

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
February 20, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: **COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH**

ALSO PRESENT: **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Approving the "18th Annual Local Government Conference" on March 29, 2007 as Valid Training for Meeting the New York State Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials Training Requirement
- 2 - Approving Pay Rates for Watertown Housing Authority Non-Management Employees
- 3 - Approving Pay Rates for Watertown Housing Authority Management Employees
- 4 - Approving Agreement for Public Benefit Services Between the City of Watertown and the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation
- 5 - Accepting Bid for Regenerative Air Sweeper
- 6 - Accepting Bid for Phase II of the Restoration and Reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library, Interior Decorative Restoration and Repair, EverGreene Painting Studios
- 7 - Accepting Bid for Phase II of the Restoration and Reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library, Restoration and Repair of Stained Glass, GEF Restoration, Inc.
- 8 - Authorizing Marchiselli Supplemental Agreement No. 1 – OSC Municipal Contract #D017149 State Street Reconstruction, PIN 775273, All Phases
- 9 - Approving the State Assistance Contract for New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Restoration Program for Sewall's Island
- 10 - Approving the Agreement for Professional Services with Lu Engineers for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Restoration Program for Sewall's Island
- 11 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 4,900 Square Foot Building to be Used for Auto Sales and Repair Located at 1050 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 8-47-101.001
- 12 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 2,600 Square Foot Building to be Used for a 4 Bay Carwash at 144 Eastern Boulevard, Parcel No. 5-16-320

- 13 - An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Dated February 7, 2005, Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,415,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York to Pay the Cost of Historical Restorations and Facility Renovations at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, In and For Said City, to Increase the Estimated Maximum Cost Thereof and the Amount of Bonds Authorized to \$1,685,000

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 February 5, 2007 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman LaBouf, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Factory Square LLC advising Council that they have contacted Mr. Barre and have decided that they would like to purchase the lot between them for \$2,000. They also proposed that this lot be divided equally between them and added to their current adjacent ownerships.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

Communication was received from the City Planning Board

1) Recommending City Council approval for the site plan submitted on behalf of Soggs Commercial Properties, for the construction of a 2,600 square foot car wash at 144 Eastern Boulevard, Parcel No. 5-16-320, contingent upon certain requirements being met as outlined in the resolution.

2) Recommending City Council approval for the site plan submitted on behalf of Drive Davidson Dealership, for the construction of a 4,900 square foot building to be used for automobile sales, leasing and repairs at 1050 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 8-47-101.001.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Wayne Zimmer, Katherine Street, addressed Council on the topic of the cost of a walkway on Eastern Boulevard. He noted that he would rather see his tax dollars be used toward the Teen Center which can be used year-round rather than something for kayaking which is limited to the spring or summer months.

Ray Powers, 133 Ten Eyck Street, addressed Council regarding the parcel of land on his street that the City is considering giving to Neighbors of Watertown. He said he does not believe that a 1,200 square foot house would match the architecture of the rest of the neighborhood and hopes that Council will approve something that does fit in with the look of the street. Mr. Powers added that a petition could be provided to Council if one is needed.

Mayor Graham responded that the idea is to put some type of house back on the lot and that what is being proposed is a single-family home.

Mr. Powers said that he would rather have it vacant than have a tiny home there.

Bill Bonisteel, 140 Ten Eyck Street, addressed Council and wished to commend Mr. Beasley's work with relationship to the lot being discussed. He suggested having more choices for what will be used to fill that lot and said he thought staying with a Victorian look would be best.

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the New York State Chapter 662 of the Laws of 2006, which took effect on January 1, 2007 requires all municipal planning and zoning officials to have four hours of training per year, and

WHEREAS the training must be approved by the City Council before it can be used to meet the new training requirement, and

WHEREAS the New York State Tug Hill Commission, Steps to a Healthier New York, HSBC, and National Grid are sponsoring the "18th Annual Local Government Conference" on March 29, 2007 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jefferson Community College,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the "18th Annual Local Government Conference" is approved to provide up to four hours credit toward meeting the New York State Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials training requirement.

SECONDED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEAS

Mayor Graham asked what the sanctions are for not attending the training.

Attorney Slye replied that action could be taken to remove the individual from office.

Mayor Graham replied that perhaps a briefing at a work session would be better as elected officials would have to take a vacation or personal day in order to meet the training requirements. He suggested having staff go to the training and brief those who cannot attend.

