

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
April 18, 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 - Contract for Use of Buildings and Grounds, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
- 2 - Contract for Use of Buildings & Grounds, Faith Fellowship Church
- 3 - Approving Agreement for Use of Building and Grounds, Watertown City School District
- 4 - Approving Bid for Purchase of Pumper Truck, Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.
- 5 - Supporting an Application by Neighbors of Watertown Inc. to the New York Main Street Program
- 6 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 5,721 Sq. Ft. Building at 829 Arsenal Street, Parcels No. 9-10-116 and 9-10-117
- 7 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$380,000 Serial Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay for the Purchase of a New Fire Truck and Said City of Watertown
- 8 - Monthly Financial Report
- 9 - Fort Drum Economic Impact Statement Fiscal Year 2004

**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 April 5, 2005 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

From the City Planning Board recommending council approval of the site plan submitted on behalf of Onondaga Development LLC, for the construction of a 5,721 sq. ft. building for Monro Muffler at 829 Arsenal Street, Parcels No. 9-10-116 and 9-10-117 contingent upon certain requirements being met as outline in the resolution.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Notice of petition for assessment review was received from Arsenal Housing Associates, Eastern Housing Associates and Academy Housing Associates.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Claim against the City was received from Pamela Bouvia for damages to her vehicle when she struck a pothole on Stone Street.

### **ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT**

Mayor Graham proclaimed the month of May as **Poppy Month** in the City of Watertown. He also proclaimed the month of May as **Alcohol Awareness Month** in the City of Watertown. Anita Seifred-Brown from the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County accepted the proclamation.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one spoke.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown desires to run a Summer Recreation and Playground Program within the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg are willing to authorize the City to use its facilities for said purpose, and

WHEREAS there is no cost associated with the Agreement between the City of Watertown, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown deems the providing of a Summer Recreation Program to be a benefit to the citizens of the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement between the City, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Watertown hereby agrees to defend and indemnify Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg from and against any and all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from the negligence of any of its officers or employees occurring in connection with the use of parish facilities in accordance with this Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Watertown.  
**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown desires to run a Summer Baseball Program within the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS Faith Fellowship Church is willing to authorize the City to use its facilities for said purpose, and

WHEREAS there is no cost associated with the Agreement between the City of Watertown and Faith Fellowship Church, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown deems the providing of a Summer Baseball Program to be a benefit to the citizens of the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement between the City and Faith Fellowship Church, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Watertown hereby agrees to defend and indemnify Faith Fellowship Church from and against any and all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from the negligence of any of its officers or employees occurring in connection with the use of parish facilities in accordance with

this Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown. **SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown desires to run a Summer Recreation Program within the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the Watertown City School District is willing to authorize the City to use its facilities for said purpose, and

WHEREAS there is no cost associated with the Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Watertown City School District, and

WHEREAS the City deems the providing of a Summer Recreation Program to be a benefit to the citizens of the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement between the City and the Watertown City School District, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Watertown. **SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of one new and unused 1500 G.P.M. fire pumper truck, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to seven (7) prospective bidders, and

WHEREAS three (3) bids were submitted and publicly opened and read on Monday, April 11, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and Fire Chief Daniel Gaumont have reviewed the bids received, and

WHEREAS the bid submitted by Tracey American LaFrance took total exception to the warranties included in the City's bid specifications and therefore is disqualified from consideration, and

WHEREAS Mr. Cleaver and Chief Gaumont are recommending that the City accept the bid submitted by Pierce Manufacturing Inc. in the amount of \$375,777 as the lowest qualifying bid meeting the City's specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid submitted by Pierce Manufacturing Inc. in the amount of \$375,777 for the purchase of one new and unused 1500 G.P.M. fire pumper truck, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract documents associated with this purchase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the awarding of this bid is contingent on the City Council approving the Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$380,000 to fund this purchase.

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

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham asked if this was materially different from the previous one requested by Chief Gaumont.

Chief Gaumont explained that it has a smaller engine and a smaller transmission.

Mayor Graham commented that he appreciated staff's work on the rebidding of this equipment.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS grant funds are available from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) to support downtown revitalization efforts that will stimulate reinvestment in mixed use buildings in order to address issues of code compliance, energy conservation, accessibility, and to provide affordable housing and job opportunities in downtown "Main Street" areas, and

WHEREAS Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. has proposed a building renovation program and expansion of the existing façade easement program within Public Square,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York hereby gives its full support to the proposed programs and the application that will be submitted by Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. to the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation for funding under the New York Main Street Program.

