

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
August 6, 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 - Appointment to the Board of Assessment Review –William W. Parody
- 2 - Correction of Tax Bill, VL – 11 Main St. West, Parcel No. 1-24-402.200
- 3 - Approving Purchase of Land, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Watertown
- 4 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property, Parcel Number 2-11-139, Formerly Known as the Paper Street Division Street West to Michael D. Doney, 22000 Doney Drive, Watertown, New York 13601
- 5 - Approving Agreement Among Knowlton Specialty Papers, Inc., the Trustees of First Baptist Church Society, and the City of Watertown, Town Clock Repairs
- 6 - Approving Lease Agreement Between the Trustees Of First Baptist Church Society and the City of Watertown, Clock Tower
- 7 - Accepting Proposal of Poulsen & Podkin, P.C., For Auditing Services
- 8 - Authorizing a Budget Modification Request for The FY 2005 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant
- 9 - Approving Consulting Agreement Between Fox Lawson & Associates and the City of Watertown
- 10 - Accepting Bid for Phase II of the Restoration and Reconfiguration of Flower Memorial Library, Interior Decorative Restoration and Repairs, EverGreene Painting Studios, Inc.
- 11 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of an 8,600 Square Foot Driveway Between Buildings “B”& “C” of the Watertown Center for Business & Industry Located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Parcel No. 4-09-102.004
- 12 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 4,150 Square Foot Building to be Used for Administrative Purposes and Modifications to an Existing Parking Area For Midtown Towers, Located at 142 Mechanic Street, Parcel No. 6-03-319
- 13 - Amending the Ordinance Dated February 7, 2005, Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,740,000 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 \$1,765,000

- 14 - 7:30 p.m. – Public Hearing Authorizing Spending from Capital Reserve Fund – Arena Roof
- 15 - 814 Pearl Street Zoning
- 16- Update on CSX Bridge Repairs, West Main Street
- 17- Reports on 1205-1207 Columbia Street
- 18 - Funding Request, Black Water Development, 4th Annual Blackwater Challenge, 2007 North American Cup Freestyle Kayak Championships

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 July 16, 2007 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman LaBouf and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

Claim against the City was received from Stephen Larrabee for personal injuries he sustained when he fell in front of 109 Public Square.

ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT

Mayor Graham presented to Wayne Zimmer the blue chair he routinely sat in at Council meetings; the Council Chambers now have new chairs.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Marta Lamon, 124 Ward Street, addressed Council describing the deplorable conditions of 126 Ward Street.

Mrs. Corriveau said the City is looking to get an administrative search warrant after the owner of 126 Ward, Mr. Moot, did not show up for a meeting with Mr. McWayne.

Mike Fitzsimmons, Ward Street, addressed Council saying that he believes the home poses environmental and health concerns as the backyard is saturated with putrid water.

Mayor Graham likened the situation on Ward Street to that on Lynde Street.

Mr. Pilon told Council that the City was finally able to enter the home recently to install a

radio-read water meter and found that there is a substantial leak in the cellar but it was inaccessible due to the trash on that level.

Mrs. Corriveau said the City has already been in the home twice to clean it up.

Councilman Smith asked if Mr. McWayne could condemn the home because of its condition.

Matt Dickinson, 128 Ward, addressed Council and said he has seen mice and birds on the inside of Mr. Moot's home. He added that he has his own yard fenced in to help prevent the critters in Mr. Moot's yard from entering his yard.

Wayne Zimmer, Katherine Street, addressed Council voicing his displeasure at the opening of two stereo businesses in the City.

Scott Gates, 157 Dorsey St., addressed Council updating them on his push for a dog park in the City. He mentioned that the Watertown Daily Times had an article on dog parks recently. In addition, he stated that he has scheduled a meeting to be held August 16, 2007, in the Empire Room of the Carriage House on Washington Street. Mr. Gates mentioned that Mr. Hayes will be doing a PowerPoint presentation as well.

Anthony Doldo, Breen Avenue, addressed Council on the topic of sex offenders living in the Travelodge Hotel. He stated that this is unacceptable and he has contacted Sen. Wright on the matter.

Mayor Graham replied that perhaps some pressure on the County (Social Services) may help alleviate the situation.

Councilman Clough asked if the City could pass a law banning sex offenders from residing in hotels.

Attorney Slye said that he has not researched the matter but doubts a law could be passed.

Councilman Clough suggested drafting a letter to the County Legislature with concerns.

Mayor Graham added that perhaps the Watertown School District and the owner of the hotel should also get this letter.

Chana Fay, 123 Cedar Street, addressed Council saying there is a school bus stop within one block of the hotel.

Mr. Doldo addressed Council on the need for increased police presence throughout the City. He added that as the City population has grown, the police protection has not kept up.

Mr. Doldo addressed Council regarding the train derailment and his displeasure in the resulting evacuation of his store. He explained that while he understood the need for the evacuation procedure, he was unaware officials would leave his business wide open with no guard or watchman.

Mayor Graham said he felt the response to the disaster was good and there was no desire to leave anyone within the zone of potential danger. He added that there could have been better communication but the motivation was to make sure that people were safe.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AT 7:30 P.M. MAYOR GRAHAM ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE ARENA ROOF.

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING OPEN AT 7:35 P.M.

No one spoke.

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED AT P.M. 7:35 P.M.

AT 7:30 P.M. MAYOR GRAHAM ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE THOMPSON PARK CONSERVANCY ADMINISTRATION/ANIMAL CLINIC ROOF.

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING OPEN 7:35 P.M.

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RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby appoints the following individual to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term effective October 1, 2007 and expiring on September 30, 2012:

William W. Parody
741 Davidson Street
Watertown, New York 13601

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the Charter of the City of Watertown, Section 120, authorizes the City Council to correct any error made in the levying or extending of any tax, and

WHEREAS Real Property Tax Law § 554 authorizes the appropriate tax levying body to make corrections to the tax roll before the expiration of the warrant, and

WHEREAS VL-11 Main St. W, Parcel 1-24-402.200, was purchased on April 6th, 2006 by James B Oliver from the North Country Library System , and

WHEREAS the 2007 City of Watertown taxes amounted to \$35.63, and

WHEREAS pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §520 a \$241.84 prorata city tax was calculated for the unexpired portions of the fiscal years in which VL-11 Main St. W was exempt from taxation , and

WHEREAS the prorata city tax was calculated incorrectly due to a clerical error, resulting from the application of the incorrect assessed value, and the correct amount of the prorata taxes is \$64.66, and

WHEREAS it is the City's desire to correct said tax bill,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the 2007 city tax roll be amended to reflect the amount of prorata city taxes due on VL-11 Main St. W, Parcel 1-24-402.200 as \$64.66, for a total tax due on said parcel of \$100.29 and the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to adjust the tax commitment and records accordingly.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart contacted the City regarding an interest in selling the City property they own that is located at Thompson and Davidson Streets, and

WHEREAS based on a review of like property sales in the area, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart has accepted an offer from the City to purchase the 1.4 acre parcel for \$40,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the purchase of a 1.4 acre parcel of land for \$40,000 from the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, as highlighted on the attached map, a copy of which is made a part of said resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to complete this action.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns a certain lot of land acquired by Warranty Deed on November 28, 1949 and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as Parcel Number 2-11-139 and formerly known as the paper street Division Street West, and

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

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

WHEREAS the City Council abandoned the paper street section of Division Street West on January 16, 2007, 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 \$1,500.00 submitted by Michael D. Doney for the purchase of Parcel No. 2-11-139.000, 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 Michael D. Doney 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 JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the Trustees of the First Baptist Church Society is the owner of a church building located at 207 State Street, Watertown New York, which consists in part of a clock tower that houses a clock owned by the City of Watertown, which is in need of repair, and

