

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
November 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham Presiding

Present: Council Member Roxanne M. Burns
Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.
Council Member Stephen A. Jennings
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Mayor Graham

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

City staff present: Jim Mills, Ken Mix, Amy Pastuf, Brian, Phelps, Celia Cook, Erin Gardner, Justin Wood, Michael Sligar, Matthew Roy, Fire Chief Dale Herman, Deputy Fire Chief Russell Randal, Police Chief Charles Donoghue, Beth Morris, Eugene Hayes, David Wurzburg

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing Application for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant, Fire Department
- Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing Budget Modification No. 2 Request for The FY 2012 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant
- Resolution No. 3 - Approving Change Order No. 1 to Flower Memorial Library Boiler Replacement, G.S. Hanley, LLC
- Resolution No. 4 - Authorizing Adjustment of 2014-15 Real Property Taxes for Property at 210 California Avenue, Parcel 06-16-309.000
- Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Assignment of City-owned Tax Sale Certificate on Parcel Number 01-14-121.000 Known as 591 Rear Main Street West To Steven Yelle, 36627 Reese Road, Clayton, New York 13624
- Resolution No. 6 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 169 Alexandria Avenue to Ray Worcester, 152 Winthrop Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 618 Alexandria Avenue to Ray Worcester, 152 Winthrop Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 8 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 507 Cross Street to Chui Sam Chan, 233 Mullin Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 9 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 739 Main Street West to Thon Vith Lopez, 611 Olive Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 10 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as VL-2 Mather Street to Gregg M. Pound, 172 Haney Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 11 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as VL Mather Street to Ray Worcester, 152 Winthrop Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 12 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 115 St Mary Street to Thon Vith Lopez, 611 Olive Street, Watertown, New York 13601
- Resolution No. 13 - Approving Administrative Services Agreement By and Between POMCO and the City of Watertown Self-Funded Health Insurance Program
- Resolution No. 14 - Approving Service Agreement By and Between ProAct and the City of Watertown Self-Funded Health Insurance Program

- Resolution No. 15 - Approving Plan Services Agreement for Administration of Section 125 Plan, Benefit Services Group
- Public Hearing - Program Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant
- Tabled - Resolution Approving Whitewater Park Public Access Limited Use Agreement with Hole Brothers Holdings, LLC
- Slip, Slide, and Skate Fees
- Request from the Northern Choral Society

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 November 3, 2014 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters were received in support of the proposed dog park being located within Thompson Park from the following people:

Roy and Teresa Shipman, 127 Stafford Drive, Black River
Shannon Drean, 233 Barben Avenue, Watertown
Joel Timourou, 468 South Meadow Street, Watertown
Karen Fosberg, 419 Clay Street, Watertown
Charlene Lyndaker, 123 Haney Street, Watertown
Victoria R. Bowden, 902 Myrtle Street, Watertown
Sherry Murphy, 423 Lincoln Street, Watertown
Megan Post, 969 Arsenal Street, Watertown
Emily Joy Fahey, 125 Massey Street, Watertown
Dillon J. Sanders, 657 Olive Street, Watertown
Travis McGraw, 1137 Gill Street, Watertown
Priscilla Pooler, 121 Breen Avenue, Watertown
Christine Roberts, 928 Riggs Avenue, Watertown
Cindy Ward, 683 Flower Street, Watertown
Peter K. Hopper, 230 & 255 Gaffney Drive, Watertown
Wendy Walker, 1200 Washington Street, Watertown
William Eisele, 1200 Washington Street, Watertown
Ryan Skinner, 969 Arsenal Street, Watertown
Kelly Skinner, 969 Arsenal Street, Watertown
Lisa A Cluette, 424 South Massey Street, Watertown
Bethany L. Flyner, 3 Stone Street, Carthage
Kristin Mezzles, 95117 A Desoto Drive, Fort Drum
Sueprena Sanchez, 95005 A Packard Drive, Fort Drum
Brittany Brown, 17120 County Rt 53, Dexter
Samantha Callen, 9072 A Nancy Road, Fort Drum

Nigil K. Handy, 99112 Forest Drive, Fort Drum
Amanda Gump, 43 Champion Street, Carthage
Ryan Kutil, 12281 State Rt 12E, Chaumont

A letter was received from Susan Beaman, 102 Creekwood Drive, requesting Council review the bus routes and consider expanding the schedule to later in the evening and Sundays, especially during the month of December.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

S. G. Gates, 157 Dorsey Street, thanked the Planning Department, Council and the Parks and Recreation Department for the tour of the proposed dog sites on Saturday. He said he felt like there were two different tours in regard to what Council thought verses what the dog park supporters thought. He submitted an analysis (on file in the City Clerk's Office) of the tour listing the two sites at Thompson Park as the most desirable. He stressed that some of the sites are too small and there should be a separation between the small and large dog parks. He noted that he does not want a lot of trees removed so the site by the zoo would be better and that a tree barrier could be put up to block the noise from the dogs for the zoo animals.

Shannon Drean, 233 Barben Avenue, submitted 27 signed letters (on file in the City Clerk's Office and documented under Communications) supporting the proposed dog park being located within Thompson Park. She said it is important to put the dog park in the right spot and people are already in Thompson Park with their dogs because it is a beautiful spot.

Joel Timourou, 468 South Meadow Street, addressed the chair stating that the location within Thompson Park in which no trees need to be removed is an ideal location for the proposed dog park.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing concerning effectiveness of the City's administration for the Program Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant

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

Kenneth Mix, Planning Coordinator, addressed the chair stating the purpose of this public hearing is to hear from the public on the effectiveness of the City's administration of the 2012 Community Development Block Grant. He distributed a handout (on file in the City Clerk's Office) giving a brief history of the City's participation in the program and the current income and rental limits for the program. He explained that for the 2012 program and the prior three years' program, the City has administered and operated a rental rehabilitation program which is just about finished. Through these four grants, he said that 11 projects which include 45 units in regular rental rehabilitation were completed and 22 new units within the downtown area were created.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing Application for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant, Fire Department

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting applications for funding through December 5, 2014, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Fire Department will prepare an application that meets the intended purpose of this grant, which will allow the Department to purchase much needed supplies, and

WHEREAS the application, in the amount of \$257,660, requires a matching fund of 10% from the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the Fire Department to submit a grant application in the amount of \$257,660 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fire Chief Dale C. Herman is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler inquired about the upgrade installation of the 106 mobile and portable radios.

Fire Chief Dale Herman explained that a portable radio is assigned to each member of the department and all the first response apparatuses have UHF radio. He further explained the upgrade is in order to be compatible with the County-wide system. He said there is no need to purchase new radios because the current radios are capable of having a software upgrade. He clarified that they have 86 portables and the rest are mobiles assigned to the apparatuses.

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

Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing Budget Modification No. 2 Request for The FY 2012 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS the Grant Agreement with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation represented by the Office of Community Renewal for the FY 2012 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant contains budget amounts for each activity, and

WHEREAS the budget numbers need to be altered to match the actual final expenditures as shown on Form 8-1, which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

WHEREAS budget modifications must be approved by the Office for Small Cities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves the proposed budget modifications for the FY 2012 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to sign the budget modification form on behalf of the City and submit it to the Office of Community Renewal for approval.

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

Resolution No. 3 - Approving Change Order No. 1 to Flower Memorial Library Boiler Replacement, G.S. Hanley, LLC

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS on August 18, 2014, City Council accepted a bid submitted by G.S. Hanley, LLC, for the Flower Memorial Library Boiler Replacement Project, per our specifications, in the amount of \$111,683.00, and

WHEREAS G. S. Hanley, LLC has now submitted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,733.22, bringing the total contract amount to \$114,416.22, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Change Order No. 1 to the contract with G. S. Hanley, LLC in the amount of \$2,733.22, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, for the Flower Memorial Library Boiler Replacement Project, bringing the total contract amount to \$114,416.22, 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. 4 - Authorizing Adjustment of 2014-15 Real Property Taxes for Property at 210 California Avenue, Parcel 06-16-309.000

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS there is outstanding 2014-15 City Real Property Taxes on the property of known as 210 California Avenue, Parcel No. 06-16-309.000, in the amount of \$1,614.70 of which \$564.70 represents the property taxes and \$1,050.00 represents re-levied sidewalk charges, and

WHEREAS the property owner desires to have the sidewalk invoice enrolled in the Sidewalk Special Assessment Program to allow for payments to be made over 10 years plus applicable interest, and

WHEREAS the City has limited funds available from the serial bond issued to pay the invoices enrolled in the Sidewalk Special Assessment Program, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby

adjusts the property taxes indicated above to reflect participation in the Sidewalk Special Assessment Program resulting in a revised 2014-15 City tax bill as follows:

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| 2014-15 | City Tax | \$564.70 |
| 2014-15 | Sidewalk Installment | \$125.22 |
| Total 2014-15 | City Tax Bill | \$689.92 |

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

Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Assignment of City-owned Tax Sale Certificate on Parcel Number 01-14-121.000 Known as 591 Rear Main Street West To Steven Yelle, 36627 Reese Road, Clayton, New York 13624

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is the owner of a certain tax sale certificate on a lot of land known as 591 Rear Main Street West as designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 01-14-121.000, and

WHEREAS the tax sale certificate has not been redeemed within the two year redemption period per City Charter Section 140, and

WHEREAS the City Council does not wish to take title to this property, and

WHEREAS the City Comptroller held a public auction on November 5, 2014 as authorized by City Council on October 6, 2014 for the purpose of assigning the City’s tax sale certificate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the offer of \$20,000 submitted by Steven Yelle for the purchase of the tax sale certificate for Parcel No. 01-14-121.000, 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 Steven Yelle upon the Comptroller’s receipt of certified funds in the amount of \$20,000.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham asked if the deed is recorded in the new name when a tax sale certificate is sold.

Attorney Slye explained that the individual must continue to pay the property tax for the next two years at which point, if it has not been redeemed, they are entitled to a tax deed.

Mayor Graham asked if the cycle has already gone two years on this property.

James Mills, City Comptroller, advised that this has passed the two year redemption period so the certificate will be assigned and the next transaction will be to request the tax deed which is ready to be filed.

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

Resolution No. 6 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 169 Alexandria Avenue to Ray Worcester, 152 Winthrop Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of land known as 169 Alexandria Avenue, approximately 30' x 70' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 01-10-437.000, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$500 submitted by Ray Worcester for the purchase of Parcel No. 01-10-437.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to Ray Worcester upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.

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

Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 618 Alexandria Avenue to Ray Worcester, 152 Winthrop Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of

land known as 618 Alexandria Avenue, approximately 25' x 70' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 01-10-438.000, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$500 submitted by Ray Worcester for the purchase of Parcel No. 01-10-438.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to Ray Worcester upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham mentioned that some of the Alexandria Avenue properties have been sold and then returned for non-payment of taxes.

Mr. Mills commented that some have but noted this problem has not occurred with the gentleman purchasing this property.

Mayor Graham asked if the amount received by selling these properties exceeded the amount that was budgeted.

Mr. Mills explained that approximately \$48,000 will be the net profit from the sales and the budgeted amount was \$15,000 - \$20,000.

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

Resolution No. 8 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 507 Cross Street to Chui Sam Chan, 233 Mullin Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of land known as 507 Cross Street, approximately 77' x 52' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 09-02-131.000, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$1,500 submitted by Chui Sam Chan for the purchase of Parcel No. 09-02-131.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to Chui Sam Chan upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.

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

Resolution No. 9 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 739 Main Street West to Thon Vith Lopez, 611 Olive Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of

land known as 739 Main Street West, approximately 42' x 92' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 01-14-109.000, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$9,000 submitted by Thon Vith Lopez for the purchase of Parcel No. 01-14-109.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to Thon Vith Lopez upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.

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

Resolution No. 10 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as VL-2 Mather Street to Gregg M. Pound, 172 Haney Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of land known as VL-2 Mather Street, approximately 256' x 196' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 09-20-207.000, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$2,000 submitted by Gregg M. Pound for the purchase of Parcel No. 09-20-207.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to Gregg M. Pound upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.
Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 11 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as VL Mather Street to Ray Worcester, 152 Winthrop Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of land known as VL Mather Street, approximately 10.60 acres in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 09-22-101.112, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1,

1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$5,000 submitted by Ray Worcester for the purchase of Parcel No. 09-22-101.112, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to Ray Worcester upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.

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

Resolution No. 12 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Known as 115 St Mary Street to Thon Vith Lopez, 611 Olive Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS there has heretofore been bid in by the City of Watertown at a tax sale a certain lot of land known as 115 St. Mary Street, approximately 50' x 100' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 03-07-113.000, and

WHEREAS title to said land has since been retained by the City of Watertown as acquired at said tax sale, which title was retained by reason of the failure of anyone to redeem the same, and

WHEREAS said real property has never been assigned by the Council for a public use, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$22,000 submitted by Thon Vith Lopez for the purchase of Parcel No. 03-07-113.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed expressly reserving a permanent and perpetual easement for a sanitary sewer main in favor of the City of said real property to

Thon Vith Lopez upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Codes, as defined by Watertown City Code Chapter 120, and the Code of the City of Watertown within one (1) year from the date of delivery of the quit claim deed of their sale to subsequent buyers, the City shall have the right to seek and be entitled to receive reversion of title to the premises to the City.

Secinded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler clarified that this property was sold for \$22,000 and not \$2,000 as reported in the newspaper.

