

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
October 7, 2013
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
Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith
Mayor Graham

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

City staff present: Jim Mills, Ken Mix, Kurt Hauk, Gene Hayes, Amy Pastuf, Erin Gardner, Barb Wheeler, Beth Morris, Brian Phelps, Mike Sligar, Chief Herman, Deputy Chief Randall

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Amendment No. 90 to the Management And Management Confidential Pay Plan
- Resolution No. 2 - Approving Barben Green Easement Declaration of Maintenance
- Resolution No. 3- Approving 2013-2016 Contract Between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249
- Resolution No. 4 - Approving The Site Plan For Expansion Of The Leray Street Apartments Parking Lot At 847 Leray Street, Parcel 1-06-107
- Resolution No. 5 - Amending The Approved Site Plan To Remove The Proposed Fencing Along The Southern Property Line Of North Country Neurology, 1340 Washington Street, Parcel 14-21-102
- Resolution No. 6 - Approving Change Order No. 2 to Flower Memorial Library Masonry Restoration and Fountain Construction Project Agreement, Raymond E. Kelley, Inc.
- Resolution No. 7 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2013-14 General and Library Fund Budgets
- Resolution No. 8 - Authorizing Application for “Adopting Healthy Habits Mini-Grant” Through Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Resolution No. 9 - Approving Change Order No. 3 to Agreement, Hyde Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
- Resolution No. 10 - Finding that the Maple Court Apartments Renovation and Community Building Construction Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Resolution No. 11 - Authorizing Submission of an Application for a 2013 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant
- Resolution No. 12 - Accepting Bid for Trash Rake for the Hydro Electric Plant, Tuscarora Construction Company, Inc.
- Resolution No. 13 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Hydro Plant Trash Rake
- Resolution No. 14 - Accepting Bid for Arena Storage Building, D.E.W. Builders, Inc.
- Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$240,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Purchase of Trash Rack Raking Equipment for the City’s Hydro-Electric Facility, in and for Said City

- Ordinance No. 2 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$275,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Purchase and Installation of a Pre-Engineered Metal Building at the Fairgrounds, in and for Said City
- Public Hearing - 2013 CDBG Small Cities Program Public Hearing
- Public Hearing - Resolution Approving a Special Use Permit Request To Operate An Auto Sales Lot In A Neighborhood Business District At 816 Coffeen St, Parcel 8-21-306
- Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending PDD #3 to Allow Construction Of A Community Building At Maple Court Apartments, 591 Weldon Drive, parcel 14-49-102
- Tabled - Resolution Approving Agreement for Services for Vision and Dental City Employee Plan, Relph Benefit Services
- Tabled - Resolution Accepting Bid for Unarmed Security Guard, Flower Memorial Library
- Sales Tax Revenue – August 2013
- Business Licenses and Permits
- 261 Mullin Street
- Letter from Greg S. Binion
- Letter from Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham

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 September 16, 2013 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Jennifer and Jamie Shear asking for a “No Parking from here to Corner” sign at the intersection of West Lynde and Cooper Streets.

A letter was received from Greg Binion of the NYS Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association Hockey Team requesting a discount or donation of ice time for an upcoming hockey tournament.

A letter was received from a concerned citizen regarding the smaller blue trash bags and their corresponding cost.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Greg Binion, NYS Department of Corrections and Police Benevolent Association Hockey Team addressed the chair to follow up on his letter requesting the City to donate a portion of the ice time needed towards a hockey tournament benefiting the Wounded Warriors Project. He explained the

details of the tournament to be held on January 3 – January 5, 2014 and asked the City for a discount of \$500 towards the \$1,500 cost for ice time.

S.G. Gates, 157 Dorsey Street addressed the chair regarding the Dog Ordinance and a proposal for a dog park. He suggested a change in wording to the Dog Ordinance and listed some events in which he saw dogs in attendance so he said the ordinance is not being complied with consistently. In regards to a dog park, he clarified his remarks and actions from the past and advised that the SPCA cannot be burdened with this responsibility.

Mary Espinoza, 123 Chestnut Street addressed the chair representing residents, homeowners and parents along Chestnut, Elm and Sherman Streets. She read from a prepared statement (on file in the City Clerk's Office) explaining their apprehension regarding the expansion of the Sunoco Station at 1222 Washington Street. She stressed the inappropriateness of a Beer Cave and Beer Tap directly across from the school complex and mentioned that this targets the youth as these ideas are planted in their minds daily. In addition, she addressed the increased noise, lighting and traffic as a result of this expansion and the effects it will have on this neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing concerning housing and community development needs in the City and consider proposals for CDBG funding in Program Year 2013

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

Ken Mix, Planning Coordinator explained a handout describing the program and what has been done in the past with income eligibility requirements and the maximum rental requirements. He further explained that the proposal for this year is a City-wide housing rehab program which is different than what has been done in the past.

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

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning approving a Special Use Permit Request to operate an Auto Sales Lot In A Neighborhood Business District At 816 Coffeen St, Parcel 8-21-306

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

No one spoke.

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

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Amending PDD #3 to Allow Construction Of A Community Building At Maple Court Apartments, 591 Weldon Drive, Parcel 14-49-102

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

No one spoke.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 – Amendment No. 90 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York hereby approves Amendment No. 90 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan, effective October 7, 2013, as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Confidential Assistant to the City Manager	\$49,548
Confidential Secretary to the City Manager	\$47,000

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 2 – Approving Barben Green Easement Declaration of Maintenance

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS in 1989, the City of Watertown received two separate “Deeds of Easement” in connection with the management of stormwater in the Barben Green subdivision, and

WHEREAS the “Deeds of Easement” were not recorded in the Office of the Jefferson County Clerk, and

WHEREAS recent development in the Barben Green subdivision has made it necessary to ensure that all previous and subsequent purchasers of properties within the Barben Green subdivision have notice of the stormwater easement and the City’s intention to maintain that easement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby declares its intention to maintain the stormwater easement area in the Barben Green subdivision in accordance with the “Declaration of Maintenance by City of Watertown” attached to this resolution, and directs the City Clerk of the City of Watertown to sign the declaration as indicated and to file the same with the Office of the Jefferson County Clerk.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 3 – Approving 2013-2016 Contract Between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the 2010-2013 Employment Contract between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249, expired on June 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS negotiations have concluded on a successor Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it hereby approves the 2010-2013 Employment Contract between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249, 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 Agreement on behalf of the City.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Burns commended the City Manager for a very successful and fair negotiation.

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 Site Plan for Expansion of the Leray Street Apartments Parking Lot at 847 Leray Street, Parcel 1-06-107

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS Ryan Churchill of GYMO, PC, on behalf of the Watertown Housing Authority, has submitted a request for site plan approval for the expansion of the Leray Street Apartments parking lot at 847 Leray Street, parcel 1-06-107, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on October 1, 2013, and voted to recommend that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall submit a separate plan depicting the turn movements for the City's ladder truck.
2. The existing curb cut shall be reconstructed with widened turn radii, plus "enter only" and "exit only" signage.
3. The existing utility pole location in the margin shall be surveyed and shown on the plans, and the plan shall be modified so that the exit driveway does not conflict with the pole.
4. The new driveway shall be installed according to City standards, including a 6" thick sidewalk across the opening. Driveway apron and sidewalk details shall be provided with the plans.
5. The applicant shall review the plan to ensure that adequate lighting levels are provided.

6. The applicant shall not install any plumbing fixtures within the garage without providing a sanitary sewer connection.
7. The applicant shall remove the existing dead tree along the southern property line, and plant at least 2 large-maturing deciduous trees of different varieties, spaced 40' on center, or 3 large-maturing coniferous trees, spaced 15' on center.
8. The applicant shall modify the site plan and survey by adding labels for the lawn, sidewalk, and asphalt areas; adding parcel acreage and zoning district information; depicting the utilities entering the apartment building from Leray Street; surveying the street margin area and the north and west sides of the building; and providing bearings and distances for the property lines.

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 an Unlisted Action 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 Code 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 Code 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 Ryan Churchill of GYMO, PC, on behalf of the Watertown Housing Authority, for the expansion of the Leray Street Apartments parking lot at 847 Leray Street, parcel 1-06-107, as shown on the site plans submitted to the City Engineer on October 1, 2013, which satisfy conditions 2, 3, 5, and 7 listed above, contingent on the applicant making the revisions and meeting the remaining conditions recommended by the Planning Board.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 5 – Amending the Approved Site Plan to Remove the Proposed Fencing Along the Southern Property Line of North Country Neurology, 1340 Washington Street, Parcel 14-21-102

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS Terry Wood of LUNCO has submitted a request to amend the site plan approved on September 4, 2012 to remove the proposed fence along the southern property line of 1340 Washington Street, parcel 14-21-102, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the proposal at its meetings held on September 3, 2013 and October 1, 2013, and voted to recommend that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan amendment as submitted on September 18, 2013, and

WHEREAS the City Council reviewed the environmental impact of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act during the original site plan review and this minor change does not require any further environmental review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 Code 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 Code 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 an amendment to site plan approval is hereby granted to Terry Wood of LUNCO to remove the proposed fence along the southern property line of 1340 Washington Street, parcel 14-21-102, as shown on the site plan submitted to the Engineering Department on September 18, 2013.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Burns questioned whether this required any further environmental review.

Mr. Mix indicated that a complete review was done when the site plan was first approved and that this change is minimal so it would not have an impact on the prior review.

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

Resolution No. 6 – Approving Change Order No. 2 to Flower Memorial Library Masonry Restoration and Fountain Construction Project Agreement, Raymond E. Kelley, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS on May 20, 2013, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved a bid submitted by Raymond E. Kelley, Inc. in the amount of \$253,400 for the Flower Memorial Library Masonry Restoration and Fountain Construction project, and

WHEREAS on August 5, 2013 the City Council approved Changer Order Number 1, increasing the contract price to \$271,100, and

WHEREAS the project Architect, Crawford and Stearns, has identified extra work needed for the cornice and parapet, and has deleted some work proposed for the marble fence, this being the basis for the scope of work for Change Order No. 2, and

WHEREAS Change Order No. 2 results in a net additional charge of \$4,636.00, bringing the contract amount to \$275,736.00, and extends the contract end date to October 30, 2013,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Raymond E. Kelley, Inc. for the Flower Memorial Library Masonry Restoration and Fountain Construction project, in the amount of \$4,636.00, plus an extension of the contract end date to October 30, 2013 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that acceptance of this change order is contingent upon City Council re-adopting the Fiscal Year 2013-14 General and Library Fund Budgets to finance the increased costs of the project, and

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

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 7 – Readopting Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General and Library Fund Budgets

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS on May 20, 2013 the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14, of which \$41,021,635 was appropriated for the General Fund and \$1,301,973 was appropriated for the Library Fund, and

WHEREAS on August 19, 2013 the City Council re-adopted the General Fund and Library Fund Budgets to increase appropriations by \$17,700 to pay the increased costs of the Library masonry restoration and fountain construction project, and

WHEREAS on October 7, 2013 the City Council approved change order number two with Raymond E. Kelley, Inc. in the amount of \$4,636 for the Flower Memorial library masonry restoration and fountain construction project creating a project funding shortfall of \$4,636, and

WHEREAS the Flower Memorial library masonry restoration and fountain construction project is being funded with current financial resources and not through the issuance of debt,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the total amount of \$4,636 is hereby transferred and appropriated from and to the following accounts for FY 2013-14:

Expenditures

A.1990.0430 Contingency (\$ 4,636)

A 9512.0900	Transfer to Library Fund	<u>\$ 4,636</u>
Total		<u>\$ _____</u>

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby re-adopts the Library Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 in the total amount of \$1,324,309 and

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

<u>Revenues</u>		
L.0000.5031	Inter-fund Transfer	<u>\$ 4,636</u>
Total		<u>\$ 4,636</u>

<u>Expenditures</u>		
L 9950.0900	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 4,636</u>
Total		<u>\$ 4,636</u>

Secoded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 8 – Authorizing Application for “Adopting Healthy Habits Mini-Grant” Through Cornell Cooperative Extension

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the Cornell University Cooperative Extension is accepting applications for funding through October 11, 2013, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Parks and Recreation Department has prepared an application that meets the intended purpose of this grant, which will allow the department to fund a running program that promotes exercise, healthy eating and good citizenship, and

WHEREAS the application, in the amount of \$1,956.00, does not require any matching funds from the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to submit a grant application in the amount of \$1,956.00 to the Cornell University Cooperative Extension, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parks and Recreation Superintendent Erin Gardner is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Secoded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 9 – Approving Change Order No. 3 to Agreement, Hyde Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS on June 4, 2012, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved a bid submitted by Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$431,461 for the installation of pre-purchased HVAC equipment at the Flower Memorial Library and City Hall, per City specifications, and

WHEREAS on October 1, 2012, City Council of the City of Watertown approved Change Order No. 1 to the contract for an additional charge of \$42,383, bringing the contract amount of \$473,844, and

WHEREAS on January 22, 2013, City Council of the City of Watertown approved Change Order No. 2 to the contract for an additional charge of \$37,964, bringing the contract amount of \$511,808, and

WHEREAS City Engineer Kurt W. Hauk has submitted the Change Order No. 3 to that contract for consideration by the City Council, and

WHEREAS Change Order No. 3 results in a reduction charge of \$19,867, bringing the contract amount to \$491,941,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc., for the installation of pre-purchased HVAC equipment at the Flower Memorial Library and City Hall, per City specifications, in the reduced amount of \$19,867, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

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

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler stated that he will recuse himself from voting because he has a business relationship with one of the principle owners of this firm.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. abstaining.

Resolution No. 10 – Finding That the Maple Court Apartments Renovation and Community Building Construction Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

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 City Council has before it a request to amend Planned Development District #3 to allow the construction of a community building at Maple Court Apartments, 540 Keiff Drive, thereby making the City Council an Involved Agency, and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that this project will constitute an Unlisted Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS a Coordinated Review was initiated, with all other Involved Agencies responding that they concur with the City Council acting as the Lead Agency for the environmental review of this project, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed project will have a significant impact on the environment, Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared, 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 actions with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact is known, and the renovation of Maple Court Apartments and the construction of a community building 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.

Secoded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 11 – Authorizing Submission of an Application for a 2013 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS Federal grants are available from NYS Office of Community Renewal to support local community development activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the 2013 application round, and

WHEREAS it has been determined that funding should be used for a program to promote rehabilitation of existing substandard homes and apartments throughout the City, and

WHEREAS this proposal has been considered at a public hearing conducted by the City Council on October 7, 2013,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is authorized to sign and submit an application for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funding through the 2013 application process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign all agreements, certifications and other documents required to complete the application and to accept grants and administer the programs that are proposed for this funding.

Secoded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 12 – Accepting Bid for Trash Rake for the Hydro Electric Plant, Tuscarora Construction Company, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the Trash Rake for the Hydro Electric Plant, and

WHEREAS one (1) sealed bid was received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf reviewed the bids received with the Water Department and Engineering Department, and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Tuscarora Construction Company, Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York accepts the bid submitted by Tuscarora Construction Company, Inc. as the lowest qualifying bidder for the Trash Rake for the Hydro Electric Plant, in the amount of \$238,761.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of this bid is contingent upon the City Council's approval of a bond ordinance in the amount of \$240,000 to cover the expenses associated with this project.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler stated that he will recuse himself from voting because he has a business relationship with this company.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. abstaining.

Resolution No. 13 – Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Hydro Plant Trash Rake

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has a surplus Hydro Plant Trash Rake from Water Departments, and

WHEREAS this item may have some value for a small hydro plant, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby authorizes the sale, through advertising in an industry-related publication, as well as creating a bid packet to place on the City of Watertown website, of a surplus Hydro Plant Trash Rake from the Water Department, 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 Roxanne M. Burns

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Macaluso asked how much of a return

this equipment might have.

Mike Sligar, Water Superintendent indicated that he did not know.

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

Resolution No. 14 – Accepting Bid for Arena Storage Building, D.E.W. Builders, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for an Arena Storage Building, per our specifications, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to Northern New York and Syracuse Builders Exchanges, the Dodge Reports and Empire State Bid System, with twelve (12) sets of bid specifications sent to area builders, with eight (8) sealed bids received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Friday, September 27, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf reviewed the bids received with the Engineering and Parks & Recreation Departments, and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the bid submitted by D.E.W. Builders, Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York accepts the bid submitted by D.E.W. Builders, Inc. as the lowest qualifying bidder for the Arena Storage Building, per our specifications, in the amount of \$256,952.46, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of this bid is contingent upon the City Council's approval of a bond ordinance in the amount of 275,000 to cover the expenses associated with this project.

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting yea.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$240,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Purchase of Trash Rack Raking Equipment for the City's Hydro-Electric Facility, in and for Said City

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

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 the cost of trash rack raking equipment for the City's hydro-electric facility, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, all in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$240,000 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 \$240,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$240,000 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 class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision thirty-two 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.

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, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; 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. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at his or her sole discretion, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes

described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this resolution is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes, without resorting to further action of the City Comptroller.

Section 11. 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 its 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 12. 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 resolution 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 13. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, 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 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, 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.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

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

Ordinance No. 2 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$275,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Purchase and Installation of a Pre-Engineered Metal Building at the Fairgrounds, in and for Said City

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS, the purchase and installation of a pre-engineered metal building at the Fairgrounds has been determined to be an “Unlisted” Action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act with no significant impact on the environment; 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 and installation of a pre-engineered metal building at the Fairgrounds, including original furnishings, concrete slab, installation of heating, lighting and electrical work and incidental expenses in connection therewith, all in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$275,000 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 specific object or purpose is \$275,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$275,000 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 thirty years, pursuant to subdivision eleven of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as said building will be a class “A” building within the meaning of said subdivision.

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.

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, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; 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. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at his or her sole discretion, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this resolution is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes, without resorting to further action of the City Comptroller.

Section 11. 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 its 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 12. 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 resolution 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 13. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, 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 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, 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.

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Resolution “Approving A Special Use Permit Request To Operate An Auto Sales Lot In A Neighborhood Business District At 816 Coffeen St. Parcel 8-21-306”. *(Introduced on 9/16/2013; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2013 Minutes Book on page 12-13 of the 9/16/2013 minutes).*

Council Member Butler remarked that he voted against the zone change from Residential B to Neighborhood Business on Coffeen Street because he was trying to preserve what is left of that residential neighborhood and that is why he will vote against this as well.

Council Member Burns said that she shares many of the same concerns of the Planning Board and there is the potential of too much traffic for this area. She noted that she agreed with Council Member Butler.

Council Member Smith stated that he opposed the zone change originally because there needs to be a buffer between the houses on Vanduzee Street and the rest of Coffeen Street. He pointed out that this will be an increase in the intensity of the use because it was initially presented as a real estate office. He said that he will not support this.

Council Member Macaluso agreed that this is not conducive to the neighborhood and will not support this.

Mayor Graham remarked that car lots need special dispensation in certain zones and that there is no such thing as a 3-car car lot. He added that it never ends up this way and there are similar situations in the City in which a special use permit was passed for 5 cars but there is no way to run a car business with this limited number of cars.

Council Member Burns mentioned that there have also been situations in which a car lot was approved but then they bring in ATV's.

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

The Ordinance “Amending PDD #3 TO Allow Construction Of A Community Building At Maple Court Apartments, 591 Weldon Drive, Parcel 14-49-102”. *(Introduced on 9/16/2013; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2013 Minutes Book on page 16 of the 9/16/2013 minutes).*

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

The Resolution “Approving Agreement for Services for Vision and Dental City Employee Plan, Relph Benefit Services”. *(Introduced on 9/3/2013; tabled at that time and again on 9/3/13 and 9/16/2013; appears in its entirety in the 2013 Minutes Book on page 3 of the 9/3/2013 minutes).*

Motion was made by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso to take from the table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council Member Butler said that this was first introduced back in May as a plan that would have no cost to the City and even though this is a small amount, it is still an expense to the City. He stated that he hoped that the plan itself could absorb these costs.

Council Member Macaluso agreed because this was sold by stating that there would be no cost to the City.

Council Member Burns also agreed stating that the cost is minimal but there is no historical data available to know the number of occurrences that might happen. She said that she cannot support this because there is no explanation as to why there are fees now after passing a resolution stating there would be no fees.

Ms. Addison noted she has spoken to Relph Benefit Services and they admit that it is their mistake in not disclosing the COBRA administration fees.

Attorney Slye indicated that it would cost more to establish an Employee Welfare Benefit Plan that would comply than it would cost to pay the \$250 administration fee. He advised that it would be cheaper for the City to pay the \$250 fee instead of developing an Employee Welfare Benefit Plan.

Council Member Butler commented that he would like Relph Benefit Services to absorb the \$250 fee and would like to allow additional time for this to be worked out.

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

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

The Resolution “Accepting Bid for Unarmed Security Guard, Flower Memorial Library”.
(Introduced on 9/16/2013; tabled at that time; appears in its entirety in the 2013 Minutes Book on page 7-8 of the 9/16/2013 minutes).

Motion was made by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns to take from the table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Mayor Graham said there has been a lot of discussion on this and advised that if Council’s intention is to the reject this bid then there needs to be a motion to reject all the bids.

Council Member Butler asked if there is any additional information as to why this company would offer this bid so low and not make any profit.

Mayor Graham commented that he spoke to the Library and there is some apprehension regarding this and maybe this should be rejected in order to try something else.

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

The following resolution was offered:

Resolution – Rejecting Bids for Unarmed Security Services, Flower Memorial Library

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for unarmed security services at the Flower Memorial Library, and

WHEREAS bid specifications were requested by thirteen (13) security service firms, with five (5) bids received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on August 29, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Council reviewed the bids received along with the report of City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf at the September 16, 2013 meeting and tabled the resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby rejects all bids received for unarmed security services at the Flower Memorial Library.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Rules waived by Motion of Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Macaluso asked what would happen if this company tries to rebid.

Amy Pastuf, Purchasing Manager mentioned that she has spoken with firms on the NYS OGS contract to see if they could perform the services. In regards to a state contract, she noted that the prices are set. If this did not work out, she said it would be rebid with different specifications but she noted that the City cannot limit who submits a bid.

Council Member Burns commented that she thinks this is the right direction. Speaking on behalf of the Library Board, she said that they had the same concerns as Council and stressed how important the need for security in that building is.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Sales Tax Revenue – August 2013

Mayor Graham said the numbers looked strong.

Business Licenses and Permits

Mayor Graham mentioned that the City Clerk submitted a report with suggestions for updating the City Code for these chapters.

Council Member Burns stated that she supports the Clerk's recommendations.

In regards to Transient Retail, Mayor Graham noted that there can be misinterpretations when a business rents a storefront for a finite period of time in a commercial building. He added that it is important to realize that some of these things were passed to deal with a certain situation or set of complaints for such things as an ad hoc furniture sale in a parking lot. He said that if someone is renting space in a commercial building that pays taxes then it should not be transient retail. He suggested that this should apply to something held in the arena or public facilities that directly compete with established businesses.

Council Member Butler asked if vending in public designated places refers things such as a kiosks or vending machine.

Ann Saunders, City Clerk explained that this license is in the Code and there is a fee associated with it but after speaking with Attorney Burrows, he advised that this license cannot be issued because Council has not approved a list of designated places. She further explained that her interpretation of designated places would be Thompson Park, Public Square or designated locations where vending would be offered but some of these locations are addressed through the Parks and Recreation Department. She advised that her recommendation is that the City should not have this license if there is not an approved list of designated places.

Mayor Graham pointed out that some of these licenses require documentation from businesses that the City is in no way prepared to analyze. For instance, he mentioned that the Going Out of Business license requires the submission of a complete inventory which can be quite large. He said that it would be good to get rid of some of these licenses.

Attorney Slye said that he wants to make sure that there is no requirement under NYS Law stating that there is a local provision.

Council decided to discuss this at the next work session.

261 Mullin Street

Mayor Graham pointed out that there is a ZBA action pending on this fence issue.

Letter from Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham – Appointment to the Planning Board

Mayor Graham told Council that he appointed Michelle Capone to the Planning Board to fill a vacancy. He said that she is an employee of DANC and is well versed in the area of housing and community redevelopment.

Letter from Greg S. Binion – Request to waive fee for ice time at the Arena

Mayor Graham said that this falls under a broader issue of waiving a fee being an expenditure of public funds and it should be approved by the Council. He gave the example of waiving the cost of a lawn being mowed and would like to see items like that presented to Council as a quarterly report so that Council's decision or support is on the record. He added that this represents a good level of transparency.

Mr. Binion again explained his hockey tournament to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project and asked Council to accept \$1000 for the needed 15 hours of ice time. He explained that the normal rate would be \$100 per hour of ice and his proposal would bring the hourly rate closer to a rate offered to him at another local ice arena.

Erin Gardner, Parks and Recreation Superintendent explained that the Watertown Figure Skating Club and the Watertown Minor Hockey Association is donating their scheduled ice time that was paid for under their bulk ice contract at a rate of \$70 per hour. She said that in the past when bulk ice time was not used and given back to the City, the City has been able to rent it out to another entity for \$100 per hour.

Council debated whether this time should be double billed and who is making the donation. It was concluded that this time was already paid for by the Watertown Figure Skating Club and Watertown

Minor Hockey Association and that most of the 15 hours is coming from these two organizations. The IHC hockey team is giving up some of their time but IHC does not pay for their time in advance.

Attorney Slye clarified that if the rate is \$100 per hour for 15 hours, then the fee is \$1,500 and a credit should be applied towards this for the amount paid by the Minor Hockey Association and the Watertown Figure Skating Club for the donated ice time. Therefore, he said, that Mr. Binion's group would only owe the difference between \$1,500 and the amount to be credited.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolution – Waiver of Fees for Ice Time for the NYS Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association Hockey Team for the Wounded Warrior Project

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association Hockey Team will be charged at a rate of \$100 per hour of ice time and a credit for the amount paid by the Minor Hockey Association and the Watertown Figure Skating Association for their donated ice time will be applied.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Rules waived by Motion of Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith, seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Waiving of Fees

Mayor Graham asked Ms. Addison to bring up the broader issue of items to be waived at the next work session.

Thompson Park Pavilion Roof Bid

Council Member Burns noted that Mr. Reddick withdrew his bid but the roof has already been removed.

Mayor Graham mentioned that Mr. Reddick reached out to him regarding the bond and this seems quite complicated.

Barben Avenue Sewer

Council Member Butler asked for an update on this.

Kurt Hauk, City Engineer replied that one of the properties is connected to the sewer line by going across private lots. He said that he has asked DPW to video that line and he hopes to have a report at the next meeting.

Orchard Street Work

Council Member Butler asked when this work would be completed.

Mr. Hauk said that he hoped that it would be done in a few weeks and when it is completed he needs to execute some easements.

Council Member Butler mentioned that the City was approached by a neighbor to purchase that lot.

Mr. Hauk clarified that once the work is done the sewer easement will be established for all of the properties so when the lot is sold, it will include an easement.

Empire Zone Board

Council Member Butler told Council that there were two terms that have expired and he has spoken with the individuals regarding reappointments. He asked that resolutions for this be prepared for the next meeting.

Advantage Watertown Tour of City Center Plaza

Mayor Graham mentioned that Advantage Watertown meets Thursday morning to tour the City Center Plaza and invited members to attend.

Benchmark Family Services

Mayor Graham said that he received a card from this group requesting individuals to read to children for their Halloween event.

Event at Thompson Park

Mayor Graham commented that an announcement will be released on Thursday regarding an upcoming family event at Thompson Park scheduled for Friday, October 18th.

Jefferson County Public Health

Mayor Graham stated that Public Health is having a 60th Anniversary on October 24th at 9:30am and invited Council Members to attend.

Gas Station on Mill and Main Streets Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Graham remarked that the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held this Friday October 11th from 11:00 am – 1:00pm.

Beer Cave at the Sunoco Station on Washington Street

Mayor Graham discussed the comments made earlier on this and concurred that this might not be a good idea.

Roads within Thompson Park

Pointing out the recent coverage regarding the roads in Thompson Park and the travel restrictions, Mayor Graham said that the City needs to address this further.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by motion of Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso, seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk