

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
NOVEMBER 4, 2002
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JOSEPH M. BUTLER PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH
COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS
MAYOR BUTLER**

ABSENT: **COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH**

ALSO PRESENT: **CITY MANAGER JERRY C. HILLER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU
CITY ATTORNEY JAMES BURROWS**

Assistant Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- No. 1 - Authorizing License Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Mr. Jerry Gardner
- No. 2 - Authorizing Underground Utility Easement, Arsenal Street
- No. 3 - Authorizing Filing of Application for Funding, New York State Emergency Services Grant
- No. 4 - Authorizing Participation in Federal Section 5311 Rural Transit System Backup and Space Bus Program
- No. 5 - Authorizing Public Sale of City Owned Property
- No. 6 - Approving Proposal for Creation of Replacement Eagles, Governor Roswell P. Flower Monument, Jerry Williams
- No. 7 - Rejecting All Bids, Sewage Treatment Plant, Digester Wall Repair Bid
- No. 8 - Authorizing Purchase of Property – 110 State Place, Parcel No. 6-08-120
- No. 9 - Approving Sale of Real Property Known as 135 State Place, Parcel No. 6-08-122
- No. 10 - Authorizing Lease Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the General Services Administration, TSA Lease, Watertown International Airport
- No. 11 - Greater Watertown Christmas Parade
- No. 11 - Capital Projects
- No. 12 - MMA Public Safety Study
- No. 13 - NDC Program Properties

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 October 21, 2002 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

From U-Store of Watertown, Inc. asking that the City not offer indirect subsidies to their current tenant Frito Lay, Inc. to move from the Town of Pamela location into the City.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From Arsenal Street Associates thanking the Water Department for their assistance with the recent rerouting of the water pipe servicing their plaza.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

Claim against the City was received from Eunice Murray, 253 St. Mary St., for clothing damaged by rust created when the water service to the property was turned on after being reconnected during the construction of a new water main.

ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT

Mayor Butler interrupted the regular course of business to unveil his portrait that is hung on the Wall of Mayors in the Council Chambers.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR EXTENDED

Olivia Russell, 743 Morrison Street, addressed the chair concerning the improvements that American Rock Salt referred to in a letter to the City. She stated that the improvements didn't make much of a difference. Trees are still dying and the neighbors are still removing salt from their vehicles. She also asked about the status of the zoning amendment paperwork that the group had presented to Council for their consideration.

Attorney Burrows explained that everything is in a holding pattern until after the test results are back, which will probably be in January. He also explained that any amendment to the zoning code would have to be done by Council. He also advised that the property with the salt pile would not be affected as they could continue as a non-conforming use.

Dan Francis, 463 Harris Drive, addressed the chair remarking that the topic of the salt pile has been before Council for a long time. He posed questions concerning resolution #10, as well as well as questions about the expansion of the Empire Zone boundaries and Orion Power.

Councilman Simmons explained that Orion Power has nothing to do with the airport at all. He said that the airport idea is only that and is on the drawing board. He also explained that Orion Power has offered the same deal throughout the state.

Mr. Francis questioned how the \$1.2 million that Orion was willing to pay would benefit the citizens of Watertown.

Councilman Simmons explained that it would be an opportunity to reinvest the money in economic development.

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS

WHEREAS Mr. Jerry Gardner is the owner of premises know as 542 Factory Street, in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, also known as Tax Parcel No. 6-04-233, and

WHEREAS a brick building has been built on said parcel, and

WHEREAS it has been determined that the this said brick building encroaches on City owned property, and

WHEREAS the building encroaches upon High Street between 3.26 and 1.87 feet on the north side of the building, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown and the owner of the property have agreed to enter into a License Agreement that assigns the right and permission to encroach on City property to Mr. Gardner,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph M. Butler is hereby authorized and directed to execute said License Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS it has been determined that in order to provide the utility services needed for Stream Inc., Niagara Mohawk will need to install underground electrical cable on Arsenal Street, and

WHEREAS Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is requesting an easement to install, construct and maintain said underground utilities on City owned property located on Arsenal Street, and

WHEREAS the City Engineering Department and Electric Department have reviewed and approved this request,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Joseph M. Butler to execute the Underground Utility Easement Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution.

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

Concerning the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough asked how much of a disruption this would be.