WHEREAS Knowlton Specialty Papers, Inc. employs a skilled machinist who has experience in repairing clocks, and

WHEREAS Knowlton is willing to donate services of its machinist and another assisting employee to make repairs to the clock owned by the City, and

WHEREAS the City desires to accept the aforesaid donation of services, and

WHEREAS the Church is willing to permit Knowlton to assign its machinist and another Knowlton employee to enter the Clock Tower to attempt the repairs, and

WHEREAS Knowlton Specialty Papers, Inc. has asked that the parties execute an Agreement that defines the responsibilities of each of the parties with regard to the repair of said clock, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with Knowlton Specialty Papers, Inc. and the Trustees of First Baptist Church on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN LABOUF WHO ABSTAINED

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the Trustees of the First Baptist Church Society is the owner of a church building located at 207 State Street, Watertown New York, which consists in part

of a clock tower that houses a clock owned by the City of Watertown, which is in need of repair, and

WHEREAS the City owns a four-faced clock, with operating mechanism, located in church's clock tower, and

WHEREAS the parties desire to set forth the terms by which the City shall obtain a leasehold interest in the church's premises for purposes of maintaining, repairing, and/or replacing the Town Clock, and

WHEREAS the parties desire to enter into a long-term lease, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement the Trustees of First Baptist Church on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN LABOUF WHO ABSTAINED

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of local municipalities to comply with Federal and State Single Audit requirements, and

WHEREAS the City has solicited proposals for an audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Single Audit of the City's financial activities as well as perform additional services if the City prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal years ending 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, and

WHEREAS a proposal has been received from Poulsen & Podvin, P.C., to perform an audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements and a Single Audit of the financial activities as well as perform services related to a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Watertown, as prescribed by the Comptroller General, in the amount of \$22,500 for Fiscal Year 2006-07, \$24,675 for Fiscal Year 2007-08, \$25,375 for Fiscal Year 2008-09, \$26,100 for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and \$26,825 for Fiscal Year 2010-11

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with Poulsen & Podvin, P.C., for the purpose of conducting an audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements, Single Audits of the financial activities as well as a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Watertown for the five Fiscal Years 2006-07 through Fiscal Year 2010-11.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the Grant Agreement with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation represented by the Office for Small Cities for the FY 2005 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant contains budget amounts for each activity, and

WHEREAS a budget modification must be approved by the Office for Small Cities if the budget amounts are to be altered, and

WHEREAS to allow a timely drawdown of the remaining funds, a budget modification is needed which shifts funding from program delivery and administration to the Homeownership activity as shown on Form 8-1, 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 proposed budget modification for the FY 2005 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the budget modification form on behalf of the City.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City of Watertown desires to complete an Employees Classification and Compensation Study, and

WHEREAS the City has issued a Request for Proposal to eligible firms to conduct said study, and

WHEREAS Fox Lawson & Associates has been selected by both the City and the Civil Service Commission as the contracting agency, and

WHEREAS the parties desire to enter into a Consulting Agreement, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

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

THERE WAS NO SECOND

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS on February 20, 2007, the City Council approved a bid submitted by EverGreene Painting Studios, Inc. for the Interior Decorative Restoration and Repairs work at the Flower Memorial Library in the amount of \$589,750, and

WHEREAS on July 16, 2007 City Council approved Change Order No. 1-01 in the amount of \$7,500, and

WHEREAS Water Superintendent Gary Pilon, who is the Project Manager for this restoration work, is now submitting Change Order No. 1-02 to this contract which covers decorative stenciling restoration in the stairwells, fountain halls, both sides of the mezzanine, as well as the walls in both the north and south reading rooms, which was not included in the original bid specifications, and

WHEREAS this Change Order request, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, has been reviewed by Bernier Carr & Associates and they feel that the pricing is acceptable for the work being performed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Change Order No. 1-02 to the contract for the interior decorative restoration and repairs 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 \$20,500, 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, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval of Changer Order No. 1-02 is subject to the City Council approval of the Bond Ordinance increasing the total project costs to include this Change Order.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS Patrick Currier of Aubertine & Currier, has made an application for site plan approval on behalf of the Watertown Center for Business & Industry, for the construction of an 8,600 square foot driveway to be located between Buildings "B" and "C" of an existing industrial park located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Parcel No. 4-09-102.004, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan

at its meeting held on July 10, 2007, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on July 31, 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 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 Patrick Currier of Aubertine & Currier, on behalf of the Watertown Center for Business & Industry, for the construction of an 8,600 square foot driveway located between Buildings “B” and “C” of an existing industrial park located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Parcel No. 4-09-102.004, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer dated June 25, 2007.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS Ed Olley, of GYMO PC, has made an application for site plan approval on behalf of the Watertown Housing Authority, for the construction of a 4,150 square foot administration building and modifications to an existing parking lot for Midtown Towers, located at 142 Mechanic Street, Parcel No. 6-03-319, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on June 5, 2007, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

1. That the recommendation for approval is expressly conditioned upon the applicant receiving written approval from the City Engineer and the NYS DEC regarding the sanitary and storm water connections prior to the submission of the application to the City Council.
2. That the applicant must address to the satisfaction of City Staff, conditions 1 through 6, as outlined in the Planning Board memorandum dated May 31, 2007.

The conditions from the Planning Board Memorandum are as follows:

- 1) Address the Engineering Department's concerns regarding storm water and sanitary
- 2) Provide signage for driveway and parking area,
- 3) Provide handicap parking space calculations,
- 4) Provide a Maintenance & Protection of Traffic detail for Mechanic Street
- 5) Submit a pavement section detail for Mechanic Street,
- 6) Address curb cut issue as noted,

And,

WHEREAS the applicant has submitted a revised Storm Water Plan, dated August 1, 2007, that addresses the sanitary and storm water connections as requested by the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS the City Engineer has reviewed and approved the sanitary and storm water connections as requested by the Planning Board, 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 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 site plan approval is hereby granted to Ed Olley, of GYMO PC, on behalf of the Watertown Housing Authority, for the construction of a 4,150 square foot administration building and modifications to an existing parking lot for Midtown Towers, located at 142 Mechanic Street, Parcel No. 6-03-319, as shown on the site plan submitted to the City Engineer on June 28, 2007 and the storm water plan provided to the City Engineer dated August 1, 2007 with the six conditions recommended by the Planning Board.

Councilman Clough stated that in response to the SEQRA form, there could be minor issues regarding the "existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic pattern, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems."

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

THE RESOLUTION “PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND- ARENA ROOF” WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

(Introduced to Council on July 16, 2007; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety on page 180 of the 2007 Minutes Book).

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

THE RESOLUTION “PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND- THOMPSON PARK CONSERVANCY ADMINISTRATION/ANIMAL CLINIC ROOF” WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

(Introduced to Council on July 16, 2007; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety on page 180 of the 2007 Minutes Book).

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS, by ordinances dated February 7, 2005 (Ordinance No. 2) and March 5, 2007 (Ordinance No. 1), the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, authorized the issuance of \$1,740,000 bonds of said City to pay the cost of historical restorations and facility renovations at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,740,000; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to increase the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose from \$1,740,000 to \$1,765,000, an increase of \$25,000 over that previously authorized;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section A. The ordinance of this Council dated and duly adopted February 7, 2005, as amended by ordinance dated March 5, 2007, authorizing the issuance of \$1,740,000 bonds to pay the cost of historical restorations and facility renovations at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby amended, in part, to read as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,765,000 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.

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“Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of historical restorations and facility renovations at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,765,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

“Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$1,765,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,765,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this ordinance provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State aid or gifts received by said City for such specific object or purpose.”

Section B. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by the ordinance dated and duly adopted February 7, 2005, as amended by this ordinance, may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section C. Upon this ordinance taking effect, the same shall be published in summary in summary in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section D. This resolution is effective immediately.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF

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

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

Pearl Street Zoning

Mayor Graham discussed having the area be renovated and occupied then changing it to neighborhood business.

Mr. Mix stated that there has not been any outreach to the neighborhood yet but asked if Council wanted to refer the matter to the Planning Board tonight.

Council further discussed the matter.

CSX Bridge Repairs

Mayor Graham noted that work will not begin for approximately two weeks.

Columbia Street Home

Mrs. Corriveau told Council that the owner is getting the property cleaned up.

Funding Request, Kayak Championships

Mayor Graham said he believes Council has been supportive of riverfront development.

Councilman Smith stated that he would like to know further in advance how much funding will be requested.

Councilman Clough said it would be beneficial to look at the economic impact this event has on the community and what impact it has on bringing people to the community.

Councilman Bradley suggested looking at this funding as an investment that will continue to grow.

Councilman LaBouf said he supports an allocation of funds and added that the river is our greatest asset.

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

City Council authorizes City Manager Mary M. Corriveau to execute an agreement for public benefit services between the City of Watertown and Black Water Development in connection with marketing and promotions of the City of Watertown in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

Mullin/Holcomb Intersection

Councilman Clough told Council he would like to see a report on the number of vehicles involved in accidents at the intersection of Mullin and Holcomb streets.

Mrs. Corriveau said she would get a report to Council.

Paper Streets

Councilman LaBouf spoke regarding the property maintained by the Hartz and Dietrich families and wondered what is preventing the City from selling these families the property.

Mr. Mix told Council now that West Division Street is no longer an issue, the City can look to Pennsylvania, Hancock and Moffett Streets. He mentioned that Moffett is the only one that has a deed, which makes a prospective sale easier. The other two streets do not have deeds, he said, so the City is getting proposals from abstract companies to see how much it would cost for research to see who owns the properties. He added that if the City does own them, the process would be the same as West Division Street. Mr. Mix continued saying if the City does not own them the process would entail giving the parcels tax numbers and letting them go on the tax role.

Mrs. Corriveau mentioned that the City did not want to wait for the three year process. If the City puts a tax parcel number on it, she added, then the City would issue a bill, let the bill go unpaid, let it go through tax sale, and that it takes three years before the parcel belongs to anyone. She added that the City would like to get through that process quicker and that it may cost more because an abstractor would need to be hired to do research.

Councilman Hartz told Council that the discussed parcel is part of the Parkview addition and in June of 1933, the City bought 80 lots for \$3.93.

Mrs. Corriveau reminded Council that if the City owns the property, then the City has a right to sell it.

Mayor Graham asked how long the abstract process takes.

Councilman Smith asked if anyone has been paying taxes on the parcel.

Mr. Mix replied that there has not been anyone paying taxes on it and that is one of the problems with paper streets.

Attorney Slye commented that the City will take a look at the deed that Councilman Hartz has to analyze the chain of ownership. If it answers that question, he added, it may move things along quicker.

Councilman Smith suggested that the City do the research itself and not hire an abstractor to complete the process expediently.

Attorney Slye replied that the City will do what it always does and determine who owns the property and go from there.

Vandalism at Riverwalk

Councilman LaBouf mentioned that there has been more vandalism at the Riverwalk and suggested increasing patrols or adding surveillance cameras.

Mrs. Corriveau told Council that security cameras are in the budget.

Clean up of Dog Refuse

Councilman LaBouf asked about clean up of the dog depot stations around the City.

Councilman Bradley said he sees certain ones being emptied at the park almost daily.

Mr. Hayes said that all dog depot stations should be checked at least weekly.

Curbing

Councilman Smith wished to commend Mr. Hayes on curbing installed on Bowers and Nellis streets. He added that they really do make a difference and look nice.

ADJOURNMENT

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR THE MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Amanda C. Lewis
Deputy City Clerk

