

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
April 4, 2005  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY  
COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS  
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

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

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Amendment No. 49 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan
- 2 - Approving Change Order No. 12 to Contract for Construction of DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, Electrical Construction, Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors
- 3 - Authorizing Application for FAA Grant, Watertown International Airport, Runway 10 Drainage Improvements
- 4 - Authorizing Application for FAA Grant, Watertown International Airport, Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment
- 5 - Authorizing Application for FAA Grant, Watertown International Airport, Runway 28 Rehabilitation
- 6 - Approving Grant Agreement Between City of Watertown and Development Authority of the North Country, Cloverdale Demolition
- 7 - Amending City Code Section 265-3.1, Official Parade Route
- 8 -. State Funding Support
- 9- Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2004

**COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of former Fire Department Battalion Chief Roswell Gregory who died on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and in memory of Police Chief Robert Piche who passed away this afternoon.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2005 meeting was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

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Mayor Graham presented certificates to all the students who participated in Student Government Day.

Captain Reff presented certificates of appreciation to Yellow Cab, Burger King and the First Baptist Church for the assistance they gave to the residents of the State Street apartment building that burned in a fire on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

**Don Osborne**, 138 Winslow Street, addressed the chair reiterating a previous request to have the Thompson Park tennis courts resurfaced.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that this would be a good topic to be discussed during budget sessions.

**Robert Peterson**, B.O.B. Rafting, addressed the chair reading from a letter that he later distributed to Council members. Mr. Peterson referred to an article in the Watertown Daily Times concerning the City's assistance in helping Blackwater Development promote their private business. He listed various things he felt that the City had done for them as well as for the Red Lion Brewery. He also listed the various items that he had asked the City to help his business with and the fact that he was turned down each time.

## RESOLUTIONS

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Amendment No. 49 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan, effective March 29, 2005, as follows:

Executive Secretary to the Civil Service Commission	\$31,900
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### SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS on August 18, 2003, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved the bid submitted by Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors, 7724 State Highway 68, Ogdensburg, New York, in the amount of \$267,800 for Electrical

Construction associated with the construction of a new DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, and Transit Facility, and

WHEREAS Interim City Engineer Gary E. Pilon is now asking that the City Council approve Change Order No. 12 to this Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Change Order No. 12 to the Electrical Construction Contract with Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors in the amount of a **credit** (\$1,666.77), a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

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

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has been notified that funding exists under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to support projects at the Watertown International Airport, and

WHEREAS the FAA has indicated that an allocation of \$475,000 is being considered for the Watertown International Airport for drainage improvements for runway 10, and

WHEREAS the County of Jefferson, as future owner of the Airport, has asked that every effort be made to secure the funding to support this project, and

WHEREAS this project is contained in the new Airport Master Plan and the City's Airport Engineers, Bernier Carr & Associates and Dufresne-Henry, along with Jefferson County are recommending that an application for funding be prepared for consideration, and

WHEREAS the total cost of this project is \$500,000., and

WHEREAS funding under this grant is 95% Federal, 2.5% State and 2.5% Local, with the local share initially coming from the City, with reimbursement from Jefferson County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Federal Aviation Administration to support the drainage improvements for runway 10, and

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

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has been notified that funding exists under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to support projects at the Watertown International Airport, and

WHEREAS the FAA has indicated that an allocation of \$142,000 is being considered for the Watertown International Airport for the purchase of a front-end loader with plow and broom attachments to assist with snow removal operations, and

WHEREAS the County of Jefferson, as future owner of the Airport, has asked that every effort be made to secure the funding to support this project, and

WHEREAS this project is contained in the new Airport Master Plan and the City's Airport Engineers, Bernier Carr & Associates and Dufresne-Henry, along with Jefferson County are recommending that an application for funding be prepared for consideration, and

WHEREAS the total cost of this purchase is \$150,000., and

WHEREAS funding under this grant is 95% Federal, 2.5% State and 2.5% Local, with the local share initially coming from the City, with reimbursement from Jefferson County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Federal Aviation Administration to support the purchase of a front-end loader with plow and broom attachments to assist with snow removal operations, and

