MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 06:00 P.M.

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

Also present from city administration were City Manager Melissa Cherubino, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer from Goldberg & Kremer and City Clerk Dave Wheatley

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Approval of the minutes from the City of Watervliet Council meeting held November 5, 2025.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The Resolution passed 3-0.

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- Mayor Patricelli presented a donation in the amount of $1,000 to Christina Massery, coordinator of the Food Pantry for Redemption Church in Watervliet, The money was provided by an anonymous donor.

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REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

General Manager Melissa Cherubino updated the council on the following matters.

- Work being completed by the Finance department.
- Police department statistics for the year-to-date.
- Code Enforcement department staffing
- Building permit numbers for the year-to-date
- Grant funding updates

Mayor Patricelli updated the council on the following matters:

- There are over 200 people who signed up to receive free Thanksgiving meals
- Chris McCabe of Venture Fox donated $750.00 to purchase turkeys for the meals.

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing held for the purpose of public input and comments on the proposed Ordinance 14 for 2025 which is an Ordinance adopting the Annual Estimate and fixing the rate to be employed in computing the amount to be collected for city taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026.

The hearing was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 6:10 PM
General Manager Cherubino presented the proposed 2026 City Budget to the council and the public.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Amanda Austin, 6 Grotto Court

Mayor Patricelli closed the public hearing at 6:25 PM

DISCUSSION

Discussion regarding Illegal Dumping law and fees

Corporation Counsel Brian Kremeer discussed proposed changes to the law with the council.

ORDINANCE No. 16 for 2025 - An Ordinance to amend §260-46 of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Councilman Daus made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The Resolution passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 80 for 2025 – A Resolution approving a contract agreement for Consulting and Management Services between the City of Watervliet and MFCS, LLC for a period of three (3) years commencing on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2029, and further authorizing and directing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The Resolution passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 81 for 2025 – A Resolution approving a chemical service agreement for Poly Aluminum Chloride and authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Councilman Daus made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The Resolution passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 82 for 2025 – A Resolution approving a chemical service agreement for Zinc Phosphate Inhibitor and authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The Resolution passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 83 for 2025 – A Resolution establishing a 25h Street Redevelopment Project Capital Account/Reserve Fund.

Councilman Daus made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The Resolution passed 3-0.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

- The proposed contract with Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society has an increase of 5% over the previous agreement.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM

The next regular scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Watervliet Cultural Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Wheatley, City Clerk