Mr. Hiller explained that it would be minimal. Kris Marsala, president of the DBA has been contacted and has been advised that the traffic will be kept flowing one way. In the case of the Court House work, the City will be closing off ½ of the street. The eastbound traffic will still come in on Arsenal. Westbound traffic will be diverted down Court Street.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS

WHEREAS Governor Pataki has announced a new \$5 million Grant Program for fire and emergency services organizations to purchase fire equipment, and

WHEREAS this grant program allows fire and emergency service agencies to apply for funding to buy personal protective equipment, communication equipment and fire accessories, and

WHEREAS Fire Chief Daniel Gaumont is asking that the City Council authorize the Fire Department to make an application for funding under this program for the purchase and installation of a modern paging system as recommended by MMA in their recent review of the department, and

WHEREAS the \$47,250 quote received includes purchase and installation of all the radio equipment needed for a modern paging system and the modification of County dispatch equipment at the PSB and the EOC to allow for better communication between the departments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City

of Watertown hereby authorizes the Fire Department to apply for funding in the amount of \$47,250 from the New York State Emergency Services Grant program for the purchase and installation of the radio equipment needed for a modern paging system for the City Fire Department and the modification of County dispatch equipment at the PSB and the EOC.

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

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Simmons asked about the federal grant, which was also applied for.

Chief Gaumont explained that the City is still in the running. Awards will be announced between November 15th and December 15th. The federal grant of \$185,000 is a 10 % matching one and would be used to purchase air packs, exhaust systems for Stations #2 and #3 and river rescue training of personnel. This particular resolution, is giving permission to apply for a state grant, which would be used for reimbursement for radio equipment.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS

WHEREAS the New York State Department of Transportation has determined that small rural transit systems generally have fewer spare and back-up vehicles to rely on when their fleet experiences mechanical failures or their buses are out of service for extended periods of time, and

WHEREAS a new Federal Section 5311 Rural Transit System Program has been designed to assist rural transit providers by strategically locating backup and spare buses for use by small rural transit systems, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has been asked to participate in said program, and

WHEREAS this program is designed so that ownership of the vehicle will not be a financial hardship on the municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the acceptance of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to pay for the purchase of one OGS Type III vehicle for the purpose described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute said grant agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

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

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Butler explained that DOT has offered the City a \$60,000 bus which can be utilized by us and utilized by other municipalities looking for a back up bus. He also explained that the City doesn't have to put up any money.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns certain lots of land acquired at Tax Sale and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as follows:

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PARCEL NUMBER</u>
1102 Academy Street	12-12-319
348 Arlington Street	12-7-205
675 Bronson Street	6-6-102
526 Franklin Street	11-8-224
325 Gotham Street	11-2-108
807 W. Main Street	1-17-530
445 S. Massey Street	10-11-116
118 S. Orchard Street	10-3-225
114 Pleasant Street North	6-15-111
246 Pleasant Street North	6-13-210
220 St. Mary Street	3-5-322
532 Stone Street	9-1-117

And,

WHEREAS title to said land has been retained by the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City Council deems the properties to be excess and not required for any City purpose, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as those listed above be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code and all City of Watertown zoning and health codes within one (1) year of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Sub-division (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 13 adopted by the Council, on June 6, 1977, the Comptroller of the City of Watertown be and he hereby is authorized to publish

a Notice of Sale of the parcels of land above mentioned once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown to the effect that said parcels of land will, at 10:00 a.m. on the 25th day of November, 2002, in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, be offered individually for sale to the highest bidder and there present, under the conditions herein set forth:

The aforesaid parcels are conveyed, together with all rights and privileges affecting the same, and also together with all buildings, improvements and appurtenances located upon said described parcels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to offer for sale said parcels subject to the rights of the said City Council to reject any and all bids, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the highest bidder deposit at least 10 per cent (10%) of the bid price at the same time of each said bid with the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said parcels of land shall be offered for sale for cash only, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice of Sale, any offer to purchase, and any deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the State Fire Prevention and Building Code and all City of Watertown zoning and health codes within one (1) year of the City's delivery of the deed to the buyer, the City shall have the right to seek reversion of title to the City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said bids shall be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for their approval or rejection, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City reserves the right to withdraw any parcel prior to the public sale of said parcels.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough commented that he had received calls about some of the properties that were scheduled for demolition. There are individuals who would like to have the opportunity to bid on the properties instead of having them demolished.

Mr. Hiller responded that the properties that are earmarked for demolition are in very bad shape and would need a lot to fix them up to meet code. Therefore, Council might want to know the plans, the budget, and the ability to finance these costs when individuals express an interest in these properties.

Discussion centered on 445 S. Massey Street. Council was advised that the house hasn't

been occupied for quite some time. The owner wants to pay the back taxes and bring it up to code.