Mrs. Corriveau said Council would be made aware of any training in advance. She added that training was approved at the last Council meeting which would meet half of the requirement. The training being discussed tonight, she added, would meet the entire requirement.

Mayor Graham asked if Mr. Mix and Attorney Slye would be able to go to the training and make a presentation to Council.

Attorney Slye stated that would require presenting a syllabus to the state.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS during the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget deliberations the City Council discussed the utilization of Bed Tax revenues for destination marketing, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown wishes to enter into an Agreement for the provision of destination marketing services with the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it approves the Agreement for Public Benefit Services with the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development 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 Council.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of one new and unused Regenerative Air Sweeper, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to nine (9) prospective bidders with two (2) bids being received, and

WHEREAS on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 11 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Robert J. Cleaver, Purchasing Agent, has reviewed the bids with Eugene Hayes, Superintendent of Public Works, and Peter Monaco, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, and is recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by J & J Equipment, LLC, 9055 Brewerton Road, Brewerton, New York, in the amount of \$154,000, as the lowest qualifying bid meeting City specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York accepts the bid submitted by J & J Equipment, LLC, 9055 Brewerton Road, Brewerton, New York 13029, in the amount of \$154,000, for the purchase of one new and unused Regenerative Air Sweeper, per City specifications.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department, in conjunction with Consulting Engineers Bernier Carr & Associates, advertised and received sealed bids for the interior decorative restoration and repair work associated with Phase II of the restoration and reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library, and

WHEREAS bid plans were issued to six (6) prospective bidders with two (2) bids being returned and publicly opened and read on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, and

WHEREAS the bids received have been reviewed by Bernier Carr & Associates, the City Purchasing Department, and representatives of the Library Board of Trustees, and all are recommending that the bid submitted by EverGreene Painting Studios, New York, NY, be accepted as the lowest qualifying bid meeting the City's specifications, and

WHEREAS the bid submitted by EverGreene Painting Studios is in the amount of \$589,750, and it is also recommended that we accept Alternate No. 6, which deletes the marble and tile cleaning, bring the net contract amount to \$535,750,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid for the interior decorative restoration and repair work associated with Phase II of the restoration and reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library submitted by EverGreene Painting Studios, New York, NY in the amount of \$535,750, as the lowest qualified bid meeting the City specifications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the awarding of this bid is contingent on City Council approval of a Bond Ordinance to support the funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents associated with the awarding of this bid.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

Mayor Graham asked Mrs. Wheeler what was deleted from this project.

Mrs. Wheeler responded that marble and tile cleaning funds were removed.

Mrs. Corriveau told Council that this project may be added back in later on.

Councilman Bradley asked how long the project would take.

Mrs. Wheeler said it would be about six months.

Mayor Graham asked what the potential would be for unpredicted costs to arise.

Mr. Pilon said there is definitely a potential especially in an older building such as the library. He added that a portion of the work involves removing some stained glass and said they do not know what shape the fasteners are in which secure it.

Mayor Graham commented that he believes the whole job should be completed and to not leave anything hanging.

Mrs. Corriveau inquired how long the bids are good for.

Mr. Pilon replied that they are good for 35-40 days and originally came in on January 24, 2007.

Councilman LaBouf stated that there have been many positive developments already on this project and that this is work that needs to be done.

Mayor Graham suggested changing the wording of this resolution, referring to paragraphs four and five, to have it read:

“...WHEREAS the bid submitted by EverGreene Painting Studios is in the amount of \$589,750,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid for the interior decorative restoration and repair work associated with Phase II of the restoration and reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library submitted by EverGreene Painting Studios, New York, NY in the amount of \$589.750, as the lowest qualified bid meeting the City specifications, and...”

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

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FORGOING RESOLUTION AS AMENDED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department, in conjunction with Consulting Engineers Bernier Carr & Associates, advertised and received sealed bids for the restoration and repair of stained glass work associated with Phase II of the restoration and reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library, and

WHEREAS bid plans were issued to six (6) prospective bidders with one (1) bid being returned and publicly opened and read on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, and

WHEREAS the bid received was reviewed by Bernier Carr & Associates, the City Purchasing Department, and representatives of the Library Board of Trustees, and all are recommending that the bid submitted by GEF Restoration, Port Leyden, NY, be accepted as the lowest qualifying bid meeting the City’s specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid for the restoration and repair of stained glass work associated with Phase II of the restoration and reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library submitted by GEF Restoration, Inc., Port Leyden, NY in the amount of \$124,400, as the lowest qualified bid meeting the City specifications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the awarding of this bid is contingent on City Council approval of a Bond Ordinance to support the funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents associated with the awarding of this bid.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS a project for the reconstruction of State Street, PIN 775273, (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the cost of such program to be borne at the ratio of eligible costs at 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS on October 24, 2005 the City Council approved the Marchiselli Aid Supplemental Project Agreement for this project, and

WHEREAS of the total project cost of \$10,121,780, the City would receive Federal funds in the amount of \$8,097,424, and State funds of \$1,263,267 leaving a Local funding commitment of \$761,089, and

WHEREAS NYSDOT has forwarded Supplemental Agreement No 1 to the original Agreement for approval, which provides for an increase in Marchiselli Funds and an extension of the contract complete date to March 31, 2010, and

WHEREAS under the terms of the Supplemental Agreement the City would receive Federal funds in the amount of \$8,097,424, and State funds of \$1,518,267 leaving a Local funding commitment of \$506,089,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Watertown, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid on behalf of the City of Watertown with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project and providing for the administration of the project and the municipality’s first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding for the local share of federal aid eligible project costs and all project costs within appropriations that are not eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Marchiselli Supplemental Aid Project Agreement, a copy of which is attached and made a part of said resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the project.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS by resolution adopted August 21, 2006, the City Council authorized an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) to secure funding for investigation of potential environmental issues for Sewall's Island, and

WHEREAS by letter from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) dated December 28, 2006, the City was notified that its application was approved and funded in the amount of \$561,200, and

WHEREAS it is necessary to enter into a formal agreement between the City of Watertown and the DEC, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves the State Assistance Contract between the City of Watertown and the DEC, for an ERP grant in the amount of \$561,200, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the State Assistance Contract and any other certifications or documents required to accept the ERP grant and administer the Program.

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

Mayor Graham wished to thank everyone for moving this project along and asked what work will be done this summer.

Mrs. Corriveau replied that testing will be done this summer.

Mrs. Freda told Council that the engineers expect to spend one year in the investigation phase.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has received a grant under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the investigation of the Sewall's Island project site, and

WHEREAS five proposals were received in response to a Request for Qualifications to provide general Brownfields consulting services relating to the ERP, and

WHEREAS Lu Engineers is recommended by a review committee to be awarded the contract to complete the ERP for Sewall's Island, and

WHEREAS an Agreement for Professional Services from Lu Engineers has been drafted, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement for Professional Services with Lu Engineers to prepare the investigation phase of the ERP for \$618,000, and

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

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS Don Davidson of Evergreen Family, FLP, has made an application for site plan approval on behalf of Drive Davidson Dealership, for the construction of a 4,900 square foot building to be used for auto sales and repair to be located at 1050 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 8-47-101.001, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on January 30, 2007, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and adopted a motion stating the project did not have any significant County-wide or intermunicipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown last reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on February 6, 2007, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

The applicant shall meet all conditions outlined in the February 1, 2007 Planning Board Review Memorandum and as shown on the revised site plan dated January 26, 2007. The conditions are:

- 1) All signs need a sign permit; maximum square footage of all signs combined shall be 200 square feet.
- 2) All reserved parking spaces (employee, handicap, and patron) shall be identified through appropriate signage.
- 3) The City Engineer shall approve the photometric plan prior to building permits being issued. Off site light spillage shall not be greater than 0.5-foot candles.
- 4) Update the plan (Sheet S-2) to show the existing $\pm 15'$ wide gravel swale starting from the northern end of the existing restaurant to the northwest corner of the property.
- 5) Add a note to the plans stating, "All water main and service work shall be coordinated with the City of Watertown Water Department. The Water

Department's requirements supercede all other plans and specifications provided."

- 6) A Sanitary Sewer Lateral (Commercial) Permit, a Sanitary Lateral Disconnect Permit, and a City Permit shall be obtained from the Engineering Department prior to the start of construction.