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

Resolution No. 13 - Approving Administrative Services Agreement By and Between POMCO and the City of Watertown Self-Funded Health Insurance Program

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS a Request for Proposal was issued by the City's Health Insurance Committee, and

WHEREAS said RFPs were sent to thirteen (13) Third Party Administrators (TPA), and

WHEREAS the Health Insurance Committee has done extensive interviews, research and comparisons of all of the timely received responses, and

WHEREAS the Health Insurance Committee unanimously recommends POMCO as the City's Third Party Administrator, and

WHEREAS the City and POMCO has developed an Administrative Services Agreement that describes the duties and responsibilities of the parties, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2017, with an administrative fee of \$26.20 per enrollee per month, for the duration of the contract, with ability to renew for two one-year extensions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves this Administrative Services Agreement between the City and POMCO, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

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

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

Resolution No. 14 - Approving Service Agreement By and Between ProAct and the City of Watertown Self-Funded Health Insurance Program

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS a Request for Proposal was issued by the City's Health Insurance Committee, and

WHEREAS said RFPs were sent to nine (9) carriers, and

WHEREAS the Health Insurance Committee has done extensive interviews, research and comparisons of all of the timely received responses, and

WHEREAS the Health Insurance Committee unanimously recommends ProAct Inc. as the City's Pharmacy Benefit Manager, and

WHEREAS the City and ProAct Inc. have developed a Service Agreement that describes the duties and responsibilities of the parties, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2017, with a \$1.05 dispensing fee for the term of the contract,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves this Service Agreement between the City and ProAct Inc., a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

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

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

Resolution No. 15 - Approving Plan Services Agreement for Administration of Section 125 Plan, Benefit Services Group

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

WHEREAS on November 13, 2013 the City Council accepted the bid for the Administration of the City of Watertown's Section 125 Plan with Benefit Services Group, and

WHEREAS the contract included the option to extend for four one-year extensions, and

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Administrative Specialist that the City of Watertown extend the Plan Service Agreement with Benefit Services Group for one year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, approves the one-year extension of the Plan Services Agreement for Administration of the City's Section 125 Plan, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, effective January 1, 2015, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager Sharon Addison is hereby directed and authorized to execute documents necessary for this Agreement.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Resolution “Approving Whitewater Park Public Access Limited Use Agreement with Hole Brothers Holdings, LLC”. *(Introduced on 10/20/2014; tabled; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 3 of the 10/20/2014 minutes).*

The foregoing resolution remained tabled.

STAFF REPORTS

Slip, Slide, and Skate Fees

Ms. Addison explained that staff is recommending a more formal structure for better planning for the program.

In response to Council Member Butler’s inquiry, Celia Cook, Program Manager, confirmed the new fee structure would be a onetime fee for the program. She explained the fee is basically the same for City residents and eliminates the need for a transaction each time. She noted that the majority of the participants pay on-line and having the new fee structure would encourage people to commit to the whole program because they usually have a waiting list.

NEW BUSINESS

Bus Schedule

Council Member Burns noted the letter received by Ms. Beaman requesting a limited schedule on Sundays through the month of December. She indicated that this should warrant consideration by staff and that a report with staff’s recommendations be presented to Council.

Request from the Northern Choral Society

Mayor Graham pointed out a memo (on file in the City Clerk’s Office) regarding a request from the Northern Choral Society for bus service for their annual Christmas Concert on December 6th and 7th. He explained that no one else expressed an interest in providing this service for a fee.

Ms. Addison clarified that Council has the option of setting a fee or waiving the fee.

Motion was made by Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham to waive the fee for the bus service provided to the Northern Choral Society for their annual Christmas Concert on December 6 and December 7, 2014. Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Public Parking Lot on the corner of State and Huntington Streets

Council Member Butler mentioned that he was contacted by Playmor Lanes concerned that this parking lot does not have a “Public Parking” sign.

Outdoor Skating Rink

Council Member Butler suggested having an outdoor skating rink in the J.B. Wise parking lot for the winter.

Proposed Dog Park Site Tour

Council Member Butler said this was a good tour. He mentioned that he is not receiving comments from individuals wanting the dog park in Thompson Park. He said that Mr. Gates is the spokesperson for this project and the supporters but that the supporters should be reaching out to the Council Members directly. He stressed that he has received some opposition to Thompson Park. In addition, he commented that he expected more supporters to be present during the tour.

Council Member Jennings thanked Mayor Graham for coordinating the tour and thanked Planner Michael Lumbis for the information. He echoed Council Member Butler in that he is not receiving calls regarding the location. He indicated that he has received calls in support of the dog park but with no preference for location.

Council Member Macaluso agreed that people are telling her that they do not care where the dog park is and that they are just grateful that they might get one. She added that some people have said that the park is too far away.

Council Member Burns remarked that no one is calling her to advocate for the dog park and that she has heard from people not advocating for the dog park but have said if it is going to happen, then do not put it in Thompson Park.

Mayor Graham expressed his appreciation for everyone that took the tour and said he thought it was a part of a good process that involved Council, the community and staff. He stressed that this is not about one person or advocate and it is ultimately going to be a City facility that will exist long beyond this Council's tenure and should be approached seriously in that regard. He said the design and operation of it has to be in conformance with City codes, laws and policies which is important to remember. He offered Council Members a draft resolution that summarizes these views which would be presented at the next Council meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to move into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property where public disclosure may affect the price.

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

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

A D J O U R N M E N T

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by motion of Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham, seconded by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk