

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
January 3, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.
COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO
MAYOR GRAHAM**

ABSENT: **COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH**

ALSO PRESENT: **MARY M. CORRIVEAU, CITY MANAGER
ROBERT J. SLYE, CITY ATTORNEY**

City Staff Present: Jim Mills, Kurt Hauk, Ken Mix

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- 1 - Designating Depositories of City Funds for 2011
- 2 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2010-11 General Fund Budget
- 3 - Approving Salary Structure, and Annual Pay Increase for Watertown Housing Authority Employees
- 4- Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the County of Jefferson, AAA Transportation Program.
- 5 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 1,800 Square Foot Gas Pump Canopy Addition and Related Grading and Paving Improvements Located at 229 Massey Street North, Parcel Numbers 7-06-119 and 7-06-120
- 6 - Amending City Municipal Code § 293-1 and § 293-21, Vehicles and Traffic
- 7 - An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Dated July 6, 2010, Authorizing the Issuance of \$390,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs of the Reconstruction of Riggs Avenue, Including Street, Sidewalks, Storm Sewer, Water Main and Sanitary Sewers, to Increase the Estimated Maximum Cost Thereof and the Amount of Bonds Authorized to \$430,000
- 8 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$200,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs of the Construction or Reconstruction of Sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 7 Within the City
- 9 - Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Sidewalk Improvement Special Assessment Program, District 7
- 10 - Tabled -Naming of Street and Approving Addition to the City of Watertown's Local Highway Inventory
- 11 - City Manager's and City Clerk's Annual Review
- 12- Woodruff Professional Group, LLC, February 10, 2006 Letter to the City Manager
- 13 - Letter from Elizabeth C. Fipps, Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization
- 14 - Tree Watertown 2010 Annual Report

COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2010 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Butler and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke

PUBLIC HEARING

AT 7:30 MAYOR GRAHAM ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, DISTRICT 7

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING OPEN.

No one spoke.

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED.

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS Section 30 of the City Charter requires the City Council to designate each year at its first meeting some incorporated bank or banks or trust company located in the City of Watertown for the deposit of all moneys belonging to the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as depositories of the City of Watertown, New York for the year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011:

Community Bank, N.A.

HSBC Bank USA
Key Bank
WSB Municipal Bank

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Bank, N.A., HSBC Bank USA, Key Bank and WSB Municipal Bank each be required to either execute a bond, deliver to the City of Watertown, New York approved collateral or to deposit at a mutually agreed upon depository approved collateral of a value up to TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000).

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER WHO RECUSED HIMSELF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS on June 7, 2010 the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11, of which \$36,193,378 was appropriated for the General Fund, and

WHEREAS on January 3, 2011 the City Council was presented with an analysis of the estimated costs of the District #7 Sidewalk Assessment District which indicated that the remaining budgeted appropriation for the City's share of the costs of the Sidewalk Assessment District #7 was underfunded by \$28,465,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby re-adopts the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 in the total amount of \$ 36,221,843 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the following adjustments be included in the re-adopted General Fund Budget.

Revenues

Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 28,465
Total	<u>\$ 28,465</u>

Expenditures

A 9950.0900	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 28,465
Total		<u>\$ 28,465</u>

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO

WHEREAS in conformity with the requirements of the New York State Public Housing Law § Section 32, Sub Division 1, compensation for Watertown Housing Authority employees can be fixed only upon the approval of the local legislative body, which is the City Council of the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the Watertown Housing Authority has reported that based on a comparability review of salaries for their employees with prevailing local government salaries, it is the desire of the Watertown Housing Authority Board to authorize a two and one-half percent (2.5%) cost of living increase for all employees effective January 1, 2011, and

WHEREAS by resolution adopted on December 22, 2010, the Watertown Housing Authority Board approved a two and one-half percent (2.5%) cost of living increase for all employees, effective January 1, 2011, by modification to its existing Administrative and Maintenance salary structures, and

WHEREAS by resolution adopted on December 22, 2010, the Watertown Housing Authority adopted a resolution making changes to titles, duties and/or work hours and amending the salary structure for four positions within the organization,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the 2011 salary structure for all employees of the Watertown Housing Authority which contains amendments to the salaries for four positions and also includes a two and one-half percent (2.5%) cost of living increase, effective January 1, 2011, said salary structures for 2011 are attached and made part of this resolution and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Watertown Housing Authority.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Michael Robare, Executive Director of the Watertown Housing Authority answered questions posed by Council concerning the step increases in the accompanying report.

Mr. Robare advised that they had taken the Fox-Lawson Study into consideration and the salaries being proposed are still lower than what the study recommended.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the Authority has eliminated positions and have given added responsibility to the remaining employees. They also have a savings of \$80,000 in the upcoming budget.

Mayor Graham commented that the City had gotten away from steps for management in the 1990's. He suggested that the WHA look into doing that, especially with new hires. He did commend the Authority for the strides that they have made over the past year.

Council Member Burns echoed Mayor Graham's comments in that the WHA is doing great things. However, she commented that approving the increase this year doesn't mean that it will be approved each year.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO

WHEREAS the New York State Office for the Aging has agreed to provide State and Federal funds to the County of Jefferson to furnish specified transportation services to certain elderly residents within the County of Jefferson, and

WHEREAS Jefferson County, acting through the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, wishes to enter into an Agreement with the City of Watertown to provide this service within the Citibus service area, and

WHEREAS the Agreement is to provide transportation services, through our CitiBus program, to residents of Jefferson County who are sixty years of age or older to enable them to access and receive health, welfare and nutrition services, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is from January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011, at a cost not-to-exceed \$4,605.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it hereby approves the Agreement between the City of Watertown and Jefferson County, acting through the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mrs. Corriveau answered questions posed by Council concerning this program. She explained that Jefferson County reimburses the City for riders 60 years of age or older through this intergovernmental program. She advised that the amounts have been different each year and the funds are from state and federal grant monies that are passed through the County.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.

WHEREAS Jennifer L. Howard of Stewart's Shops Corp. has made an application for site plan approval for the construction of a 1,800 square foot gas pump canopy addition and related grading and paving improvements located at 229 Massey Street North, Parcel Numbers 7-06-119 and 7-06-120, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on December 28, 2010, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m and adopted a motion that the project does not have any significant county-wide or intermunicipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on December 7, 2010, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

1. The proposed asphalt wing curb in the front of the site shall be extended 25 ft \pm westward to CB #3 to help direct runoff to the catch basin and to also provide a minimum 2' grass buffer strip between the sidewalk and parking lot.
2. The location and size of the existing sanitary lateral shall be shown on the plans.
3. The lighting levels across the property line in the northwest area of the site where the two story residence is located shall be reduced to no more than 0.5 foot-candles.
4. The landscaping plan shall be modified to include 3 large maturing trees across the front of the property per the Landscaping and Buffer Zone Guidelines.
5. The planting beds shall be expanded to run along the entire edge of the paved area exclusive of a 10' visibility setback from the driveway and shall contain shrubs and perennials per the Landscaping and Buffer Zone Guidelines.
6. Proposed parking space #11 shall be changed to a landscaped island containing trees and shrubs.
7. An installation detail for the route sign in the City margin that is to be relocated must be provided that shows breakaway posts specified.
8. All three parcels of land involved in the project shall be combined by way of a new metes and bounds description that is filed with the County Clerk.

9. The size of the gas pump canopy shall be reduced by 2' to accommodate the installation of the proposed asphalt wing curb on the Coffeen Street side of the site.
10. The applicant shall coordinate the location of the proposed sign with the Engineering Department to ensure that there is not a conflict with the existing sanitary sewer.
11. The applicant shall submit revised plans to the City prior to review by the City Council.

And,

WHEREAS the applicant submitted a revised site plan to the City Engineering Department on December 23, 2010 that meets all of the conditions recommended by the Planning Board except the following:

1. All three parcels of land involved in the project shall be combined by way of a new metes and bounds description that is filed with the County Clerk.

And,

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2, and has determined that the project, as submitted, is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed construction and site plan constitute an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is an express condition of this site plan approval that the applicant provide the City Engineer with a copy of any change in stamped plans forming the basis for this approval at the same time such plans are provided to the contractor. If plans are not provided as required by this condition of site plan approval, the City Codes Enforcement Officer shall direct that work on the project site shall immediately cease until such time as the City Engineer is provided with the revised stamped plans. Additionally, any change in the approved plan which, in the opinion of the City Engineer, would require Amended Site Plan approval, will result in immediate cessation of the affected portion of the project work until such time as the amended site plan is approved. The City Codes Enforcement Officer is requested to periodically review on-site plans to determine whether the City Engineer has been provided with plans as required by this approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, that site plan approval is hereby granted to Jennifer L. Howard of Stewart's Shops Corp. for site plan approval for the construction of a 1,800 square foot gas pump canopy addition and related grading and paving improvements located at 229 Massey Street North, Parcel Numbers 7-06-119

and 7-06-120, as shown on the revised site plan submitted to the City Engineer on December 23, 2010, contingent on the applicant meeting the one remaining condition listed above.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS a public hearing was held in accordance with Section 93 of the City Charter on January 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comment concerning whether all or a portion of the cost for proposed sidewalk improvements to the properties identified in the attached report, which constitutes Special Assessment District #7, shall be a charge or expense upon the abutting properties, and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that it shall fix the charge to be paid by the abutting property owner at \$5.25. per square foot, with the remaining cost being paid by the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, pursuant to Section 93 of the City Charter, hereby fixes the charge to be paid for by the abutting property owner's of Special Assessment District #7 at \$5.25 per square foot, with the remaining cost being paid by the City.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO READ \$5.25 PER SQUARE FOOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE RESOLUTION NAMING OF STREET AND APPROVING ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WATERTOWN'S LOCAL HIGHWAY INVENTORY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF. (Introduced on December 20, 2010; appears in it entirety on page 260 of the 2010 Minutes Book).

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR GRAHAM TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO READ LINE DRIVE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 293 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended to add the following:

§ 293-1 Amendment

B. “Margin”

That portion of the street located between the curblineline and the adjacent property lines. If a sidewalk is constructed in that portion of the street, the term includes the sidewalk.

§ 293-21

C. Amend section to remove the phrase “or road.”

D. Parking prohibited at margins.

No person shall park any vehicle within or upon any margin at any time.

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this amendment shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.

LAI D OVER UNDER THE RULES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS, by ordinance dated July 6, 2010, the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, authorized the issuance of \$390,000 bonds of said City to pay the cost of the reconstruction of Riggs Avenue, including street, sidewalks, storm sewer, water main and sanitary sewer, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, a class of objects or purposes, at an estimated maximum cost of \$390,000, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to increase the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes from \$390,000 to \$430,000, an increase of \$40,000 over that previously authorized; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section A. The title and Sections 1 and 2 of the ordinance of this Council dated and duly adopted July 6, 2010, authorizing the issuance of \$390,000 bonds to pay the cost of the reconstruction of Riggs Avenue, including street, sidewalks, storm sewer, water main and sanitary sewer, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, a class of objects or purposes, at an estimated maximum cost of \$390,000, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including, in each instance, incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby amended, in part, to read as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$430,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF RIGGS AVENUE, INCLUDING STREET, SIDEWALKS, STORM SEWER, WATER MAIN AND SANITARY SEWERS, IN AND FOR SAID CITY.

“Section 1. For paying the costs of the reconstruction of Riggs Avenue, including street, sidewalks, storm sewer, water main and sanitary sewer, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, a class of objects or purposes, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$430,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

“Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$430,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$430,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.”

Section B. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section C. Upon this ordinance taking effect, the same shall be published in summary in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section D. This resolution is effective immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.

LAI D OVER UNDER THE RULES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of bonds of said City to finance costs of said class of objects or purposes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying costs of the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 7 within the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$200,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$200,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the additional \$200,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State or Federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources for such class of objects or purposes.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 24 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the

bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of

validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1340-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO

LAI D OVER UNDER THE RULES

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

Abandoned Vehicle

Council Member Burns asked that the Police Department check into an abandoned van and trailer that is parked in a parking space designated for Bugbee Apts. in the Stone Street Lot. She also asked if some of those spaces could be used for regular parking as some of the ones designated for Bugbee Apts. are always empty.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that a certain number of spaces are designated in the City Code for the Bugbee Apts.

Crows

Council Member Macaluso asked about the status of the USDA crow program. She remarked that the crows are getting really bad.

Council Member Butler commented that he agreed.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that she hadn't had a chance to speak with Mr. Lumbis who was trying to schedule USDA to do the program in early to mid January. Five individuals are interested in being part of the crow dispersal program.

Geo-Thermal Study

Council Member Macaluso asked about the status of this.

Mr. Hauk advised that he received the preliminary report on Thursday. He has to finish reviewing it and preparing a report for the City Manager. Once that is completed, a full report will be ready for the Council.

Woodruff - J.B. Wise Road

Mayor Graham advised that this topic is not ready for a report for Council yet.

Council Member Butler asked if Mrs. Corriveau had reached out to the Woodruff Professional Group about being willing to work with them.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that before that is done, we have to see what is possible to do down there.

City Manager's and City Clerk's Annual Review

Mayor Graham reminded Council that they will meet in Executive Session at the work session of January 10th to flush out the process for the reviews.

Noise Ordinance

Council Member Butler remarked that Council Member Smith had previously asked about the cost of the decibel meters.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that it was a two part request with the other being a question of prosecution. The information on cost is being put together and the District Attorney's Office is to get back to us in this month.

Council Member Butler stated that he would like to bring this to conclusion and it is a priority to him. He stated that he disagrees with Attorney Slye about what the City can do. He stated that he supports purchasing decibel meters and using those as well as using reasonableness.

Mayor Graham responded that any Council Member can draft an ordinance to bring before the Council and suggested that Council Member Butler work with the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare the legislation.

Mrs. Corriveau indicated that she would meet with Council Member Butler concerning this.

Summit Woods Tour

Council Member Butler commented that he still wants a tour of this complex.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the property manager indicated that vacant apartments can be shown any day of the week, except Saturday and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Graham asked that a tour be scheduled for Council Member Butler and if others want to attend, they can.

Mercy Tour

Council Member Butler asked about the status of this.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that she has spoken with Dennis Casey and Tom Carman and they are working on a schedule for next week for a walk through. Members will go through at different times so that it doesn't constitute a Council meeting and so the press does not have to cover it.

Mayor Graham commented that there has been a lot of interest from other agencies as well and these people should be involved in the tours. Mercy will have to become a priority for a variety of people and agencies. He stated that the notion of just walking away from it might work for some, but it is not a particularly desirable scenario.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that Mr. Carman wants only the Council at this time and then, in the future, the others will receive a tour.

Kudos to Watertown Fire Department

Council Member Butler expressed his gratitude to the department when they responded to a residence in his neighborhood where the pipes had frozen and burst. He stated that they did a great job.

Arena Concession

Mayor Graham commented that he was impressed with the results of the remake of the arena concession. He stated that it was done in a quality and consistent manner and he commended those involved with it.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that there are a number of concession contracts coming up – the Wizards, the Red and Black and Zoo. She questioned where the Council sees the City’s role in the concessions at the ball field.

Mayor Graham commented that in terms of quality and return on investments for the taxpayers, he has no problem with the City being involved. He also commented that we can’t build a facility so that other people can run their businesses.

All concurred that the issue of the alcohol concession needs to be discussed and Mrs. Corriveau will have the City Attorney research the laws involving the police officers working events whereby the City might be the seller of the alcohol.

Public Square Parking

Mayor Graham commented that there was an issue of people parking for extended times in the area of Subway and Solitary Consignment. He suggested a meeting with the DBA leadership to see if this is a systemic problem.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that when this first came up, the square was being rebuilt and Chief Goss went to the DBA and they discussed the issue of parking.

Water Rates

Mayor Graham remarked that he thought staff should be instructed to continue to suppress the rate schedule down to 2 tiers and revenue neutral. He remarked that we should strive for equality.

Council Member Burns commented that this is something that has been discussed over the year and she concurred to ask the City Manager to do some of that work in advance of budget.

Council Member Butler remarked that he would like to see a list of the high volume users and what the rate change would do to them. He commented that if we are going to charge commercial more, it won’t lower the residential. He questioned the amount of impact this would have on development in the City. He also asked if this is being viewed as a revenue source.

Mayor Graham commented that it is a quality of life issue for families as we serve people, not corporations.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that this system was put in place when we were trying to get industry into the City. We don’t have a lot of that anymore.

Council Member Butler asked what other municipalities do.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that each municipality is different. She also advised that this proposal would have to come to Council closer to budget time to insure accurate numbers.

Council concurred with Mayor Graham's request.

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program

Mrs. Corriveau advised that this federal program provides incentives to employers and will reimburse 80% of the insurance claims for the early retirees from \$15,000 to \$90,000 per year. POMCO has submitted \$44,000 in claims and will hear in a couple of weeks if the City will receive the money. This money has to be put into the health insurance fund.

Tour of Library

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this tour will be held in February. At that time, Council will also meet with some of the board members.

Samaritan Letter

Mayor Graham referred to the request from SMC for purchase of the rectangular piece of land behind the former Kmart building. He asked if Mr. Carman would come to a meeting to discuss this.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that Mr. Carman had offered to come to next week's meeting to do a presentation on this.

Letter from Elizabeth C. Fipps, Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization

Council received this letter in their agenda packet.

Tree Watertown 2010 Annual Report

Council received this report for their review.

ADJOURNMENT

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:18 P.M.
BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS, SECONDED COUNCIL MEMBER
MACALUSO AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Donna M. Dutton

City Clerk