Mr. Mills, City Comptroller, believes that the owner owns it outright. However, he will double check.

Councilman Clough commented that the City should pursue all avenues as far as keeping properties on the tax rolls.

Councilman Simmons discussed the property located at 1017 Huntington Street. He stated that this should not be torn down as it could make someone a nice home.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that once the City owns a piece of riverfront property, the City couldn't sell the property. She also explained that if the property were subdivided, it would create two parcels that would be illegal in size.

Mr. Hiller explained that deeding a permanent easement at the rear of the property as well as an easement on the side of the property would reduce the value of the property.

Councilman Simmons asked the other members of Council to take a look at the property, before any decision was made to tear it down.

Attorney Burrows commented that it sounds like the City Planners have looked at it and if the parcel is sliced up, the lot would be substandard. He stated that he would be willing to look at the specific issue with Mr. Mix.

Councilman Simmons asked that this be done.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO REMOVE 445 S. MASSEY STREET FROM THE LISTING SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP.

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

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, at its March 4, 2002 meeting, authorized the formation of a task force for the Governor Flower Statue Restoration Project, and

WHEREAS the Governor Flower Monument Centennial Committee has

raised over \$120,000 for the restoration of the Monument and the replication of the granite eagles that once stood at its base, and

WHEREAS the Governor Flower Monument Centennial Committee has initiated the restoration phase of the project by requesting proposals from qualified sculptors for the creation of two, hand carved, granite eagles to be placed at the base of the monument, and

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department issued Requests for Proposals to five (5) prospective sculptors,

WHEREAS on Friday, October 4, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. the three (3) responses received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and City Planner Michael A. Lumbis met with representatives of the Governor Flower Monument Restoration Committee and it was the unanimous decision to accept the proposal submitted by Barre Sculpture Studios of Montpelier, Vermont, in the amount of \$44,600.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the proposal submitted by Barre Sculpture Studios of Montpelier, Vermont, in the amount of \$44,600.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for professional services with Mr. Jerry Williams of Barre Sculpture Studios, Montpelier, VT, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Watertown.

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

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilwoman Burns asked if the Police Department had been included in discussions to replace the eagles since it will be near traffic.

Mr. Hiller explained that Engineering and Planning had been but he didn't know if the Police Department had also been included. He will check into this.

Mayor Butler commended Mr. Richardson and the committee for their fund raising success.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department advertised for sealed bids for repairs to the Sewage Treatment Plant Digester Facility's exterior wall, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to five (5) prospective bidders,
and

WHEREAS on Thursday, October 10, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. the sole bid received was publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and the City Engineering Department have reviewed the bid received and after their review of the Engineering Department's estimate and the Capital Budget funding for this project, they are recommending that the City Council reject said bid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby rejects the bid submitted by Branon Construction Co, Inc. for the repair of the Sewage Treatment Plant Digester Facility's exterior wall.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has received a \$750,000 CDBG Small Cities Comprehensive Grant to fund housing rehabilitation and public facility improvements in a target area within the Near East Side Neighborhood Improvement District, and

WHEREAS in order to move this project forward, the City must acquire and demolish 110 State Place, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has reached an agreement with the owner of 110 State Place, Parcel No. 6-08-120 at a purchase price of \$33,800, plus closing costs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the purchase of 110 State Place, Parcel No. 6-08-120 at a purchase price of \$33,800, plus closing costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Joseph M. Butler, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract to purchase, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns a certain lot of land known as

135 State Place and designated as Parcel No. 6-08-122, and

WHEREAS the City Council deems the property to be excess and not required for any City purpose, and

WHEREAS Emerson Place LP, in conjunction with the City of Watertown, is undertaking the Emerson Place Project which is a neighborhood revitalization project in the Near East Side Neighborhood, and

WHEREAS Emerson Place LP will rehabilitate the property as part of the Emerson Place Project, which will make quality housing available to income eligible families,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the sale of the property known as 135 State Place, Parcel No. 6-08-122, to Emerson Place LP for \$1.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Joseph M. Butler, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the sale documents on behalf of the City.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the General Services Administration has forwarded to the City of Watertown for consideration an agreement to lease space at the Watertown International Airport, and

WHEREAS the leased space will be used for office and related purposes by the Transportation Security Administration, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has determined that it has sufficient vacant space at the Watertown International Airport, and

WHEREAS Staff has reviewed the Lease Agreement and is comfortable that the City is being adequately compensated for the leased space and that the City will be able to provide maintenance services required with current staffing,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the Lease Agreement between the City of Watertown and the GAO, a copy of which is attached and made a part of said resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph M. Butler is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Lease Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS City Manager Jerry C. Hiller has notified the City Council of the City of Watertown of his intention to retire under the New York State and Local Retirement Systems Early Retirement Program effective December 29, 2002, and

WHEREAS Section 10 of the City Charter of the City of Watertown requires the appointment of a person to fill a vacancy created in the office of City Manager as soon as practicable, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown deems it to be in the best interests of the City of Watertown to appoint a City Manager, on an interim basis only, to permit a search for a permanent City Manager, and

WHEREAS Mary M. Corriveau, has agreed to assist the City of Watertown in making the transition to a permanent City Manager, by assuming all the duties of City Manager as set forth in the City Charter,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby appoints Mary M. Corriveau, City Manager, effective December 29, 2002.

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

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

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Simmons commented that the City would be in very capable hands with Mrs. Corriveau. He remarked that she knows the City, understands the financial needs and works well with all of the unions.

Mayor Butler responded that he is very pleased with this selection as Mrs. Corriveau is very qualified and has done a wonderful job for the City.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Amendment No. 36 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan effective December 29, 2002 as follows:

City Manager – Salary for this position shall be \$3,000 more than the highest paid Management and Management Confidential Employee.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Butler explained that the salary would be \$76,000. He stated that it is important for the City to recognize good employees and to give them a fair salary.

Councilman Clough commented that Mrs. Corriveau would be playing a dual role while moving into the budget season. He also commented that Mrs. Corriveau has always had the most expertise from day one.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

Christmas Parade

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO APPROVE THE \$500 REQUEST FROM THE GREATER WATERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE.

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

MMA Fire Study

Chief Gaumont addressed the Council explaining that he thinks the MMA study was a good thing for the community as it validates some of the things the Fire Department had been saying. Chief Gaumont outlined his recommendations as follows:

- Maintain in commission all three current fire stations.
- Purchase a new 100' quint platform and midi-rescue pumper as part of the FY 03-04 Capital Budget
- Upon arrival of the quint and midi-rescue a deployment scheme as outlined in the Chief's memo would be adopted
- The scheme would allow the City to meet all of the NFPA 1710 and OSHA requirements listed by MMA.
- Reorganization of the fire department structure. This is a change that should be discussed with the union as the Municipal Training Officer title would change to Staff Battalion Chief and this position would then acquire management responsibility for the fire prevention bureau.

- The deployment concept as outlined in the Chief's memo could reduce officer positions currently at 21 to 17 through attrition. This would have to be negotiated with the union, as they have a letter of understanding that the City would maintain 21 Fire Captains. The four Captain positions would revert to fire fighter positions to maintain the 15 personnel and 82 personnel recommended by MMA.
- Response by the Fire Chief to working structure fires is currently occurring. The Deputy Chief does respond to fires that reach the third alarm level. He recommends that they both respond on a rotational basis and that the Deputy Chief's vehicle be replaced with a more reliable one. To include the MTO in the rotational schedule would require union negotiation.
- Recommends making improvement to base radio and purchasing voice pagers.
- Not possible to assign 207a injury restricted employees to fire suppression duties. However, duties such as safety officer or accountability officer as suggested by MMA could be performed by these individuals provided they were within the injury restrictions.
- The City of Watertown Fire Department has an almost immediate response (less than 60 seconds) and current EMD procedures would result in a delayed response for City Fire. It is the Chief's recommendation that county dispatchers be trained to provide emergency medical dispatch (triage of calls) as part of the initial call taking process in the County Dispatch Center instead of transferring the call to Guilfoyle. As the County just signed a three-year contract with Guilfoyle to provide County-wide EMD it allows the County three years to acquire these skills and capabilities.
- The Department has recently taken steps to reduce the types of medical calls the department will respond to on an automatic basis.
- The City needs to convince the County dispatch center that its CAD software needs to be more compatible with newer computer hardware and software so that city agencies will be allowed to transfer vital information electronically between the dispatch center and City agencies.
- The Department does not at this time recommend the development of paramedic engine companies.
- The Department will continue to pursue an active aggressive fire prevention program.
- Action Plan – Comply with NFPA 1710
- Obtain City Council approval to implement for NFPA 1710 deployment concept.
- Purchase necessary equipment.
- Implement station staffing and response strategies and procedures.

Council reviewed the Chief's recommendations. Discussion was held on each recommendation. Chief Gaumont indicated that he would like to do some fact-finding before committing to the quint. He would gather this information concerning the use of it not concerning the buying of it. The fact that some of the recommendations would require union negotiations was also discussed.

David Lachenauer, President of WFA, addressed the Council explaining that there are points in the recommendations that would have to be discussed. However, he would hope

that the Council would support 1710. He commented that the union would be willing to work with the Chief on this. He also commented that he doesn't have enough information about the quint to make an informed opinion.

Mayor Butler commented that he didn't think Council would say to purchase the equipment at this time.

Chief Gaumont discussed the fact that during testing 27 cracks were found in the ladder which has since been repaired.

Councilman Simmons asked what the life expectancy of the ladder was.

Chief Gaumont explained that it has to be tested every year.

Chief Gaumont also explained that he would like to go out and get prices for this proposed equipment for budgetary purposes.

Councilwoman Burns remarked that while she has no problem with reviewing the recommendations, she is not willing to make a commitment here tonight for purchasing the equipment.

Mayor Butler commented that he encourages Chief Gaumont to pursue his recommendation concerning the Emergency Medical Dispatch proposal.

Mr. Hiller suggested that his office could open up lines of communication with the County Administrator's office and the Council could speak with the County Legislature concerning this.

Chief Gaumont explained that other dispatch centers do this around the state. However, this dispatch center refuses to do so. Chief Gaumont will supply a list of the centers to the Council.

Referring to the recommendation concerning the software, Mrs. Corriveau explained that it is the owner of the software that is being uncooperative in getting the information transferred.

Mayor Butler commended Chief Gaumont for the action plan proposals.

Chief Gaumont asked if the Council was willing to support 1710.

Mrs. Corriveau asked if 1710 was in its final form.

Chief Gaumont stated that it was. It is a national consensus standard – not a law. However, it is being applied in New York State. He also explained that it might take two to three years to become compliant.

After the presentation, Council concurred that they wanted all three fire stations left open.

1710 copies will be given to Council for their review, prior to making a decision.

Capital Projects

Mayor Butler commented that while he is in favor of demolishing the Ogilvie property, he doesn't know if he wants to postpone the Sterling Street project.

Mr. Hiller explained that all of the projects, with the exception of the \$50,000 for contaminated soil removal, are being pushed out to later years. The soil project will be a savings of \$50,000 because it will be done in-house.

Mayor Butler commented that he would prefer to have the Sterling Street project done in 2003.

Councilman Clough remarked that Council members can't pick and chose what they want done, as everyone would have different suggestions. He stated that this list of recommendations come from the department heads and the City Manager and Council should accept them and move forward.

All Council members concurred.

Mayor Butler commented that it is time that the City did more for neighborhoods.

Councilman Simmons remarked that many areas in the City are not zoned properly.

Mr. Hiller advised Council that Councilman Smith had requested that Council take a look at the master plan and zoning last year. He stated that while he would be hesitant to look at individual parcels as that would be spot zoning, perhaps Council is indicating that they now want to look at the zoning issue.

Mayor Butler commented that the property maintenance code is making a positive impact on the city.

It was agreed that Council would conduct a comprehensive review of zoning in an upcoming work session.

NDC Program Properties

Councilman Clough remarked that it seems like Neighbors of Watertown is given first choice on the good properties. He commented that many people feel that Neighbors are given the best ones and no one else has a chance to acquire them.

Mayor Butler explained that when Neighbors selects the property, they feel it is the one that can be brought up to code.

Councilwoman Burns reminded everyone that this program for first time homebuyers is a City program, not a Neighbors' program. Neighbors of Watertown merely administers the program. She also commented that in order for first time homebuyers to purchase the property, the home has to be able to hold the investment. Neighbors can determine what the property needs and the costs that will be incurred. By keeping costs in line and only accepting houses that a first time home buyer would be able to receive enough funding for, the program is able to succeed. Councilwoman Burns also commented that these homes help to improve the neighborhoods that they are located in.

Mayor Butler asked that a resolution be prepared for these properties.

Wall Repair & New Wall Surface-Woolworth Building

Based on a memo from City Engineer Norman Liu, the following motion was made:

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$67,517 FROM CON TECH BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR WALL REPAIR AND NEW WALL SURFACE ON THE WOOLWORTH BUILDING SUBJECT TO THE PURCHASING AGENT'S REVIEW OF THE BIDS.

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

ADJOURNMENT

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 9:18 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Donna M. Dutton, City Clerk