

CITY OF WATERLOO COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 136 N. MONROE STREET
Thursday, November 17, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.** Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderpersons present – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting, and Sievert. Absent – Abell. Others present – Police Chief Tim Thomas, Tammy Krueger of the Watertown Daily Times, Alyssa Skiba of the Courier, Maureen Giese, Herb Lenius, Karen Turley, Connie Schiestl, Gary Hauptli, Errin Welty, Gary Yerges, a videographer and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND OCTOBER 20, 2011 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES.** **Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the November 3, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried. **Motion:** Moved by Van Holten, seconded by Sievert to table October 20, 2011 closed session meeting minutes. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
3. **CITIZEN INPUT.** # Herb Lenius asked why Waterloo EMS run information is not listed in the Courier newspaper. Alyssa Skiba said she would check on availability of the information. Maureen Giese spoke in favor of restoring funding to the Historical Society citing the organizations activities, community advocacy and its cost of operation.
4. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Notice Of Official Publication: Notice of Municipal Spring Election.** Noted.
5. **COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS**
 - a. **Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee**
 - i. **Resolution #2011-43 Authorizing The Carry Over Of 2011 Funds To 2012 For Unfinished Public Improvement Projects.** **Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the resolution as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – none with Abell absent. Motion carried.
 - ii. **Resolution #2011-44 Amending The 2011 Budget.** **Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the resolution as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – none with Abell absent. Motion carried.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Resolution #2011-41 Renewal Of An Animal Control Service Agreement With The Watertown Humane Society.** **Discussion:** Hansen said documents requested previously were included in the packet. He said monthly reports would be forthcoming from the vendor. Cotting said \$4,000 was too much for a total of 22 cats and 7 dogs. Saying she was for the humane treatment of animals, Cotting said she didn't like the numbers. Replying to a Quimby question, Hansen said the municipal obligations related to control of animals was minimal. Springer said the cost of the Public Works Department apprehending and dealing with animal control issues was worth the cost of the contract. **Motion:** Moved by Quimby, seconded by Springer to approve the renewal of the contract as specified in the resolution. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten and Sievert. Noes – Cotting with Abell absent. Motion carried.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Approval Of A Renewal Application For A Private Well Operation Permit, July 1, 2010 To June 30, 2012 – Daniel Schwark, W11615 Hwy 19, Town Of Portland.** **Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the application as presented. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
 - b. **Approval Of Temporary On-Street Parking Permits**
 - i. **Angela Hauptli, 442 North Monroe Street.** **Discussion:** Gary Hauptli said his daughter needed to park a car; that two vehicles did not fit in his garage; that the car would be parked on Dickenson not Monroe; and that he could find someone to clear snow left in the street for those occasions when DPW equipment was not able to sufficiently clear around the vehicle. **Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Van Holten to approve the granting

of the license with the stipulation that the applicant is to park on Dickenson Street near the property and that the applicant is responsible for clearing snow with 24 hours of a snow fall left in the street as a result of the vehicle being parked in the street. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – none with Abell absent. Motion carried.

ii. **Linda Lofton, 345 Pierce Street. Discussion:** In reply to a Thompson question Yerges said he had not had problems clearing snow in previous years when a permit was issued at this address. **Motion:** Moved by Van Holten, seconded by Cotting to approve the granting of the license with the stipulation that the vehicle be parked near the applicant's property and that the applicant is responsible for clearing snow within 24 hours of a snow fall left in the street as a result of the vehicle being parked in the street. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – Forman with Abell absent. Motion carried.

c. **Economic Development Implementation Plan – Errin Welty, Vierbicher & Associates. Discussion:** Errin Welty presented a plan for economic development implementation going forward. It focused on business opportunities, residential opportunities along with marketing and outreach. No action taken. Note: Thompson said he would be presenting a proposal in the future to extend out the Vierbicher contract.

d. **Preliminary Consideration Of A Finance Committee Recommended 2012 Municipal Budget. Discussion:** Hansen reviewed a two page budget narrative handed out before the meeting. Cotting said she voted against the proposed budget because it failed to raise the levy to 5% to take advantage of the less restrictive levy limit requirements in place for 2012. In reply to a Sievert question Thomas said laying-off the part-time officers would limit the ability of officers to get time off, limit officers' availability at special events and may mean a reduction in shifts. Sievert questioned what would happen in future years if the Council followed the current course. She said the low hanging fruit had been cut in previous years. She asked, where do we go next year? Quimby said levy amounts would have to be increased greater than five percent to avoid shifting the Clerk/Treasurer's wages to TIF. Sievert questioned shifting Clerk/Treasurer's wages to the TIF. She said cuts would devalue the community. Thompson expressed interest in raising the levy to 4% to restore the position reductions to the officers and the crossing guards. Sievert asked for budget projection information. No action taken.

e. **Resolution #2011-45 Promoting Civil Public Discourse. Discussion:** Hansen said the source was the League of Municipalities. Thompson said he asked that the document be presented to see if the Council wanted to take action. No action taken.

8. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS & CONTRACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

a. Clerk/Treasurer

i. **Payroll For October 2011 - \$57,523.39. Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the payroll in the stated amount. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – none with Abell absent. Motion carried.

ii. **Pay Vouchers – October 21, 2011 – November 17, 2011. Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve pay vouchers. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – none with Abell absent. Motion carried.

iii. **Treasurer's Report & Budget Report For October 2011. Motion:** Moved by Forman, seconded by Quimby to approve the reports. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Forman, Quimby, Springer, Van Holten, Cotting and Sievert. Noes – none with Abell absent. Motion carried.

b. **Waterloo Active Fire Department For October 2011. Noted.**

c. **Building Inspector - Building, Plumbing, And Electrical Permits For October 2011. Noted.**

d. **Public Works Director Gary Yerges For October 2011.** Yerges said leaf collection from the street would continue for one additional week.

e. **Police Chief Timothy Thomas For October 2011.** Thomas said winter parking was in effect and notified the Council of a \$4,000 equipment grant.

f. **Library Director Cecilia Wiltzius For October 2011. Noted.**

g. **Waterloo Water & Light Commission For November 1, 2011. Noted.**

h. **Youth Center Director Kristie Silha, September and October 2011. Noted.**

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. **2012 Municipal Budget – Public Hearing (December 1, 2011)**
- b. **2012 Municipal Budget Considered (December 1, 2011)**
 - # Cotting wished all a happy thanksgiving
 - # Giese asked for a report on the savings due to retirement changes.

10. ADJOURN. Motion: Moved by Springer, seconded by Quimby to adjourn. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
Time was approximately 8:45 p.m.

Attest:

Morton Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer