

**ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
November 29, 2010
6:30 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: MARY M. CORRIVEAU, CITY MANAGER
ROBERT J. SLYE, CITY ATTORNEY**

City Staff Present: Kurt Hauk, Gary Pilon

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- 1 - Approving Cost Sharing Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
- 2 - Approving the 2010-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the Local CSEA Unit 7151-00
- 3 - Tabled - Approving Agreement for Water Sales Between the City of Watertown and the Town of Watertown, as Administrator for Each of the Town of Watertown Water Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS Niagara Mohawk (d.b.a. National Grid) is responsible for the performance of certain investigation and remedial activities associated with a former manufactured gas plant site located within a portion of the J.B. Wise Parking Lot in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, which was owned and operated by a Niagara Mohawk predecessor, and

WHEREAS this site is included in a Voluntary Consent Order entered into between National Grid and the New York State department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the investigation and remediation of the site, and

WHEREAS the City is planning to reconstruct the J. B. Wise parking lot, and

WHEREAS in accordance with the Special Environmental Conditions Section contained in the City's Bid package, the City of Watertown will perform work during the reconstruction of the J. B. Wise parking lot to address the cleanup of the site, and

WHEREAS the parties are entering into this Agreement to formalize the City's provision of access for National Grid to perform Remedial Investigations on the MPG site and the J.B. Wise parking lot concurrent with the project; and National Grid's reimbursement of certain costs to the City associated with addressing MGP residuals during the reconstruction activities in accordance with the Special Environmental Conditions Section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Watertown and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

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

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS the 2008-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Local CSEA Unit 7151-00 expired on June 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS negotiations have concluded on a successor Agreement, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the 2010-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Local CSEA 7151-00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR WATER SALES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATERTOWN AND THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR EACH OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WATER DISTRICTS 1,3,4,5 AND 6.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution Council discussed the outside water rate issue.

Council Member Smith referred to the rate study that had been in the 2007 budget and asked about it.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that Council decided not to do the study.

Council Member Smith suggested that perhaps it should be done.

Mayor Graham commented that he felt that the City has made great strides in correcting what it had previously gotten itself into. He remarked that while he would like to tack on another 20%, he is not sure that it is advantageous to do so at this time. He remarked that if Council wants to put the Town on notice that is no problem. However, he doesn't feel we should go after it now as the Town agreed to help solve the sewer problem.

Council Member Smith remarked that he didn't disagree with that. However, he feels that there should be an advantage to living in the City.

Attorney Slye advised that the City would have to give the Town at least 12 months prior notice if they intend to not renew.

Mayor Graham suggested that a memo be given to Council well in advance to remind them.

Council Member Burns remarked that as a legislative body, Council wants to be part of the negotiations and need to be involved well in advance of the 12 months.

Mayor Graham suggested doing this at the first meeting in July 2012.

Council Member Burns suggested that this issue should be discussed prior to that at a work session.

Mrs. Corriveau suggested sending a letter to the Town indicating that the City had approved the agreement. However, there were discussions that Council would like to open negotiations next time.

Council Member Butler commented that outside users do pay more for the water service and Council should get a handle on that as well.

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

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

Street Lights

Council Member Burns asked that National Grid be notified of two streets lights on Mullin Street that need to be looked at and repaired.

Prescription Drug Presentation

Council Member Butler advised that he had attended the presentation by CanaRx and suggested that this is worth exploring and as a Council, we need to know more about it.

Proposed Road for J.B. Wise Lot

Council Member Butler remarked that he had visited the proposed road site and questioned how much use the road was going to get. He stated that it is an important issue to discuss and suggested that Council go down to the site as a group.

Council Member Smith commented that he also went down to the site. He suggested perhaps shifting the road over slightly would address any concerns about the drop off for handicap patients. He remarked that he had spoken with Mr. Mix about this.

Mayor Graham responded that increasing access to the lot has been an important initiative.. He stated that while he has no problem taking a second look for adjustment, he doesn't want the road to be eliminated.

Council Member Burns explained that she had spoken with Mrs. Slye about the road when she visited the site. Council Member Burns commented that one concern is that no one knows exactly where the road is supposed to go. She suggested that Mr. Hauk put up stakes to mark it out so that there is a visual for everyone to see when Council visits the site.

Mayor Graham suggested that this be done at the December 13th work session and that Council could convene there at 6:30p.m.

Mercy of Northern New York

Mayor Graham advised that he and Mrs. Corriveau met with Tom Carmon and it was suggested that Council Members tour the Mercy facility. However, this will not be done as a group, but individually. Mrs. Corriveau will set up the tours. He remarked that Mercy will be a challenge in the years to come.

Christmas Parade

Council Member Butler thanked Stan Zaremba for his efforts on the Christmas parade.

City Manager/City Clerk Reviews

Council Member Butler commented that Council had previously agreed that the review process has flaws and there should be a discussion on it and how to make it a better process.

Mayor Graham suggested discussing this at the December work session.

Thompson Blvd/Franklin Street

Council Member Smith remarked that he had been asked about the number of accidents at this intersection and the speeding that occurs coming up Franklin Street. He asked that the City Manager obtain any historical data from the Police Department.

Woolworth Building

Mayor Graham remarked that a recent tour had been conducted of the building. He commented that the proposed developers are trying to move ahead.

Mrs. Corriveau advised she had met with the developers and would be meeting with them again in January to talk about how we keep the project alive.

Lighting of the Menorah and Lighting of Christmas Tree

The lighting of the Menorah will occur on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30.
The lighting of the Christmas tree will occur on Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30.

NYS Parks and Recreation Grant

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the City has been notified that a \$150,000 matching grant has been reserved from the 2010-11 Environmental Protection Fund. She explained that the competition was very competitive this year. The City's cost will be \$50,000.

NYS Division of Homeland Security Grant

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the Fire Department has received notice of being awarded \$37,972 grant. The original application was for \$105,000.

Ogilvie Meeting

Mrs. Corriveau reminded Council of the public informational meeting for the residents in the Ogilvie neighborhood. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.
BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL
MEMBER MACALUSO AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Donna M. Dutton

City Clerk