

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

Mayor Patricelli presented a plaque to Girl Scout troops from Watervliet and Troy celebrating the 114th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America on March 12, 2026.

Approval of the minutes from the City of Watervliet Council meeting held February 5, 2026, and February 12, 2026.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

General Manager Melissa Cherubino addressed the council on the following matters:

- Citywide project status updates

Mayor Patricelli addressed the council on the following items:

- Congratulated the Watervliet Police Department on receiving accreditation from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS).
- Asked all those in attendance to observe a moment of silence for the soldiers who lost their lives during Operation Epic Fury.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW No 1 for 2026 – A Local Law establishing a point system for enforcement against nuisance properties.

Mr. Kremer explained the proposed law to the council and answered the council's questions.

RESOLUTION No. 12 for 2026 -A Resolution authorizing the submission of a full Transportation Alternative Program (“TAP”) application to the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) for Congress Street Bridge & Empire State Trail Connector Project and committing to funding the 20% match from State Touring Route funds.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 13 for 2026 – A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a bond to pay \$4.5 million in costs for the redesign and redevelopment of the municipal swimming pool and bath house (“the Project”) and classifying the Project as a Type II Action for State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) purposes.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 14 for 2026 – A Resolution authorizing the purchase of two recycling trucks using a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Recycling grant for 50% of costs up to \$250,000 and creating a capital fund for the expenditure.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 15 for 2026 – A Resolution to support the submission of a Federal Grant.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 16 for 2026 – A Resolution amending the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- George Finelli – 432 3rd Avenue

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM

The next regular scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Watervliet Cultural Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Wheatley, City Clerk