

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
December 6, 2004  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY  
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ABSENT:**           **COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **PLANNING & DEV. COORDINATOR KENNETH MIX  
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Designating Official Newspaper
- 2 - Designating Depositories of City Funds for 2005
- 3 - Commissioner of Deeds
- 4 - Reappointment to the Assessment Board of Review, David R. Steyer
- 5 - Reappointment to the Board of Ethics – Mary M. Corriveau
- 6 - Reappointment to the Board of Ethics – Bruce E. Dempster
- 7 - Reappointment to the Board of Ethics – Thomas J. Roman
- 8 - Reappointment to the Board of Ethics – Arthur C. Stever III
- 9 - Reappointment to the Development Authority of the North Country Board, Thomas H. Hefferon
- 10 - Reappointment to City Constable – David W. Koster
- 11 - Reappointment to Deputy City Constable – Joan M. Koster
- 12 - Authorizing the Establishment of Mandatory Reserve Fund for Retirement of Airport Debt Obligations
- 13 - Approving Bid for Rubber Tired Excavator, Vantage Equipment – Volvo
- 14 - Approving Change Orders No. 12 and 13 to Contract for Construction of DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, General Construction, Bette & Cring, LLC
- 15 - Approving Change Order No. 5 to Contract for Construction of DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, Electrical Construction, Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors
- 16 - Approving Change Order No. 6 to Contract for Construction of DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, Electrical Construction, Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors
- 17 - Authorizing Transfer of Watertown International Airport to the County of Jefferson
- 18 - Rejecting All Bids for Fire Pumper Truck
- 19 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$166,000 Serial Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York to Pay the Cost of the Purchase of an Excavator

- Vehicle for Use by the City for Construction and Maintenance Purposes, In and For Said City of Watertown
- 20 - Tabled Resolution – Authorizing Lease Agreement City Police Department Satellite Office, Signor, LLC
  - 21 - Market Pavilion Proposal
  - 22 - 730 Davidson Street
  - 23 - Vacancies on City Boards
  - 24 - Adjournment of Meeting Until December 13, 2004
  - 25 - Executive Session

**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 15, 2004 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman LaBouf seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

A petition was received from 12 residents of Paddock Street concerning the condition of the property at 412 Paddock Street.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Claim against the City was received from Terri Bray for damage to her vehicle, which allegedly occurred on September 12, 2004 when she struck a barrier, which did not have flashing lights working on Bower's Avenue.

**ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Doris Shortt**, 728 Davidson Street, addressed the chair urging Council to demolish the house at 730 Davidson Street. She referred to a letter, which was sent to the City Manager's Office with photos of the condition of the house, and nails that had fallen from the roof at that location. She read from a prepared statement questioning the liability issue for damage caused to her property as a result of flying debris from this property as well as from frozen pipes that are attached to the sewer line on her property.

Mayor Graham asked for a copy of the letter which Mr. Mix supplied to the Council members and for filing in the City Clerk's Office.

**Bruce Dempster**, East Hoard Street, addressed the chair urging Council to leave the North Side Community Police Office where it is. He stated that everyone knows where it is now. He also remarked that there is not adequate parking near the Mill Street apartment building.

Mayor Graham responded that the lease would be discussed at the work session of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the *Watertown Daily Times* be and is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, New York for the year beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2005.

### **SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as depositories of the City of Watertown, New York for the year beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2005:

Community Bank, N.A.  
HSBC Bank USA  
Key Bank  
Redwood National Bank

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Bank, N.A., HSBC Bank USA, and Key Bank be required to execute a bond or to deliver to the City of Watertown, New York approved collateral of a value up to TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Redwood National Bank be required to execute a bond or deliver to the City of Watertown, New York approved collateral of a value up to SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) or to deposit at a mutually agreed depository approved collateral up to SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000).

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds for the term expiring December 31, 2006:

**City Employees**

Vanessa Alexander  
Stephen R. Backus  
Glenn Brady  
Cheryl A. Clark  
Christopher D. Cush  
Christopher Damon  
Frank Derrigo, Jr.  
Charles Donoghue  
Joseph Donoghue, Sr.  
Kevin Froedtert  
Joseph Goss  
Richard Gregory, Jr.  
Daniel Larkin  
Dennis Lawlee  
Steven G. Kreun  
Christine E. McCarthy  
James P. McNitt  
James Mills  
John Montrois  
Richard C. Premo  
Joseph Reff

James A. Romano  
William Russell, Jr.  
Michael Ryan, Jr.  
Howard Schnettler, Jr.  
Michael J. Sullivan  
Mark W. Sutton  
Sharon M. Thompson  
Vance Trapp  
Theodore T. Wells  
Richard C. Wood  
Steven Wood  
Darren Yott

**Non-City Employees**

Barbara A. Brown  
Kathleen L. Gee  
Maurice Guidry, Jr.

Mary G. Izzo  
Martha A. McIntosh  
Patricia A. Phillips  
Barbara A. Walroth

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that David R. Steyer, 1105 Salina Street, Watertown, New York is hereby reappointed to the Assessment Board of Review for a five-year term commencing January 1, 2005 and expiring on December 31, 2009.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2005:

Mary M. Corriveau  
1350 Loomus Drive  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2005:

Bruce E. Dempster  
148 E. Hoard Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2005:

Thomas J. Roman  
444 Lachenauer Drive  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2005:

Arthur C. Stever III  
304 Paddock Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas H. Hefferon, 456 Lachenauer Drive, Watertown, New York, is hereby reappointed to the Development Authority of the North Country Board, such term effective immediately and expiring on August 8, 2008.

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

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham asked if we have an interest in this agency.

Councilman LaBouf asked if these representatives report back to Council.

Mr. Mix stated that he wasn't aware that they do.

Mayor Graham responded that it would be nice if these people would meet with Council and hear Council's views. He asked that Mrs. Corriveau set up a work session with them.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

RESOLVED by the City Council that the following person is hereby reappointed as City Constable for the term ending December 31, 2005:

David W. Koster  
Box 916  
1116 Bronson Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

RESOLVED by the City Council that the following person is hereby reappointed as Deputy City Constable for the term ending December 31, 2005:

Joan M. Koster  
Box 916  
1116 Bronson Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

WHEREAS ownership of the Watertown International Airport is to transfer to Jefferson County on January 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS the City will have outstanding debt obligations related to past and present airport capital projects, and

WHEREAS Jefferson County will be transferring funds to the City to retire said obligations, and

WHEREAS General Municipal Law Article 2, Section 6-1 requires the establishment of a mandatory reserve fund for the purpose of retiring obligations issued pursuant to the local finance law for capital improvements sold by a cash sale,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Comptroller to establish a mandatory reserve fund for the purpose of retiring airport debt obligations.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Attorney Slye and Mr. Mills answered questions concerning the bonds. It was explained to council that there would be one lump sum put into the account. Since there are penalties if these bonds are paid off early and since most are not even callable yet, the payments for these bonds will be made out of this fund as they come due. Jefferson County will reimburse for all operating costs as of January 1, 2005.

Councilman Clough thanked Mrs. Corriveau and the County for their work on this project.

Mayor Graham remarked that he was pleased to see the County taking an enthusiastic role in this.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new and unused Rubber Tired Excavator with trade in, per City specifications, and

WHEREAS bids plans were issued to nine (9) prospective bidders, and

WHEREAS the four (4) bids received, were publicly opened and read on Tuesday, November 23, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver has reviewed the bid results with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Public Works and they are recommending that the City Council approve the bid submitted by Vantage Equipment – Volvo, Syracuse, New York, as the lowest bidder meeting the City’s specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the bid submitted by Vantage Equipment - Volvo, in the amount of \$164,850.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lowest bid is contingent on City Council approval in the amount of \$166,000 to cover the cost of this purchase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract documents associated with this bid award.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS on August 18, 2003, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved the bid submitted by Bette & Cring, LLC, 18438 U.S. Route 11, Watertown, New York, in the amount of \$2,848,000 for General Construction associated with the construction of a new DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, and Transit Facility, and

WHEREAS Interim City Engineer Gary E. Pilon is now asking that the City Council approve Change Orders No. 12 and 13 to this Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Change Orders No. 12 and 13 to the General construction contract with Bette & Cring, LLC, in the amount of \$2,185.00 **CREDIT**, copies of which are 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 Change Order documents on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS on August 18, 2003, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved the bid submitted by Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors, 7724 State Highway 68, Ogdensburg, New York, in the amount of \$267,800 for Electrical Construction associated with the construction of a new DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, and Transit Facility, and

WHEREAS Interim City Engineer Gary E. Pilon is now asking that the City Council approve Change Order No. 5 to this Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Change Order No. 5 to the Electrical Construction Contract with Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors in the amount of a **credit** (\$721.33), 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 Change Order documents on behalf of the City of Watertown.

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

WHEREAS on August 18, 2003, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved the bid submitted by Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors, 7724 State Highway 68, Ogdensburg, New York, in the amount of \$267,800 for Electrical Construction associated with the construction of a new DPW/Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility, and Transit Facility, and

WHEREAS Interim City Engineer Gary E. Pilon is now asking that the City Council approve Change Order No. 6 to this Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Change Order No. 6 to the Electrical Construction Contract with Collins-Hammond Electric Contractors in the amount of \$2,657.96, 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 Change Order documents on behalf of the City of Watertown.

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is the owner and operator of the Watertown International Airport, located in the Town of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York, and

WHEREAS the County of Jefferson has agreed to take title to, and to assume the operations of and responsibilities for, the Airport in consideration of, among other things, the City's agreement with the County for the distribution of sales tax as a result of the State Legislature's authorization for increased sales taxes within the County, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown deems it to be in the best interests of the City to convey the Airport to the County and to relinquish all responsibility for, and obligations of, the Airport,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to effect transfer of the Airport to the County of Jefferson and to take all steps necessary to effect the transfer as soon as practicable.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of one new and unused 1500 G.P.M. fire pumper truck, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to eight (8) prospective bidders, and

WHEREAS five (5) bids were submitted and publicly opened and read on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at 11 a.m., and

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver reviewed the bids received, as well as receiving a recommendation from Fire Chief Daniel Gaumont, and

WHEREAS it is Mr. Cleaver's recommendation, in view of the fact that the Capital Appropriation for this item is \$280,000 and the lowest base bid received exceeded that amount by \$87,783, and the recommendation bid by the Fire Chief exceeds the appropriation by \$110,120, that the City Council reject all bids submitted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby rejects all bids submitted for the purchase of one new and unused 1500 G.P.M. fire pumper truck.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND WAS DEFEATED WITH ALL VOTING NAY EXCEPT COUNCILMAN CLOUGH VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council posed questions to Mr. Cleaver and Chief Gaumont concerning their opinions on the bids.

Mayor Graham remarked that the rejection seems predicated on the fact that there are options on the truck which raised the price and there is the opinion that it should be re-bid with less options.

Mr. Cleaver explained that his opinion is based on the budget appropriation amount and the fact that the lowest bid exceeded that amount by \$87,783.00. He stated that he recommended that certain features listed as standard in the specs should be listed as optional in a re-bid. He remarked that the base price for the pumper would be significantly lower than the current bid prices, if this were done. He explained that items he would reclassify as optional would be independent front suspension, rollover protection system, hydraulic lift cab, Vogul Automatic Lubrication System, Information Center/multiplexing, and the Kussmaul electrical load manager system. He also explained that he didn't feel that any of these items would have an impact on the performance of the pumper.

Chief Gaumont explained that the specs were started over a year ago. He stated that they used the basic City guideline that safety won't be compromised. He explained that some trucks, purchased 20 years ago, are no longer safe under the new standards and due to the lack of new technology. He explained that when drawing up the specs they took the exact truck used for the ladder truck and made it into a pumper. He explained that the price increase is not due to the items listed, but rather because the price of metals has gone up 60% - 70% in the last six months. He explained that there are safety issues involved and that these things are really basic equipment. He stated that they have set a level of safety that they feel is appropriate for the Fire Department.

Mayor Graham asked about the time frame for a re-bid.

Mr. Cleaver explained that it would take about three months for a re-bid. He also advised Council that the only way to stay within the \$280,000 price range is to bid the basic and then add to it.

Councilman Clough suggested that Council look into Mr. Cleaver's suggestion.

Mayor Graham remarked that we have to be very careful not to undermine the competitive bidding process.

Councilman Bradley asked if by taking these items off if the City would save the \$110,000.

Mr. Cleaver responded that it depends on what is taken off and if the aerial truck is traded in.

Chief Gaumont explained that the aerial truck has a very low trade-in value.

Mayor Graham remarked that he would be hard pressed to reject the bids unless someone could convince him that the City can't afford it or the bidding process was flawed.

Councilman Clough responded that Council has to keep in mind the debt cap limit.

Councilman Bradley remarked that there are a lot of safety issues involved and Council needs to look at that also.

Mr. Cleaver explained that the City can only negotiate with the lowest qualified bidder but there can be no material deviation from the specs.

Chief Gaumont discussed the warranty issue and the fact paint warranties are very important in considering a bid.

Councilman Bradley commented that Council doesn't have complete information and he would like to know the numbers.

Chief Gaumont responded that he doesn't think the companies would give them to the City.

Attorney Slye advised that the law is that the City accept the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

Mayor Graham commented that the City Manager should see if the interested parties could resolve these differences.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE RESOLUTION "AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SATELLITE OFFICE, SIGNOR, LLC."**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT MAYOR GRAHAM VOTING NAY**

Commenting on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough remarked that the new site is not the site that we need. He stated that it is very close to the State Street location and there is no exposure for the office as well as having very limited parking. He stated that the present site is well known and by putting it in the apartment building, it would be hidden from public view.

Mayor Graham responded that no one has decided that it should be in the apartment building. He also explained that it was Mrs. Corriveau's intention to have representatives from the Police Department at the next work session to discuss this. He also made a suggestion about having the satellite station housed in the Mill Street Fire Station.

Councilman Bradley commented that he would like to hear from them before making a decision.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that he thinks Mr. Dempster expressed the concerns of the North Side residents. He stated that prevention is the key and visibility is a large component in prevention. He stated that it would be a major dis-service to the residents to move it from where it is.

Councilman Bradley referred to the MMA study and the fact that it had been completed but not discussed to any extent until he brought it up a few weeks ago.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that we have to be careful with studies done by people who come into our community and make recommendations.

Councilman Clough remarked that he was unaware that the Police were coming in to discuss this.

**MOTION TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY, SECONDED BY MAYOR GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF**

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**Bellew Avenue**

Mayor Graham explained that there had been some interest in one of the vacant lots on Bellew Avenue that the City owns. However, the offered price was well below what the

City Assessor felt the property was worth. He remarked that the City would be better off selling the vacant lots in an auction.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO SELL THE BELLEW AVENUE LOTS AT A WELL-ADVERTISED AUCTION.**

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

**730 Davidson Street**

Councilman Clough remarked that the outside of this property is in bad shape and there is only 29' frontage. He remarked that there are sewer problems with the property and he feels it should be demolished.

Mayor Graham commented that there are two issues with this property. One is the narrowness of the lot and the other is the sewer lateral. He commented that the property would probably have raised \$10,000 at an auction and the demolition costs would be around \$16,000. Therefore if the City demolishes the property, the taxpayers are being asked to assume around \$26,000 in demolition costs and lost revenue from a sale.

Attorney Slye explained that the City has the property because of back taxes, not because there is a sewer problem and the City should not be in the middle of the problem.

Mrs. Shortt remarked that she couldn't understand why the City thinks it is a viable property.

Councilman LaBouf commented that this is a unique situation. He stated that Council has heard the neighbors' concerns and the property should be demolished.

Councilman Bradley commented that after the repairs were done to the property, it would be worth about \$60,000 to \$70,000. He stated that someone could buy this and have a very viable property. He said demolition would mean the City would end up with a lot. He also commented that he hasn't heard from anyone else except Mrs. Shortt.

Mrs. Shortt remarked that she would make a token offer for the land once demolition had occurred.

Mr. Mix answered questions about the Neighbors of Watertown and the fact that they had been interested in the property originally. He explained that the cost associated with the renovations would have been much higher due to the standards that Neighbors have to go by. The properties that they rehab have to have costs kept affordable for first time homebuyers. Therefore, that is the reason that Neighbors decided against the property.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO AUTHORIZE  
DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 730 DAVIDSON STREET.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN BRADLEY VOTING NAY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:30  
P.M. UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. BY MOTION OF  
COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND  
CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

***Donna M. Dutton***

City Clerk