And,

WHEREAS the City Council, has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions in Part 2, and has determined that the project, as submitted, is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares the proposed construction and site plan constitute an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQR and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Don Davidson of Evergreen Family, FLP, on behalf of Drive Davidson Dealership, for the construction of a 4,900 square foot building to be used for auto sales and repair located at 1050 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 8-47-101.001, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer dated January 26, 2007, contingent upon the applicant making the revisions outlined in the Planning Board Review Memorandum dated February 1, 2007.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS Randy Soggs of Soggs Commercial Properties, has made application for site plan approval, for the construction of a 2,600 square foot building to be used for a 4 bay carwash to be located at 144 Eastern Boulevard, Parcel No. 5-16-320, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on October 31, 2006, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and adopted a motion stating the project did not have any significant County-wide or intermunicipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown last reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on February 6, 2007, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan dated January 24, 2007, contingent upon the following:

The applicant shall meet all conditions outlined in the February 1, 2007 Planning Board Review Memorandum. The conditions are:

- 1) Provide on site arrow striping depicting the circulation patterns,
- 2) Provide directional “enter” and “exit” signs,
- 3) Remove from consideration the reference to the proposed carwash sign located near the southwest corner,
- 4) All signage shall be reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Code Enforcement,
- 5) Photometric data shall be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of the building permit, and
- 6) Reduce the main entrance width (approximately 170 feet) to a more manageable size. The revised entrance shall be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer.

WHEREAS, since the Planning Board meeting the applicant has submitted a revised site plan Sheet 2, dated February 14, 2007 that addresses some of the Planning Board’s conditions, and,

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions in Part 2, and has determined that the project, as submitted, is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares the proposed construction and site plan constitute an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQR and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Randy Soggs of Soggs Commercial Properties, for the construction of a 2,600 square foot building to be used for a 4 bay carwash located at 144 Eastern Boulevard, Parcel No. 5-16-320, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer dated January 24, 2007, and on revised Sheet 2 submitted February 14, 2007, contingent upon the applicant making the revisions outlined in the Planning Board Review Memorandum dated February 1, 2007.

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

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Ten Eyck Street Property

Councilman Bradley commented that many of the people on this street have lived there for 15 to 30 years and said he felt they should be involved in the process of deciding what is done with the parcel.

Councilman LaBouf thanked Mr. Powers and Mr. Bonisteel for attending the meeting this evening.

Teen Center Fundraiser

Councilman LaBouf wanted to commend the Watertown Fire Department for helping to raise funds for the Teen Center.

Mayor Graham added that it was nice to see the Fire Department involved.

Downtown Outreach

Councilman Bradley inquired if Mrs. Hoffman had contacted Mr. DeFranco, a downtown business owner, since the last Council meeting.

Mrs. Corriveau said she did not know if they had corresponded.

Respite Home

Councilman LaBouf said he was curious as to how progress is coming on the respite home.

Mrs. Corriveau stated she has received the paperwork last week and forwarded it to Attorney Slye for his review. She added that the City could take an affirmative vote or suggest other sites.

Attorney Slye added that the City could also reject the project as not being in the best interest of the community.

Mayor Graham said he would like to see Council take an affirmative stance.

Attorney Slye told Council that the application is not complete and it is not fair to Council, the DPAO or staff to talk about it at this point.

Sales Tax

Councilman LaBouf said that due to differing views on this issue, more dialogue is needed.

Mayor Graham stated he did not know whether the City should weigh-in on the issue. He added that Sampie Sutton has invited village superintendents and mayors to a meeting in Brownville to discuss the tax on clothing. Mayor Graham also said he felt taking a stand on it makes it more difficult for county legislators.

Councilman LaBouf commented that he thinks the sales tax can be dropped back to seven percent and that the clothing tax can be repealed.

Council further discussed sales tax issues.

Factory Street Lot

Mayor Graham mentioned the letter from Mr. Gardner regarding the Factory Street lot.

Mrs. Corriveau said the City would have to split the lot.

Mr. Mix said it would require a subdivision and told Council the dimensions of the piece of property.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that it makes sense to sell to both interested parties.

Attorney Slye said selling it as ‘to tenants in common’ is recommended so the City saves money.

Teen Center

Wayne Zimmer reminded Council that there is a fundraiser for the Teen Center on February 28, 2007.

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Mayor Graham asked if Resolutions 2 and 3 would be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR THE MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BRADLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Amanda C. Lewis
Deputy City Clerk