

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
June 6, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Joseph M. Butler, Jr. Presiding

Present: Council Member Cody J. Horbacz
Council Member Stephen A. Jennings
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Council Member Mark C. Walczyk
Mayor Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Also Present: Sharon Addison, City Manager
Robert J. Slye, City Attorney

City staff present: Matthew Roy, Justin Wood, Eugene Hayes, Fire Chief Herman, Michael Sligar, Amy Pastuf, Yvonne Reff, Michael Lumbis, Erin Gardner

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing Assignment of City-owned Tax Sale Certificate on Parcel Number 01-04-106.000 Known as 710 Morrison Street To Craig Schafer
- Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies
- Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement By and Between NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- Resolution No. 4 - Approving the 2016 Youth and Young Adult Employment Training Program Contract Between the City of Watertown and the Jefferson-Lewis Local Workforce Development Area
- Resolution No. 5 - Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Matthew R. Morgia of Aubertine & Currier, PLLC, on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center to Allow a Parking Lot at 150, 154, 158 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-112.000, 14-01-113.000, and 14-01-114.000
- Resolution No. 6 - Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Matthew R. Morgia of Aubertine & Currier, PLLC, on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center to Allow a Parking Lot at 724 and 728 Washington Street and 110 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-139.000, 14-01-101.000 and 14-01-102.000
- Resolution No. 7 - Finding That the Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Disposal Modification Project Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Resolution No. 8 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of the south section of 1552 State Street, Parcel Number 12-16-113.000, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Public Hearing - Resolution Authorizing Spending From Capital Reserve Fund
- Public Hearing - Resolution Authorizing Spending From the Duffy Fairgrounds Stadium Reserve Fund
- Public Hearing - Ordinance Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of the south section of 1552 State Street, Parcel Number 12-16-113.000, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business
- Request for waiver of fees for New Life Church Father's Day Service
- Advertising Fees
- Sales Tax Revenue – April 2016

- Board and Commission Appointments

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 May 16, 2016, budget session of May 17, 2016, adjourned meeting of May 23, 2016, and adjourned meeting of May 25, 2016, was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Stephen A. Jennings, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from Alan Kant, 143 Mullin Street, expressing support for the City's position on the Watertown Fire Department and the current contract negotiations.

A card was received from Katherine Morgia, 202 Cedar Street, requesting Council to "forget the fountain and remember the pool."

A letter was received from Brenda Lyttle, 1013-B Salina Street, in support of the Watertown Fire Department and against the demotion of eight Captains. In addition, she discussed her concerns with the Arena renovations and the effectiveness of the crowd hazing.

Above communications were placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

A claim was received from Bob Marino, 655 Emerson Street, seeking reimbursement of \$1,892.96 due to an accident from a Parks and Recreation Department lawn mower hitting his vehicle.

Above claim has been referred to the Board of Audit.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Michael Defranco, owner of Computer Doctors at 104 Franklin Street, presented City Council with a CD containing copies of his books, The Vortex at Thompson Park Volume 1 and 2. He explained his books are a sci-fi story about the City of Watertown and contain real people that live here. He hoped it draws attention to the City and brings people here to explore downtown and the surrounding area.

Michael Vincent, 127 North Indiana Avenue, requested Council develop a policy on the use of drones within the City, noting his neighbor is using a drone within his neighborhood. He said he considers this behavior harassing and invasive. In addition, he discussed the use of a public facility, such as the Arena, and asked Council to not allow private entities to receive "discounted or no cost fees" for the use of these facilities. He stated it cost \$10 million to renovate the Arena and asked Council to ease the taxpayers' burden by disallowing waivers for organizations that can afford these expenses. Lastly, he stated he supports the emergency management services of the Fire and Police Departments and sees a

need for a tempered discussion between the City Government and the City Fire Department's Union. He asked for all parties involved to approach this with integrity.

Patricia Whalen, 231 Franklin Street, complimented the City and Council for helping to deal with the bed bug problem. She indicated that she asks people to call Senator Schumer's office to give support towards the reenactment of the "bed bug" act.

Tracey L. Massey, 114 High Street, addressed the chair stating she is appalled by the City's decision to cut \$70,000 from the Fire Department, especially considering the cost overruns of the Arena. She said she supports the Fire Department, Police Department and EMS providers. She also noted there is not education on fire prevention within the schools for the children.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Butler asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Authorizing Spending From Capital Reserve Fund

Mayor Butler declared the hearing open at 7:30 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Butler declared the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Butler asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Authorizing Spending From the Duffy Fairgrounds Stadium Reserve Fund

Mayor Butler declared the hearing open at 7:31 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Butler declared the hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Butler asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of the south section of 1552 State Street, Parcel Number 12-16-113.000, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business

Mayor Butler declared the hearing open at 7:32 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Butler declared the hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing Assignment of City-owned Tax Sale Certificate on Parcel Number 01-04-106.000 Known as 710 Morrison Street To Craig Schafer

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is the owner of a certain tax sale certificate on a lot of land known as 710 Morrison Street as designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 01-04-106.000, and

WHEREAS Craig Schafer has requested the assignment of the tax sale certificate from the City for the amount of the tax sale certificate plus the 2014-15 City tax, 2014-15 school tax, 2015 County tax, 2015-16 City tax, 2015-16 school tax and 2016 County tax plus applicable interest per City Charter Section 140,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the offer of \$6,169.97 submitted by Craig Schafer for the purchase of the tax sale certificate for Parcel No. 01-04-106.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Comptroller is directed to assign the City's tax sale certificate for the above parcel to Craig Schafer upon the Comptroller's receipt of certified funds in the amount of \$6,169.97.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Walczyk asked if this property had gone to auction.

Mayor Butler indicated the auction was held on June 25, 2014, and the City was the default bidder.

Attorney Slye explained the owner has a right to redeem the property for a period of two years from the date of the auction.

Council Member Walczyk asked if Mr. Schafer had any violations or code infractions.

Ms. Addison replied that she did not get a report on this.

Council Member Walczyk said that he spoke with the possible buyer and it was explained that he wants to keep the structure instead of demolishing it.

Attorney Slye explained the assignment of a tax sale certificate further and indicated that a tax sale deed can be applied for after the two year redemption period is completed.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has surplus equipment and supplies at the City Water Treatment Plant, the listing of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

WHEREAS these supplies and equipment may have some value best determined by on-line auction, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby authorizes the sale, by on-line auction, of the surplus equipment and supplies from the City Water Treatment Plant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final acceptance of such bids shall constitute acceptance of the same by the City Council.

Seconded by Council Member Cody J. Horbacz and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement By and Between NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS in October 2015, Governor Cuomo announced the deployment of 19 Foam Trailers to combat crude oil spills to include the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Fire Department is seeking City Council approval to enter into an Agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for a loan of Fire Suppression Foam Equipment, and

WHEREAS the purpose of this Agreement is to support and supplement existing local foam capabilities to assure that trained personnel and the appropriate equipment is available at strategic locations throughout the State based on risk, and

WHEREAS the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services agrees to accept an official letter of self-insurance from the City of Watertown to indemnify and hold harmless the State of New York for any and all claims arising out of the local use of the equipment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the Fire Department to participate in the Temporary Loan of Fire Suppression Foam Equipment program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Sharon Addison is hereby authorized and directed to execute Agreement No. X200017 Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Fire Prevention and Control and City of Watertown for Temporary Loan of Fire Suppression Foam Equipment, a copy of which is attached and made part of this Resolution, on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Fire Chief Herman explained this is an opportunity for the City to acquire a trailer at no cost. He stated this will be a New York State asset so they are responsible for maintaining it as well as the training for its use. He added it will be stored at the State Street Station and should be arriving soon after the completion of the contract. He responded to Council's questions, stating it is a two year contract, which is renewable, and the City does have a vehicle to tow it. He further explained the training schedule, noting that staff from each shift will receive it.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 4 - Approving the 2016 Youth and Young Adult Employment Training Program Contract Between the City of Watertown and the Jefferson-Lewis Local Workforce Development Area

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Department of Employment and Training and the Jefferson-Lewis Local Workforce Development Area has allocated to the City of Watertown five (5) funded training positions under the Summer Youth & Young Adult Employment Training Program, and

WHEREAS various departments of the City of Watertown can provide training opportunities for young people of the community, and

WHEREAS the City and Jefferson County Department of Employment and Training have cooperated in past years with this same program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby authorizes the City's participation in the 2016 Summer Youth & Young Adult Employment Training Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Sharon Addison, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Youth & Young Adult Employment Training Program Contract on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 5 - Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Matthew R. Morgia of Aubertine & Currier, PLLC, on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center to Allow a Parking Lot at 150, 154, 158 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-112.000, 14-01-113.000, and 14-01-114.000

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS Matthew R. Morgia of Aubertine & Currier, PLLC, on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center, has made an application for a Special Use Permit to allow a parking lot as the sole use of the property located at 150, 154, 158 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-112.000, 14-01-113.000, and 14-01-114.000.

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the request for a Special Use Permit at its meeting held on May 3, 2016, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the request as submitted, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed Special Use Permit on June 20, 2016, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part II 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 Special Use Permit to allow a parking lot is 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, that a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to Samaritan Medical Center to allow a parking lot as the sole use of the property located at 150, 154, 158 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-112.000, 14-01-113.000, and 14-01-114.000.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Motion was made by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings to schedule a Public Hearing on the foregoing resolution for Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Resolution No. 6 - Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Matthew R. Morgia of Aubertine & Currier, PLLC, on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center to Allow a Parking Lot at 724 and 728 Washington Street and 110 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-139.000, 14-01-101.000 and 14-01-102.000

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS Matthew R. Morgia of Aubertine & Currier, PLLC, on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center, has made an application for a Special Use Permit to allow a parking lot as the sole use of the property located at 724 and 728 Washington Street and 110 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-139.000, 14-01-101.000 and 14-01-102.000.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, that a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to Samaritan Medical Center to allow a parking lot as the sole use of the property located at 724 and 728 Washington Street and 110 Woodruff Street, Respective Parcel Numbers 14-01-139.000, 14-01-101.000 and 14-01-102.000.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Motion was made by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso to schedule a Public Hearing on the foregoing resolution for Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Resolution No. 7 - Finding That the Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Disposal Modification Project Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, is planning to undertake the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Disposal Modification Project and is applying for funding for the project through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the construction of the proposed project would constitute such an “Action,” and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the proposed project is an “Unlisted Action” as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2(ak), and

WHEREAS a coordinated review was initiated with other involved agencies, as that term is defined in 6NYCRR Section 617.2(s), and

WHEREAS none of the other involved agencies have objected to the City Council being established as the Lead Agency, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared by Staff, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council reviewed the full environmental assessment form in detail.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 8 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of the south section of 1552 State Street, Parcel Number 12-16-113.000, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, has before it an Ordinance for the zone change application of Edward G. Olley, Jr., on behalf of James Petersen of Fast Lube of Watertown, to change the approved zoning classification of the south section of 1552 State Street, Parcel Number 12-16-113.000 from Residence B to Neighborhood Business, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the approval of the zone change would constitute such an “Action,” and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that changing the zoning classification of this property is an Unlisted Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS there are no other involved agencies for SEQRA review as that term is defined in 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed zone change will have a significant impact on the environment, Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared by the applicant, a copy of which is attached and made part of this Resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that:

1. Based upon its examination of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparing the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact is known and the adoption of the zone change will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute the Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council reviewed the short environmental assessment form.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

OLD BUSINESS

The Resolution Authorizing Spending From Capital Reserve Fund. *(Introduced on 5/25/2016; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2016 Minutes Book on page 4-5 of the 5/25/2016 minutes).*

Council Member Walczyk mentioned the Side Load Refuse Packer Truck is to be purchased with these funds and asked if it will have single stream capability.

Council Member Horbacz stated it will be used for refuse only.

Mayor Butler said this truck was discussed during a budget session and it will not have an impact on the City's ability to pursue single stream recycling.

Eugene Hayes, Superintendent of Public Works, explained this truck is in the Capital Plan so there is time to see what the County decides in regard to single stream recycling prior to purchasing it. Discussing the current recycling trucks, he said they are only two years old and should be able to convert for use of single stream recycling.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

The Resolution Authorizing Spending From the Duffy Fairgrounds Stadium Reserve Fund. *(Introduced on 5/25/2016; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2016 Minutes Book on page 5-6 of the 5/25/2016 minutes).*

Council Member Horbacz asked if this spending will deplete this reserve fund.

Ms. Addison confirmed that it would.

In response to Council Member Walczyk's question, Erin Gardner, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, explained the need for work on the baseball dugout was brought to her attention last year from the Bucks baseball team. She indicated the wall was caving in so there are some masonry repairs that need to occur.

Council Member Walczyk questioned the cost of \$30,000.

Justin Wood, City Engineer, explained in detail the work that will be done.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

The Ordinance Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of the south section of 1552 State Street, Parcel Number 12-16-113.000, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business. *(Introduced on 5/16/2016; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2016 Minutes Book on page 8-9 of the 2016 minutes).*

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

STAFF REPORTS

Request for Waiver of Fees for New Life Church Father's Day Service

Mayor Butler reviewed the request for a waiver and mentioned an additional memo was available with updated fees totaling \$3,070.

Council Member Horbacz asked if this was the first year the event was held at the Arena.

Ms. Gardner confirmed that it was.

Council Member Jennings said he does not support waiving these fees because this is a big event with costs to the City. Stating he does not feel the charges are not unreasonable, he reminded Council that they supported establishing a fee schedule so they cannot continue to undermine Parks and Recreation by waiving the fees.

Council Member Macaluso commented that Council told Ms. Gardner they agreed with the fees and would support her so they need to stand firm on it.

Mayor Butler remarked that he likes to do good will, but this would be like an in-kind donation on behalf of the taxpayers and he is not sure if that is part of Council's responsibilities. He stressed this is a significant amount of money to be waived. Noting that the City does not want to turn people away and needs to stay competitive, he said the City can always reevaluate the fee schedule.

Council Member Walczyk said he thought the same thing the first time a request for a waiver was brought forward, but the City has already set a precedent in waiving some of the fees. He pointed out this is a not-for-profit organization that is not charging for an event that is open to the public so if there was an opportunity to waive fees, then this would be the type of event that would qualify.

Council Member Jennings interjected that this is a religious event so it is not really open to the public.

Council Member Horbacz noted a fee reduction was done for The Workplace but their event had always been at the Arena and the fee had doubled from the previous year.

Council Member Walczyk said he appreciates the fiscal responsibility of his colleagues but he does not view Parks and Recreation as needing to justify their costs the same way as some other departments. He stressed the Arena was built for the public good so the City should do its best to mitigate costs so that it gets used. He mentioned the fact that the church wrote requesting a waiver indicates that the fees are not competitive.

In response to Mayor Butler's question, Ms. Gardner stated the group is hoping for 1,000 people to attend the event. She explained that staff for the event would have to be paid overtime on Saturday and double-time on Sunday. She added that the concession stand cannot be open for this event so there is no additional revenue coming in from that source.

Noting he attends this church, Council Member Walczyk pointed out that the only thing there would be a charge for is the food from the barbeque.

Mayor Butler mentioned there will be a significant cost for staff and Council needs to do its best to recoup the expense of rebuilding the Arena. He suggested charging the new fee schedule for the chair rental, which was not in effective when the contract was done.

Council Member Horbacz mentioned that if Council agrees to waive the fee then every church in the City will want the same.

Council Member Macaluso agreed that the City could adjust the fee for the chair rental but she does not support waiving the daily fees that would be charged for using the Arena for this amount of time.

Council Member Walczyk said he feels the City could be fairer, like it is to any other not-for-profit organization.

Advertising Fees

Mayor Butler read the memo from Ms. Gardner suggesting charging a fee for advertising within the Arena during the months of May through August as well as for advertising on the TV within the lobby. He asked how much exposure an advertiser would have on the TV.

Ms. Gardner replied that it would depend on how many people were advertising because it would be a scrolling advertisement.

Mayor Butler commented this may not be a fair fee given the number of users. He suggested a more accurate way to charge the TV advertising be reviewed.

Sales Tax Revenue – April 2016

Mayor Butler read the memo, highlighting the year-to-date actual receipts are down \$183,476 or 1.3% while the year-to date receipts on a budget basis are down \$550,397 or 3.8%.

Board and Commission Appointments

Mayor Butler asked staff to contact the current board members to see if there is an interest in continuing to serve.

Council Member Walczyk mentioned that he has a recommendation for the Transportation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Garden Behind the Massey Street Fire Station

Council Member Horbacz updated Council on the progress of this, commending Paul Ward for pushing this project forward. He mentioned Alpine Fence may be willing to donate fencing for it in order to keep animals out of it.

Council Member Macaluso suggested having Parks and Recreation bring a group of children to the Community Garden to help learn about gardening.

Jefferson County Economic Development Seminar

Council Member Horbacz said he attended this seminar and they expressed the importance of community development in helping to attract industry to the area.

Thompson Park Pool

Council Member Walczyk said he would like to get a plan of action in place for next year. He stated the Friends of Thompson Park could assist with this fundraising.

Work Session Topics

In response to Council Member Walczyk's question, Ms. Addison explained the next work session will be regarding the second courtroom for City Court, July's work session will be about vacant properties and August's work session will be about Centro.

Kenny Rogers Concert by DPAO

Mayor Butler commented that this was a very successful event and offered compliments to the staff for the enormous amount of work it involved. He said it was a great way to officially open the Arena.

10th Mountain Division Monument Time Capsule

Mayor Butler announced there is a ceremony tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for the placement of the time capsule within the monument.

Parkinson's Walk

Mayor Butler thanked Council Member Walczyk for organizing this event. He explained a gentleman with Parkinson's Disease walked from New York City to Toronto and stopped in Watertown on his way.

Drone Policy

Mayor Butler recommended that this is something the City should look into and suggested that it be discussed at a future work session.

Single Stream Recycling

Mayor Butler said he received a memo from DANC regarding single stream recycling and they are trying to pursue this further. He encouraged the use of clear bags for garbage because it can help eliminate the amount of recyclables that go to the landfill.

Letter from Brenda Lyttle

Mentioning the letter that was received as Communications, Ms. Addison indicated that she met with Ms. Lyttle and addressed many of her concerns.

Motion was made by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings to move into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by motion of Council Member Cody J. Horbacz, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk