

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
May 21, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

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

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

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Approving "Making the Most of Working With Your County Planning Board" Workshop on May 16, 2007 as Valid Training for Meeting the New York State Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials Training Requirement
- 2 - Reappointment to the Empire Zone Administrative Board, William F. Welbourn
- 3 - Reappointment to the Empire Zone Administrative Board, Thomas Cesta
- 4 - Appointment to the Empire Zone Administrative Board, Joanne St. Croix
- 5 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property Known as 721 West Main Street to Northland Operations Ltd.
- 6 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property Known as 649 Factory Street to Factory Square LLC and Brian S. Barre
- 7 - Approving Extension of Production Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Steve Weed Productions
- 8 - Approving Community Movie Showcase Agreement Between the City of Watertown and CGI Communications
- 9 - Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Gary Beasley, on behalf of Neighbors of Watertown, to Allow 10 Dwelling Units in an Existing Structure Located at 190 Stone Street, Parcel No. 10-01-305
- 10 - Approving the Agreement for Professional Services with Stearns & Wheler, LLC for Design and Construction Services for the Replacement of Finished Water Pump Variable Frequency Drives at the Main Pump Station, Water Filtration Plant
- 11 - Establishing Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2007-08
- 12 - Approving 2007-08 Operating Budgets, City of Watertown, New York
- 13 - Approving 2007-08 through 2011-12 Capital Program Budget, City of Watertown, New York
- 14 - Approving Amendment No. 60 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-08
- 15 - Amending City Municipal Code Sec. 293-58, Schedule X: Stop Intersections
- 16 - Habitat for Humanity Request

17 - 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 May 7, 2007 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From Frank Melara urging Council to do the work on Breen Avenue.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From Jack Scordo asking Council to investigate the feasibility of planting elm trees in the City as the City of Utica has done.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From Mary Bryne, 751 Ball Avenue, urging the hospital to use employee shuttles during the reconstruction.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From Doris Monterey, Evans Mills, expressing her concern with the increase in the franchise fee.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Petition containing 20 signatures was received urging Council to make the repairs to and replace Breen Avenue in the 2008-09 budget.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Claim against the City was received from Robert Wormwood for damage to his vehicle occurring at the intersection of Washington and Winslow Streets.

**ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one spoke.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

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 Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, in collaboration with the Jefferson County Department of Planning, the NYS Tug Hill Commission, and the Center for Community Studies at JCC sponsored a “Making the Most of Working With Your County Planning Board” Workshop on May 16, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Jefferson Community College,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the “Making the Most of Working With Your County Planning Board” Workshop is approved to provide two hours of training toward meeting the New York State Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials training requirement.

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS New York State has designated an Empire Zone (formerly Economic Development Zone) pursuant to Article 18-b of the New York State General Municipal Law within the Town of Watertown and the City of Watertown on July 27, 1994, and

WHEREAS Article 18-b of the New York State General Municipal Law requires that an Empire Zone Board (formerly Economic Development Zone Administration Board) be in place to oversee the operation of the Zone,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby reappoints to the Empire Zone, as an organized labor representative, for a three-year term expiring on May 31, 2010:

William F. Welbourn  
907 Washington Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby reappoints to the Empire Zone, as a financial institution representative, for a three-year term expiring on May 31, 2010:

Thomas Cesta  
1242 Lachenauer Drive  
Watertown, New York 13601

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby appoints to the Empire Zone, as a zone resident, for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring on May 31, 2010:

Joanne St. Croix  
636 Davidson Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns a certain lot of land known as 721 Main Street West, approximately 72'x 168' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 1-14-112.000, and

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

WHEREAS said the City has received a purchase offer for said real property from Northland Operations, LTD. and

WHEREAS Northland Operations, LTD. owns an adjacent lot of land known as 729 Main Street West, approximately 45'x 92' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 1-14-111.000, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires Northland Operations to merge the two lots of land known as 721 Main Street West (parcel number 1-14-112.000) and 729 Main Street West (parcel number 1-14-111.000) into one parcel, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property 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, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$2,420.00 submitted by Northland Operations, Ltd. for the purchase of Parcel No. 1-14-112.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed of said real property to Northland Operations, Ltd upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not merged with the lot of land known as 729 Main Street West (parcel number 1-14-111.000) 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 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.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns a certain lot of land known as 649 Factory Street, approximately 67'x 102' in size, and also known and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel No. 6-5-103.000, and

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

WHEREAS said the City has received a purchase offer for said real property from Factory Square LLC and Brian S. Barre, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as this property 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, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 16 adopted by the Council on June 6, 1977, that the offer of \$2,000.00 submitted by Factory Square LLC and Brian S. Barre for the purchase of Parcel No. 6-5-103.000, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed of said real property to Factory Square LLC and Brian S. Barre upon receipt of the above mentioned sum of money in cash only by the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the 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.

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown meets every month for City Council meetings and Work Sessions, and

WHEREAS the meetings are open to the public and the City Council wishes to have them recorded and available for public access television and internet, and

WHEREAS Steve Weed Productions has recorded City Council meetings in the past and is willing to continue providing their services to the City, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown wishes to exercise the option of obtaining Steve Weed Productions services for an additional six months as stated in the original contract, and

WHEREAS the extension to Steve Weed Productions agreement with the City of Watertown will commence on June 1, 2007 and terminate on November 30, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Production Agreement Extension between the City of Watertown and Steve Weed Productions, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, 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.

**SECONDED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN SMITH VOTING NAY**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough asked if the City is still following up on our own equipment.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that the report does address that.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS CGI Communications offers high impact marketing and promotion products such as streaming video throughout the country, and

WHEREAS CGI Communications has offered to come to the City of Watertown and shoot, edit and produce various web-based videos of our community, and

WHEREAS streaming video would be a great addition to the City's new website for residents, tourists and visitors, and

WHEREAS the City feels this would be in the best interest of the community to promote and advertise all aspects and services of the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Community Movie Showcase Agreement between the City of Watertown and CGI Communications, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, 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.

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS Gary Beasley, has made application for a Special Use Permit, on behalf of Neighbors of Watertown, to allow 10 dwelling units in an existing structure located at 190 Stone Street, Parcel No. 10-01-305, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the request at its meeting held on May 1, 2007, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the Special Use Permit for 10 units as submitted, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the request at its meeting held on May 29, 2007, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed Special Use Permit on June 4, 2007, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS multi family dwellings are allowed in existing buildings within a Commercial zoning district upon special approval from the City Council, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2 and has determined that the project, as submitted, is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA 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 that the proposed Special Use Permit to allow 10 dwelling units within an existing structure located at 190 Stone Street constitutes an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA 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 a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to Gary Beasley, on behalf of Neighbors of Watertown, to allow 10 dwelling units in an existing structure located within a Commercial zoning district at 190 Stone Street, Parcel No. 10-01-305 as submitted.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION FOR MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007 AT 7:15 P.M.**

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the current Variable Frequency Drives(VFD) installed at the Water Filtration Plant in 1988 have an average life expectancy of 15 to 20 years under heavy industrial use, and

WHEREAS plant operations calls for alternating the use of the pumps, and when run they are at a fairly constant speed, and

WHEREAS we are experiencing failures in the drives, which has lead to a determination that the VFDs need to be replaced, and

WHEREAS there is an extremely long lead time on the procurement of VFD as they are usually made to order, and

WHEREAS City Superintendent of Water Gary E. Pilon is recommending that the City hire Stearns and Wheler to review and evaluate the options available to the City and to perform the design, bidding and construction phase of the work for \$32,400,

WHEREAS an Agreement for Professional Services from Stearns and Wheler 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 Stearns and Wheler to provide for design and construction services for the replacement of finished water pump variable frequency drives at the Main Pump Station for \$32,400, and

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

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

The following two resolutions, not appearing on the agenda, were presented to Council:

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Council has received a request for funding to support the promotion of the Jefferson County Historical Society, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown desires to appropriate \$5,000 from the FY 2007-08 Publicity Account to support the Jefferson County Historical Society, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Historical Society will expend the funds to market and promote the City of Watertown through the public media, print, radio, television, direct contact and other promotional devices and that this will encourage tourism in the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown wishes to enter into an Agreement for Public Benefit Services between the City of Watertown and the Jefferson County Historical Society, 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 a Public Benefit Services Agreement between the City of Watertown, New York and the Jefferson County Historical Society, and

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

**SECONDED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND COUNCILMAN SMITH VOTING NAY**

**RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LABOUF, SECONDED BY MAYOR GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City has advertised and received sealed bids for the construction of the North Shore Access of the Route 3 wave, and the low bid, meeting City specifications, was received from Powis Excavating and Contracting, 9421 Number 3 Road, Copenhagen, New York, 13626, in the amount of \$224,000 representing the base bid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby accepts the bid of Powis Excavating and Contracting, 9421 Number 3 Road, Copenhagen, New York in the amount of \$224,000 for construction of the North Shore Access of the Route 3 wave, contingent upon receiving approval from New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources concerning MWBE compliance by the contractor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City, upon satisfaction of the contingencies.

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

**RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LABOUF, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Smith asked about the lower bidder not being selected.

Mr. Cleaver explained that Clement had been asked for their qualifications and they didn't submit them. The only thing they submitted was a listing of their subcontractors' projects. He also explained that the bid specs were designed by GYMO. He also mentioned that GYMO indicated that there had been an error in the configuration of Clement's bid.

Councilman Clough remarked that he questioned if Tuscarora understood the specs.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that they all had an opportunity to speak with the engineers at a pre-bid meeting.

Council began discussions on the budget.

Mayor Graham commented that he is troubled by the decision to enact a 66% increase in the cable tax. He stated that the idea is to reduce the burden on property taxpayers and he doesn't feel this does that. He remarked that he would hope Council would consider some cuts or adjust the tax rate or take from the fund balance instead of instituting the increase in the cable franchise fee.

Councilman Smith responded that it is only a 2 % increase and it does disperse the burden on everyone. It is not just residential tax payers but also people who rent, as well as the non-profits. This franchise fee taps into people who aren't paying property taxes.

Councilman Clough remarked that in the early 1990's, the City instituted the trash stickers and Mayor Graham made the argument for them the same argument that he is now making against the fee.

Mayor Graham responded that over the years one can get caught up in revenue enhancers and all sorts of schemes. He remarked that we may have taken a wrong course.

Councilman Clough asked if Mayor Graham was willing to take out of the fund balance when it would affect the City in future years.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that Council has to represent the people as best they can. He proposed removing the trash truck on page 269 of the budget and postponing its purchase for another year.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that there are two of these vehicles in the five year plan. She explained that she has concerns with deleting the truck. In applying for these grants, municipalities are put on a list. If we don't accept the truck when we reach the top of the list, we will be kicked off and will have to apply again.

Mr. White advised Council that the grant would be lost for next year if this truck is cut. He also explained that the City of Watertown doesn't score very high because there are towns and villages that don't have the equipment that we do. Therefore, it is important to stay on the list and wait our turn.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council was unanimous to approve the 3% franchise fee about two months ago. He discussed the savings of the \$450,000 savings in dispatch.

Councilman Clough responded that this amount is offset by the loss in the energy tax.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that this loss will be seen every year. She also advised that the property tax has been lowered to a very responsible levy. She explained that Council had asked to move a capital project forward and to continue to meet other capital projects. The proposal of the franchise fee was to put in a revenue stream that would meet that level. She also advised that the state has considered the suggestions that municipalities could charge for internet and Road Runner and the state has said no. She commented that at some time in the future, the state will step in and take over the control of these franchises.

Mayor Graham asked if Council members were willing to consider a compromise.

Councilman Clough explained that the reason he was against the CE II position was because we would have to take funds from the fund balance every year to cover the salary.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that with the cutting of the trash truck, the money could be transferred out in an effort to keep the CE II position.

Councilman Clough responded that by cutting this, we are not accomplishing anything. It will be in next year's budget plus the \$112,000 in CE II salaries.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that we are heavily relying on sales tax and he believes that will continue to increase. He also commented that there will be retirements at some point.

Discussion was held on the \$67,000 figure for the CE II position.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the City can not compete with the County and State for CE II salaries. She also remarked that if the City is going to move forward with hiring for this position, it would be nice for Council to commit to it.

Discussion was held on the salaries of the two current CE II positions. Mayor Graham suggested that these positions not be raised to \$67,000 and that the proposed position have a starting salary of \$60,000. This would allow for a \$25,000 savings.

Various accounts in different departments were looked at.

Discussion was held relative to consultant versus hiring in house.

Mayor Graham asked Council for a consensus on whether or not to eliminate the CE II position. Councilman Clough, Councilman LaBouf and Mayor Graham indicated that they would be willing to eliminate the position.

Councilman Smith responded that by doing so, the City would lose out on design.

Councilman Bradley also commented that the City would lose a lot by using a consultant.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that a concern that Mr. Hauk had was he knows that he will lose two of his staff, in the future, who have a lot of experience. If the person was hired now, they would have time to get up to speed with the current staff.

Council discussed the proposed 3.5% pay raise for management and asked about a flat dollar amount instead.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that some unionized employees make nearly what management is making.

Mayor Graham remarked that with the \$25,000 cut in the CE II proposal, he would be willing to use all money needed from the fund balance. He asked that the original resolutions number 11 and 12 be prepared based on the appropriations being taken from the fund balance and that the numbers be recalculated to reflect the change.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SMITH TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMING FROM THE 5% FRANCHISE FEES AND THE FUND BALANCE WOULD NOT BE USED. IN ADDITION, THE RESULT OF CUTTING THE \$25,000 FROM THE PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD DECREASE THE TAX LEVY**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF, EXCEPT MAYOR GRAHAM AND COUNCILMAN LABOUF VOTING NAY.**

Councilman LaBouf remarked that increasing the franchise fees affects the most vulnerable.

Councilman Smith responded that this statement is absolutely false. He commented that he doesn't know anyone who needs cable to survive. He explained that this will lower the property taxes and spread the burden out to include those who do not pay any property taxes.

Councilman Clough remarked to Mayor Graham and Councilman LaBouf that they are willing to minimize the amount of decrease in the property taxes yet they say that the rest of the Council is raising taxes, when in fact, the proposal would actually lower them more.

The following two resolutions are different resolutions than the ones that appeared on the agenda. Original resolutions no. 11 and 12 were not introduced.

Council concurred to add a CE II position to the budget at a salary of \$60,000.

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York has determined the Budget for 2007-08 for all operating funds for the City of Watertown in the amount of **\$46,840,792** of which **\$36,731,196** is the General Fund, and of this amount in the General Fund **\$6,882,595** is to be raised by taxes on real estate and \$27,056 is to be collected in omitted City taxes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the tax on real estate in the amount of **\$ 6,909,651** is hereby levied and the rate to produce **\$6,882,595** of this levy is hereby established at **\$ 7.125** per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and the remaining \$ 27,056 is to be collected in omitted taxes.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED AS AMENDED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF EXCEPT MAYOR GRAHAM AND COUNCILMAN LABOUF VOTING NAY**

**(RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF MAYOR GRAHAM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York has met and considered the Proposed Budget for the City of Watertown for Fiscal Year 2007-08 and it has conducted public hearings on the Proposed Budget and has determined that revenues and appropriations for the several funds in the Budget for 2007-08 will be as indicated in the Budget Detail of Changes of Revenues and Appropriations, which Detail is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby adopts the Budget for the City Government for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in the total amount of \$ **46,840,792** of which in the General Fund **\$29,821,545** to be raised by estimated revenues other than real property taxes, \$ 27,056 is estimated to be received from omitted taxes and **\$ 6,882,595** is to be raised by real property tax levy. In adopting the Budget, the City Council hereby appropriates **\$46,840,792** for all operating funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting the Budget, the City Council hereby appropriates \$ 6,993,455 for all reserve funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting the Budget, the City Council approves the Budget Detail of Changes in Revenues and Appropriations, which is attached and made a part of this resolution.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED AS AMENDED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND MAYOR GRAHAM VOTING NAY**

**(RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF EXCEPT COUNCILMAN LABOUF VOTING NAY)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York has met and considered the Proposed Budget for the City of Watertown for Fiscal Year 2007-08, including the Proposed Capital Program for the years 2007-08 through 2011-12 and has conducted public hearings on the Proposed Capital Program Budget, and has determined that the projects as listed in the Capital Program as amended by the attached detail report, which is made a part of this resolution, shall constitute the Capital Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York hereby adopts the Capital Program Budget for the years 2007-08 through 2011-12.

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

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM**

WHEREAS with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget, the City Council of the City of Watertown appropriated a raise for Management and Management Confidential employees in the amount of three and one-half percent (3.5%),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Amendment No. 60 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan, in order to establish the annual compensation for the positions listed below effective July 1, 2007:

Position	2007-08 Salaries
Police Chief	85,036
City Engineer	83,876
Fire Chief	78,386
Superintendent of Water	77,583
Police Captain	77,108
City Comptroller	76,859
Superintendent of Public Works	75,736
Deputy Fire Chief	73,247
Library Director	68,517
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works	64,713
Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Oper	62,954
Purchasing Agent	62,385
Civil Engineer II (Storino)	62,100
Information Technology Manager	61,179
Superintendent of Parks and Recreation	60,030
Planning and Community Dev. Cor.	60,030
City Clerk	58,736
Supervisor of Maintenance and Distribution	58,208
Civil Engineer II (Ortlieb)	58,126
Chief Water Treatment Plant Oper	58,043
Code Enforcement Supervisor	57,060
Street and Sewer Maintenance Supervisor	56,325
Parks and Recreation Maintenance Super.	56,325
City Assessor	57,049
Civil Engineer I	53,029
Planner (Lumbis)	49,892

Accounting Supervisor	48,619
Downtown Development Specialist	45,675
Confidential Assistant to City Manager	45,675
Confidential Secretary to City Manager	43,936
Planner (Freda)	43,056
Executive Secretary Civil Service Commission	35,371
Deputy City Clerk	34,445
Accountant	33,304

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

Prior to the foregoing resolution, Councilman Smith remarked that Council should consider a review process for the City Clerk’s position as well as drawing up a contract with the City Clerk due to the fact that the City Manager and City Clerk positions are both hired by the City Council. He also remarked that Council should set the salary for the City Clerk’s position. Council members concurred.

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that she would have to ask Attorney Slye about a contract for the City Clerk position.

**ORDINANCES**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 293 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended to add the following:

§ 293-58. Schedule X: Stop Intersections.

<u>Stop Sign On</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>	<u>At Intersection Of</u>
S. Bellew Ave.	Both	Waterman Drive

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this amendment shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOVED BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LABOUF,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING  
IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown New York does whereby authorize making funds available for the installation of sewer and water laterals at the Habitat for Humanity project located at 1131,1136, 1144 and 1207 Superior Street.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH  
ALL VOTING YEA**

**(RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY  
COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR  
THEREOF).**

**Elm Tree Letter**

Mayor Graham asked that Mrs. Corriveau check into this.

Mrs. Corriveau will pass the communication on to Mr. Lumbis.

**Watertown Teen Center**

Mrs. Corriveau indicated that the Watertown Teen Center is not looking for additional funding from the City, but rather is looking for a takeover by the City or if the City could find another organization to do so.

Councilman Clough mentioned that CAPC discussed this last week and they said no. They stated that they have concerns on how the center is being run as there appears to be no organization and is dependent on volunteers. He remarked that a plan would do no good if there is no one to run the program.

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that Mrs. Cavallario is placing an ad in the paper for a summer director.

Mayor Graham remarked that hopefully an assessment of our own summer programs will be done by then.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that the notion is to be able to provide assistance and direction for youth at the teen center. He also remarked that the City can look at the example of a teen center in Cicero.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SMITH TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, WHEREBY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COULD AFFECT THE VALUE THEREOF.**

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

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:21 P.M.

Council reconvened at 8:05 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR THE MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 11:00 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

*Donna M. Dutton*  
City Clerk