

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
July 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham Presiding

Present: Council Member Roxanne M. Burns
Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.
Council Member Stephen A. Jennings
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Mayor Graham

Also Present: Sharon Addison, City Manager
Robert J. Slye, City Attorney

City staff present: Jim Mills, Ken Mix, Kurt Hauk, Michael Sligar, Brian Phelps, Beth Morris, Eugene Hayes, David Wurzburg, Fire Chief Herman, Deputy Fire Chief Randall, Police Chief Donoghue

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles
- Resolution No. 2 - Accepting Bid for Sodium Hypochlorite, Slack Chemical Company Inc.
- Resolution No. 3 - Accepting Bid for Sodium Bisulfate Solution, Amrex Chemical Company Inc.
- Resolution No. 4 - Approving Change Order No. 1 to Arch Street Arch Repair, Bette & Cring, Inc.
- Resolution No. 5 - Adopting the City of Watertown's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2014-2015 and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2014
- Resolution No. 6 - Approving Proposal for Engineering Services For Elevated Water Storage Tank at Thompson Park, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
- Resolution No. 7 - Accepting Bid for Hydro Plant Cable Replacement Project, Lawman Heating and Cooling, Inc.
- Resolution No. 8 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 127 Winslow Street from Residence C to Limited Business Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Ordinance No. 1 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,005,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Rehabilitation of the Thompson Park Water Tank, In and For Said City
- Public Hearing - Resolution Authorizing Spending From Capital Reserve Fund
- Public Hearing - Ordinance Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 127 Winslow Street, Parcel 11-05-208, from Residence C to Limited Business District
- Sales Tax Revenue – June 2014
- Sale of Hydro-electric power – FY 2013-14
- Request for Abate – 1104 Huntington Street

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mayor Graham noted that there were several students from Indian River Central School in attendance to observe tonight's meeting.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2014 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

A claim was received from Donald J. Amell, 677 Hazelhurst Avenue seeking reimbursement for damages to his car when a branch from a City tree fell during a storm occurring on July 8, 2014. **Above claims have been referred to the Board of Audit.**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

S. G. Gates, 157 Dorsey Street addressed the chair concerning his desire for a City Dog Park as well as his concerns regarding a "Dog Ban". He said that he plans on attending the Council Meeting on September 15th along with other dog supporters to address the need for a Dog Park. He thanked Council Member Butler for being open-minded and mentioned that there will be some individuals getting in touch with him regarding this. Regarding funding, he reminded Council that he has never asked the City for money to build a dog park because he had a \$200,000 donation as well as fencing donated by Alpine Fence. Mentioning the SPCA, he said that he has spoken to them and there has not been contact from the City since the initial contact after the City Manager first started. Finally, he pointed out that many renters do not have yards that dogs can play in. He asked that dog friendly events be allowed in the City and spoke of events outside the City that allow dogs. He indicated that the people have a right to spend time with their dogs at some of these events.

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing open at 7:30 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 127 Winslow Street, Parcel 11-05-208, from Residence C to Limited Business District.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing open at 7:31 p.m.

Gerald Schneeberger, DDS, 127 Winslow Street addressed the chair stating that he is an oral surgeon in the City and his practice has been at 127 Winslow Street for almost 25 years. He added that this

property was a medical practice for many years prior to that so it has been the location of a healthcare provider for a longtime. He indicated that he has built a new building within the City and now has the opportunity to sell this property to an acupuncturist. He explained that the current zoning does not recognize the credentialing of an acupuncturist and requires a doctor or dentist occupy the property. He requested Council to approve this building which is in the healthcare corridor of the City to remain as a healthcare provider's office noting that healthcare has changed over the years in terms of the way it is provided. He noted that dentists and physicians are migrating towards group practices so this building is unlikely to be the site for another dentist or physician's office and mentioned that people holding different degrees such as acupuncturists, massage therapists and physical therapists provide healthcare as well.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has accumulated surplus vehicles at the City Police Department, the listing of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

WHEREAS these items may have some value best determined by on-line auction, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby authorizes the sale, by on-line auction, of surplus vehicles from the City Police Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final acceptance of such bids shall constitute acceptance of the same by the City Council.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Motion was made by Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Resolution No. 2 - Accepting Bid for Sodium Hypochlorite, Slack Chemical Company Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite for use at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant for the City's 2014-2015 fiscal year requirements, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to ten (10) bidders, with a total of five (5) sealed bids submitted to the City Purchasing Department, and

WHEREAS on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the City's Purchasing Department, the bid was publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf reviewed the bid, and it is her recommendation that the City Council accept the bid from Slack Chemical Company Inc. as detailed below:

Description	Slack Chemical Company, Inc.	
	2014-2015	2015-2016
	Unit Price	Unit Price
Sodium Hypochlorite	\$0.79	No Bid

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid submitted by Slack Chemical Company Inc., as detailed above, as being the lowest qualifying bidder meeting City specifications, for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite for use at the City’s Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 3 - Accepting Bid for Sodium Bisulfate Solution, Amrex Chemical Company Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of Sodium Bisulfate Solution for use at the City’s Waste Water Treatment Plant, for the City’s 2014-2015 fiscal year requirements, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to ten (10) bidders, with a total of five (5) sealed bids submitted to the City Purchasing Department, and

WHEREAS on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the City’s Purchasing Department, the bid was publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf reviewed the bid, and it is her recommendation that the City Council accept the bid from Amrex Chemical Company Inc. as detailed below:

Description	Amrex Chemical Company, Inc.	
	2014-2015	2015-2016
	Unit Price	Unit Price
Sodium Bisulfite Solution	\$1.59	\$1.59

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid submitted by Amrex Chemical Company Inc. as detailed above, as being the lowest qualifying bidder meeting City specifications, for the purchase of Sodium Bisulfate Solution for use at the City’s Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Seconded by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham explained for the benefit of the students in attendance that some resolutions are for routine items such as the purchase of chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He further explained the bid process and steps to approval.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 4 - Approving Change Order No. 1 to Arch Street Arch Repair, Bette & Cring, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS on April 21, 2014, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved a bid submitted by Bette & Cring, Inc. in the amount of \$194,000 for repair of the Arch Street Arch, and

WHEREAS Bette & Cring, Inc. has now submitted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,060 for additional work required on the concrete cap of the arch stones, bringing the total contract amount to \$198,060,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Bette & Cring, Inc., a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, bringing the total to \$198,060 for repair of the Arch Street Arch, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Sharon Addison is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Change Order documents on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham indicated that this resolution will approve a change order to a previously approved contract for Arch Street.

Council Member Butler asked for more information on the reason for the change order.

Kurt Hauk, City Engineer explained that when the arch was uncovered there was an old concrete cap that was not able to be repaired as previously planned so therefore it caused a slight increase in the project.

Council Member Burns commented that she was pleasantly surprised that this project was completed sooner than had been planned.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 5 - Adopting the City of Watertown's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2014-2015 and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2014

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS on August 5, 2013, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City of Watertown to become an Entitlement Grantee under the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, as an Entitlement Grantee, the City must adopt a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan(s) for its Housing and Community Development Program, and

WHEREAS the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan have to be developed with community input and citizen participation, and

WHEREAS Staff conducted outreach efforts with local constituency groups and the City Council held a public hearing on April 7, 2014 to solicit public comments regarding the development of funding priorities and projects to be included in the plans, and

WHEREAS drafts of the Program Year 2014-15 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2014 Annual Action Plan were completed and published on June 13, 2014, and

WHEREAS the draft plans were made available to the public for review and placed in various offices at City Hall, at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, at the Watertown Housing Authority offices and on the City’s website, and

WHEREAS a 30-day public comment period for the plans was held between June 14, 2014 and July 13, 2014 after a notice of the comment period was published in the *Watertown Daily Times*,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby adopts and authorizes the submission to HUD of the City of Watertown’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2014-2015 and the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2014, which allocates the CDBG funds as follows:

Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$226,000
Maple Court Apartments	\$200,000
Blight Removal Program	\$100,000
Sidewalk Program	\$100,000
Street Tree Program	\$ 7,000
Points North Housing Coalition	\$ 13,200
Planning & Administration	<u>\$149,973</u>
Total	\$796,173

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham explained that this is federal money that has been allocated to the City of Watertown under a program called the Community Development Block Grant. He noted that the City has to submit a plan on how the money will be spent and that the particular projects are listed in the resolution.

Council Member Butler reminded Council that this was debated at previous meetings and after reviewing the minutes, he noted that the use of this money for sidewalks was discussed. He pointed out that Council Member Macaluso was clear that she would not use this money as a standalone item unless it was a street rebuild. He also said that he commented that the sidewalk program that was done in the

past cannot be mimicked with the use of CDBG money. He said his point is that everyone was allocating money to sidewalks but there still needs to be a consensus on how the money will be used.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 6 - Approving Proposal for Engineering Services For Elevated Water Storage Tank at Thompson Park, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the Elevated Water Storage Tank at Thompson Park is scheduled to be repaired and rehabilitated in the 2014-15 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown wishes to contract for engineering services in connection with the rehabilitation project, and

WHEREAS the Proposal for Engineering Services with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates would provide these services for the amount of \$108,400,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Proposal for Engineering Services with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, to provide these services for the amount of \$108,400, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of this resolutions is contingent upon the City Council's approval of a bond ordinance in the amount of \$1,005,000 to cover the expenses associated with this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Sharon Addison is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Proposal on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Macaluso asked for the schedule of Task 3 and 4.

Michael Sligar, Water Superintendent explained the four parts to the professional agreement stating that the Construction Administration and Resident Inspection will take place during the construction.

Council Member Macaluso asked if it is necessary for these individuals to be on board while other people are doing the construction.

Mr. Sligar said that it is wise to do it this way in case there is a difference in judgment of the inspectors and the design engineer.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 7 - Accepting Bid for Hydro Plant Cable Replacement Project, Lawman Heating and Cooling, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the Hydro Plant Cable Replacement Project, per specifications, and

WHEREAS bid specifications were sent to three (3) contractors and were filed with the Northern New York and Syracuse Builders Exchange and the Dodge Reports, with three (3) bids being received, and

WHEREAS on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 11:00 am in the City's Purchasing Department, the bids were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf reviewed the bids with the Engineering Department, and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the bid from Lawman Heating and Cooling, Inc. as the lowest qualifying bidder,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid submitted by Lawman Heating and Cooling, Inc. in the amount of \$107,000, as being the lowest qualifying bidder meeting City specifications, for the Hydro Plant Cable Replacement Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Sharon Addison is hereby authorized and directed to execute all contracts associated with implementing the award to Lawman Heating and Cooling, Inc.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 8 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 127 Winslow Street from Residence C to Limited Business Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, has before it a proposed Ordinance changing the approved zoning classification of 127 Winslow Street, parcel 11-05-208.000, from Residence C to Limited Business, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the approval of the zone change would constitute such an "Action," and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that changing the zoning classification of this property is an Unlisted Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed zone change will have a significant impact on the environment, Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared, 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:

1. Based upon its examination of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparing the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact is known and the adoption of the zone change will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute the Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council considered the SEQRA form and Mayor Graham explained the request for a zone change and the need for an Environment Assessment Form.

Council Member Burns said that she supports this because she agrees that this has been a health related practice for many years and the new practice would have less of an effect on the neighborhood due to the decrease in employees and patient flow.

Council Member Macaluso pointed out that the Planning Board suggested a Special Use Permit for an acupuncturist. She said that she does not understand why the Planning Board had trouble with this and that she will support it.

Mayor Graham advised that the problem is that back in 1950, the belief was that the only kind of medical practice was doctors and dentists but now there are all sorts of specialties and sub-specialties which are less obtrusive. He said that under the ancient zoning regulations, one must go through this cumbersome process for really installing in that building something that is going to have fewer employees, fewer patients and have no material effect on the neighborhood. He stressed that the zoning code delineates specific occupations that were particular to that era in time even though some of those occupations do not exist and/or new occupations have taken their place.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,005,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Rehabilitation of the Thompson Park Water Tank, In and For Said City

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS, it appears necessary to rehabilitate the Thompson Park Water Tank to address interior coating degradation, external coating oxidation and internal and external rusting, which is a

Type II Action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and requires no environmental review thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

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

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the rehabilitation of the Thompson Park Water Tank, including work to address interior coating degradation, external coating oxidation and internal and external rusting, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,005,000 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 \$1,005,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,005,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years, pursuant to subdivision one of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a

full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at his or her sole discretion, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this resolution is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes, without resorting to further action of the City Comptroller.

Section 11. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of its City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 12. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes 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 resolution 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 13. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published 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.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso, seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof

Mayor Graham explained that this ordinance authorizes the City Comptroller to borrow money which will be repaid over a specific period of time for the purpose of repairing the water tower in Thompson Park.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

OLD BUSINESS

The Resolution “Authorizing Spending From Capital Reserve Fund”. *(Introduced on 7/7/2014; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 8 of the 7/7/2014 minutes).*

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

The Ordinance “Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 127 Winslow Street, Parcel 11-05-208, from Residence C to Limited Business District”. *(Introduced on 7/7/2014; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 16 of the 7/7/2014 minutes).*

Council Member Butler agreed with the previous comments stating that he when he looks at Limited Business District he really does not see any intrusive uses. He added that this will be less intrusive than it was before and it keeps a property owned by a business with adequate parking as well as looking respectable and complimenting the neighborhood. Therefore, he said that he will support this.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales Tax Revenue – June 2014 and Sale of Hydro-electric power – FY 2013-14

Mayor Graham stated that these reports were available for Council to review indicating that one revenue is down and the other is up.

Request for Abate – 1104 Huntington Street

Council Member Burns asked where the property owner lived.

Ms. Addison indicated that she does not live locally.

Council Member Jennings said that he lives in Brooklyn, New York.

NEW BUSINESS

Dedication of the Fitness Trail at Thompson Park

Council Member Burns thanked the City Manager and Ms. Gardner's staff for the nice job that was done at the rededication of the Fitness Trail at Thompson Park in honor of Mr. Charles Hyde in conjunction with the Rotary Club.

Pocket Park on Thompson Boulevard

Council Member Burns thanked staff for handling a constituent's complaint regarding this pocket park.

Dog Ordinance and Dog Park

Council Member Burns said that she wanted to go on record that there is not a "Dog Ban" in Watertown. She stressed that it is not against the law to go to the park with your dog and she sees dogs socializing there with other dogs and families. She said that if this debate is going to continue then obviously there is not support for a dog park. She did note that Mr. Gates and anyone else have every right to come here and discuss this as many times as they want but she would like them to stick to the facts.

Mayor Graham mentioned that he noticed that Carthage has signage indicating that they have a similar ordinance regarding dogs for public events.

Rental Registration

Council Member Jennings provided Council with an update from this committee highlighting the items discussed at each of the three meetings. He said that he has recruited people from the community and staff to be on the committee and they have reviewed the City's housing statistics as well as heard opposing arguments from a property manager and spoke to the City of Buffalo regarding their program's challenges and successes. He indicated that the committee plans to move forward with a proposal and will bring it to Council in the fall. He remarked that overall it has been a positive process.

As a member of the committee, Council Member Butler said there are going to be challenges but he thinks everyone is on board in making sure that this goes forward because there are unsafe apartments in the City. He stated the expectations and objectives for this program still need to be established. He noted that if it is to cleanup neighborhoods then he is more in favor of razing properties to eliminate blight. He stressed that in the end, the committee is trying to make the City a better place to live and a safer place for tenants.

Council Member Jennings indicated that the crutch of the problem is that the City of Watertown is approximately 60% rental which is very high compared to other cities of this size within the state. He added that the housing stock is very old with about 50% built before 1939. He stressed that this is not meant to punish landlords but there are a lot of absentee landlords which creates a problem.

Council Member Macaluso asked if 60% rental property includes the housing projects.

Council Member Jennings clarified that it includes all housing in the City.

50 Year Milestone for City Hall

Mayor Graham announced that City Hall will reach the 50 year milestone noting that the cornerstone states “1964”. He explained that construction on the building started in the Fall of 1963, continued through 1964 and then it was opened for use on June 27, 1965. He further explained that there was a time capsule placed in the cornerstone at that time. He suggested that the 50th Anniversary should be celebrated in June of next year and said that the City Clerk and her staff have graciously volunteered to chair this event in which the time capsule will be opened and items for a new time capsule will be gathered.

Library Director

Ms. Addison announced that the Margaret “Maggie” Waggoner started today as the new Library Director.

American Society of Highway Engineers Brochure / Factory Street Construction

Ms. Addison told Council that an article regarding Factory Street Reconstruction was published in this brochure.

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to move into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Stephen A. Jennings and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

A D J O U R N M E N T

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by motion of Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham, seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk