Acme Radiator will be presented with a NYS Historic Business Award in February
- Reviewed the meeting that was held with city landlords a couple of weeks prior.
- Discussed the letters being sent to all homeowners in Watervliet regarding the new garbage policies the city will be implementing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Ron Campbell – 1433 1st Avenue
- Nancy Blunt – 2325 10th Avenue
 - Jen Weaver 2420 10th Avenue
- Sheri Natalie Simmons – 25 Nickle Hill Road, Troy, NY
 - Akhtar Parvez – 2302 10th Avenue
 - Victoria Gonzalez -1926 23rd Street
 - Carm Acosta – 1926 23rd Street
 - Ben Acosta – 1926 23rd Street

Councilman Daus made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond and the motion was passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15th, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
The meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
City Clerk