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

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has been notified that funding exists under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to support projects at the Watertown International Airport, and

WHEREAS the FAA has indicated that an allocation of \$2,213,500 is being considered for the Watertown International Airport for the rehabilitation of runway 28, and

WHEREAS the County of Jefferson, as future owner of the Airport, has asked that every effort be made to secure the funding to support this project, and

WHEREAS this project is contained in the new Airport Master Plan and the City's Airport Engineers, Bernier Carr & Associates and Dufresne-Henry, along with Jefferson County are recommending that an application for funding be prepared for consideration, and

WHEREAS the total cost of this project is \$2,330,000, and

WHEREAS funding under this grant is 95% Federal, 2.5% State and 2.5% Local, with the local share initially coming from the City, with reimbursement from Jefferson County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Federal Aviation Administration to support the rehabilitation of runway 28, and

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

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the Watertown Housing Authority is the current owner of real property commonly known as Cloverdale Apartments, under Watertown Tax Parcel No. 4-07-201, and

WHEREAS Cloverdale Apartments has been unoccupied since 1997, and

WHEREAS the Watertown Housing Authority has indicated they have funding to support any rehabilitation or renovation of this facility, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown authorized the purchase of the real property known as Cloverdale Apartments, and

WHEREAS the Watertown Housing Authority has agreed to convey the Cloverdale Apartments to the City for redevelopment purposes, and

WHEREAS the City is working to redevelop this site and believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the community to demolish the buildings currently on this site, and

WHEREAS the Development Authority of the North Country has offered to assist the City with this demolition,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves a Grant Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Development Authority of the North Country, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Mayor Graham asked about the next phase of the project.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that additional testing is being performed in confined areas of the cellars of the buildings.

**ORDINANCES**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Code of the City of Watertown establishes the official parade route, and

WHEREAS due to construction projects in an around the area of the official parade route, it is necessary to change the official parade route,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Watertown amends Section 265-3.1 A of the City Code to read as follows:

- A. All parades within the City of Watertown shall follow the official parade route as set forth below. The official route shall commence at the South parking lot at Watertown High School, where it shall exit at the intersection of Brook Drive and Washington Street. The parade will proceed north on Washington Street until it reaches the intersection of Washington and Stone Streets, when it shall turn west onto Stone Street until it reaches the Stone Street parking lot, which shall be the point of termination of the parade.

And,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Amendment to the Code of the City of Watertown shall take effect on May 1, 2005, as soon as it is published in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown or printed as the City Manager directs.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

(Unanimous consent moved by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman LaBouf and carried with all voting in favor thereof).

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**State Funding Support**

Councilman Clough referred to Chief Gaumont's letter concerning the pre-emption devices that will be placed on the traffic signals through the City.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that while the City has received the grant to put these devices on the City traffic signals, there are other traffic signals in the City and Town that are owned by the State. Chief Gaumont would like the Council's endorsement to allow him to go to the State and ask for funding to put the devices on the State traffic signals, as well.

Council concurred with the endorsement.

Councilman LaBouf commended Chief Gaumont for the grant applications that he prepares. He also commented that he believes this project is a very good one.

**Police Department**

Councilman LaBouf commended the Police Department for the quick apprehension of the suspect in this past weekend's double homicide.

**Mead Street**

Councilman Clough asked that Mrs. Corriveau have Mr. Hayes check the potholes on Mead Street, near the cemetery. He asked that staff see if CHIPS money can be used to repair them.

### **Mr. Peterson's Concerns**

Mayor Graham remarked that Mr. Peterson's comments raise a philosophical question. He asked about having a work session to discuss the issue.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that it could be done next Monday.

### **Water Shutoffs**

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that the City is in the middle of water shutoffs. As of this morning, 159 delinquent bills remained for a total of approximately \$44,000 owed to the City.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

**Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.**

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Corriveau presented the proposed budget for FY 2005-06 to the Council. She explained that in developing this year's budget, the focus is on the future financial stability of the organization, its employees and the community. The budget maintains current service levels, preserves fiscally responsible fund balances, and at the same time, proposes a modest tax rate decrease of 5.25%

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILWOMAN BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

***Donna M. Dutton***

City Clerk