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS Peter D. Crissey of The Crissey Architectural Group has made application for site plan approval on behalf of Onondaga Development LLC for the construction of a 5,721 sq. ft. Monro Muffler building at 829 Arsenal Street, Parcels No. 9-10-116 and 9-10-117, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its meeting on March 29, 2005, 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 meetings held on March 9 and April 5, 2005, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

1. That the Smith Street driveway access be controlled for use by tractor-trailers only through the installation of a chain and signage.
2. That language be added to the developer's lease with Monro Muffler that prohibits use of the Smith Street driveway by vehicles other than tractor-trailers and stipulates that the chain must be closed during all times except for deliveries.
3. That the main entrance and exit to the site will be on Arsenal Street.
4. That the density of the tree line along Smith Street is increased by adding one additional tree to the landscaped area located north of the driveway and two additional trees added to the landscaped area south of the driveway.
5. That the two tax assessment parcels are combined into one by way of a new metes and bounds description filed with the County Clerk.

And,

WHEREAS the Planning Board recommends that the City Council ban parking on the east side of Smith Street for the entire length of the Monro Muffler property, 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 by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Peter D. Crissey of The Crissey Architectural Group, on behalf of Onondaga Development LLC, for the construction of a

5,721 sq. ft. building at 829 Arsenal Street, Parcels No. 9-10-116 and 9-10-117, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer on April 13, 2005, contingent upon the applicant making the revisions and meeting the requirements listed above in the City Planning Board's recommendation.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY TO CHANGE THE WORDING IN THE LEASE FROM "MONRO MUFFLER" TO TENANT.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN 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 IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, discussion was held concerning the effect it will have on the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Burns commented that she has listened to the neighbors' concerns and she knows that they do support the proposal. She remarked that the traffic pattern impact would be on Arsenal Street, with only minimal being on Smith Street.

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that the applicant has supplied a revised plan, which is available for viewing this evening.

**Michael Natali**, 116 Smith Street, addressed the chair explaining, that while he is in favor of the project, he feels that it will create a large traffic problem on Smith Street. He explained that there is no 5<sup>th</sup> lane for turning on Arsenal Street and it creates traffic backups whenever anyone tries to turn there. He also mentioned that there is congestion with turns made into Wendy's. He also advised Council that the way the building sits on the lot; the eight bays will be facing residences that are only about 100' away. He said that it would be constant noise all day long. He remarked that he, along with Michael Ryan who was present, were hoping that there could be a change in the building's placement. He also remarked that he doesn't see how a tractor-trailer will be able to turn around. He also asked how the placement of the chain across to prohibit traffic from coming out onto Smith Street could be enforced.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the lease with Monro Muffler would state that the chain has to be up at all times.

Attorney Slye remarked that it would be a breach of their site plan approval if the chain weren't up. However, he remarked, that Mr. Natali raises a good question.

Councilman Bradley suggested that the lease read "tenant" instead of Monro Muffler since they could move out in six months.

Attorney Kublick, representing the applicant, addressed the chair explaining that the revised site plan provides for the chain on Smith Street and the main entrance on Arsenal Street. He also remarked that he had no problem with the lease reflecting “tenant”. He also commented that the developer is local, responsible and very responsive to community concerns. He remarked that he believes if the chain were down, it would be a citable matter.

Attorney Slye explained that the City Code doesn’t have a provision to cite this with a monetary penalty, only the ability to pull the certificate of occupancy.

Councilman Bradley, referring to noise concerns, mentioned that there is an increased density in the tree lines for the buffer.

Mr. Natali explained that this would make it even worse because it will funnel the noise down to the neighbors. He explained that noise is the major issue.

Councilman LaBouf asked about the hours of operation and was told that they will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Mayor Graham asked if the City has dealt with this issue for other muffler shops.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this is the closest one to residences. She also mentioned that the developer has proposed a rising buffer planting which will also help with the noise.

Mr. Natali remarked that he feels the project is too ambitious for the size of the lot.

Attorney Kublick advised that Council has received unanimous recommendations from the City Planning Board after two public hearings, from the County Planning Board and also approval from the NYS DOT. The building meets the dimensional requirements and the zoning ordinance on the site.

Councilman Clough asked for clarification of the footage between the building and the residences.

Councilman LaBouf asked about the bay doors being closed.

Attorney Kublick explained that they couldn’t be kept closed in the summer. He also commented that most of the doors are facing the mattress store, not the residences.

Councilman LaBouf asked about the muffler shops located near the intersection of Eastern Boulevard.

Mr. Natali responded that they don’t have bay doors facing residences.

Attorney Slye asked if there might be acoustical tiles that could be used to absorb some of the noise on the ceilings and sidewalls.

Mayor Graham asked about the possibility of keeping the last two doors, which are closest to the residences, closed.

Attorney Kublick remarked that he had no problem going to Monro Muffler with the stipulation that those two bays would be the last ones used and that they needed to use the first six first.

Councilman Bradley commented that in looking through the paperwork, the developer has made all the changes that have been requested and they have done their job. He also commented that it would be in Monro Muffler's best interest to get along with the neighbors and help alleviate their concerns.

Mr. Natali commented that he doesn't think any of this will be of any help. He also questioned why they would waste money on barriers. He explained that there was already a driveway on the property and questioned why that couldn't have been used. He reiterated his claim that eight bays are too much for the property and the fact that it should be facing Arsenal Street.

Mayor Graham responded that in looking at the length of the building, it wouldn't fit sideways.

Mr. Natali remarked that looking at the back of the building would be more preferable than the front of the bays. He stated that six bays could face Arsenal Street. He also commented that the corner of Smith Street is a Citibus stop as well as a school bus stop and there are about 15 children on the street.

Mayor Graham commented that he thinks there has been a good effort to accommodate the neighbors and all of this has been thrashed out at the Planning Board.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the Town of Watertown Board, as administrator of Town of Watertown Sewer District No. 2 ("Town"), and the City of Watertown ("City") have previously entered into an agreement dated July 10, 1986, and amended July 20, 1992, (collectively the "AGREEMENT") whereby the City provides the conveyance and treatment of sanitary sewage from properties located in the town along the Arsenal Street (N.Y.S. Route 3) corridor, and

WHEREAS the AGREEMENT does not set forth specific or defined flow limits (i.e., average rate of flow or peak flow rate for the Town); and

WHEREAS the City's Arsenal Street sanitary collection system utilized by the Town has a limited flow rate capacity due to the fact that its original design and configuration was based upon service to properties solely within the City; and

WHEREAS the Town is experiencing additional commercial development along the Arsenal Street corridor which will increase the volume of sanitary sewage to the Town's sewer pump station; and

WHEREAS the Town and City are desirous of accommodating additional sewer flows to a limit within the City's current capacity on Arsenal Street; and

WHEREAS the Town and City agree that an acceptable allocation of the sanitary sewer collection system capacity to the Town must be based on a "flow rate based capacity" rather than a "volume based capacity"; and

WHEREAS an engineering study is currently underway to determine current average and peak flow volumes, pump discharge rates, pump discharge cycles and durations, and other information needed to assess such modifications to the Town's system as are necessary to meet the Town's needs for future short term and long term improvements while acknowledging the City's Arsenal Street collection system limitations; and

WHEREAS the Town agrees that it must undertake certain immediate modifications to the existing sewer pump station and appurtenances calculated to lower the current rate of flow in accordance with agreed upon limits hereafter defined in the Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is attached and made a part of said resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Watertown and the Town of Watertown Board, as Administrators of Town of Watertown Sewer District No.2, and

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

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

(Rules waived by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman LaBouf and carried with all voting in favor thereof)

Prior to voting on the foregoing resolution, Mrs. Corriveau explained that staff has worked out this arrangement. The City and Town entered into an agreement in 1986 that was amended in 1992. There have been a number of discussions concerning the speed at which the sewage comes into the City. This puts in place the mechanism to control the

flow rate of sewage into the City of Watertown and is a cooperative agreement that has been negotiated with the Town. They are also doing studies of flows within the Town.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

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

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the purchase of a new fire truck for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$380,000 serial bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$380,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$380,000 serial bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision 27 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 serial 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 serial 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 1.150-2. 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 COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

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

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**Vision Development Annexation**

Mayor Graham advised that the Town Board passed a resolution to change their position on the annexation request for this property.

Attorney Slye explained that the Town Board rescinded their previous resolution and adopted a new resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an order to be filed with the City Clerk. A stipulation of discontinuance will then be issued, followed by the procedures needed to amend the boundaries.

Mayor Graham commented that the tentative plans for the property are a real plus for the area. However, he asked with the development on Arsenal Street, if the 10” sewer main would be enough or if we would get to the point when it wasn’t.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that there is a point, if we continue to add development to Arsenal Street, when it will not be enough. That is why the City will look at the situation when the State has Arsenal Street open and will talk with them about enlarging the pipes in that area. She also explained that part of the discussions with the Town centered on diverting sewage from Arsenal to Coffeen. However, that would require a lot of infrastructure costs and also pumping up hill. There would be a need for a pump station and a large amount of line. She stated that staff would also be looking at other solutions to the problem.

### **West Main Overpass**

Councilman LaBouf remarked that he noticed the cement pillars have eroded away.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that they have notified NYS DOT about it and they have put the railroad on notice.

### **Planning Board Appointment**

Mayor Graham announced that he had appointed James Cox to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board.

### **Tree City**

Mayor Graham congratulated the City and Mr. Lumbis for the designation of Watertown as Tree City. Mr. Lumbis advised that the tree planting would be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The time will be announced.

### **Shared Municipal Services Incentive Awards**

Mayor Graham asked about these.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that they are currently looking over the legislation and believe that some of the things the City is now doing might fit into the program.

### **Budget Session**

Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2005 in a budget session. Mayor Graham asked the members to contact Mrs. Corriveau for any specific reports or if they want certain department heads available to answer any questions they might have.

Mrs. Corriveau also explained that some of the vehicles scheduled for replacement would be brought to City Hall so that Council members can look them over.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M. UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005 AT 6:00 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

***Donna M. Dutton***

City Clerk