



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, October 2, 2025
CULTURAL CENTER
6:00 PM**



The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 6:00pm.

Mayor Charles Patricelli, Councilwoman Barbara Diamond and Councilman Daus were present.

Also in attendance from city administration was Brian Kremer, Corporation Council and Melissa Cherubino, General Manager.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Diamond moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes from the City of Watervliet Council meeting held September 18, 2025.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For the month of September, General Manager Melissa Cherubino shared the numbers of fire department calls; code enforcement inspections, violations and building permits; department of public works sanitation pick-up; and water treatment plant updates. She also reported that the city's risk assessment interview resulted in a positive report of findings.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION No. 73 of 2025 - A Resolution adopting traffic safety goals identified in the Capital Region Transportation Council's Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.

Councilman Daus made a motion to table this resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE No. 11 of 2025 – An Ordinance authorizing the sale of public land to Douglas Industries as an adjacent property owner pursuant to the Charter of the City of Watervliet, Article IV section 30.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to table this resolution, seconded by Councilman Daus. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE No. 9 of 2025 – An Ordinance establishing a curfew on October 30th and 31st.

Councilman Daus made a motion to move on this resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE No. 10 of 2025 - An Ordinance establishing a Fund Balance Policy.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to move on this resolution, seconded by Councilman Daus. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 74 of 2025 – A Resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider local law 5 of 2025, amending Section 272-19 of the Code of the City of Watervliet regarding “Accessory Uses and Structures” to enable owners of single-family homes to construct accessory dwelling units.

Councilman Daus made a motion to move on this resolution, seconded by Councilman Diamond. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 75 of 2025 – A Resolution approving purchase agreements with the Albany County Land Bank and assigning the agreements to the Watervliet Local Development Corp.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to move on this resolution, seconded by Councilman Daus. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

The General Manager recommended approval of a contract with FBS Parking Solutions, a firm presented by the Chief Rice that will provide equipment and services for issuing and collecting parking ticket fees at an initial cost of \$12,500 with an estimated annual maintenance of \$500 after the first three years. FBS retains 30% of fees collected.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Highland Planning presented the Broadway Multimodal Resiliency Study.
- The Council discussed the growing issue of homelessness in the community. Residents expressed concerns about the increased presence of homeless people in parks and outside municipal facilities.
- Albany County Department of Health issued findings regarding the recent inspections of the Water Treatment Plant, Reservoir and facilities. Water department personnel have performed work in response to several comments, with plans for addressing the remaining underway.
- Water and sewer rates are set to expire at the end of the month. To determine rates, a draft water and sewer budget has been prepared; however, the city’s insurance broker has not provided insurance rates yet.
- Councilwoman Diamond recognized that the DPW and WPD did a great job with the Arsenal Race.
- Councilman Daus asked that additional garbage cans be considered for the area between 19th Street to 2nd Avenue. He also recommended that DPW carry brooms on the garbage trucks to clean-up any debris.

Next Meeting: October 16th, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Cherubino, General Manager