

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
October 18, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith Presiding**

**Present:** Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson  
Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce  
Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero  
Council Member Leonard G. Spaziani  
Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith

**Also Present:** Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager  
Robert J. Slye, City Attorney

**City staff present:** James Mills, Fire Chief Matthew Timerman

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Appointment to the Transportation Commission – Jeffrey Lieberman
- Resolution No. 2 - Discontinuance of an Unimproved Portion of the City Street Known as Hancock Street and Authorizing Sale of Said Real Property to Fredrick A. McWayne
- Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Bicycles
- Resolution No. 4 - Approving Re-adoption of Risk Retention and Debt Service Fund Budgets and Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-21 for Various Accounts
- Resolution No. 5 - Approving Consulting Agreement, Northeast Energy Services, LLC
- Sales Tax Revenue – September 2021
- Sale of Surplus Hydro-electricity – September 2021

**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 October 4, 2021, and work session of October 12, 2021, was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson, seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was received from Charles Marshall, Stewart’s Shops, notifying Council that they wish to suspend the application for a zone change request until they are able to submit an appraisal report, which would be outside the established schedule.

A letter was received from Steven Massaro, founder of Empire Hydro Consulting, offering his services to address the upcoming relicensing of the Marble Island Hydroelectric Facility FERC# P-2442, located within the City boundaries on the Black River.

**Above communications were placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.**

A claim was received from Krystin LaBarge, 1309 State Street, seeking reimbursement of \$360.72 for professional work performed on May 11, 2021 to resolve low water pressure, which was caused by an issue with the connection of the property's water service.

A claim was received from Kara Olney, 1103 Harrison Street, seeking reimbursement of \$648.00 for cleaning a sewer backup on October 10, 2021, which was caused by an issue with the connection of the property's sewer line.

**Above claims have been referred to the Board of Audit.**

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Patricia Whalen**, 11 Public Square, thanked the Council Members who supported installing a traffic light at the intersection of Arcade Street and Arsenal Street. She also expressed concerns that the time for pedestrians at crosswalks should be increased and noted repairs need to be made to the sidewalks in front of the Morgan Stanley building and the Channel 5 TV station.

**Patrick Hickey**, 394 Pawling Street, apologized to Council Member Pierce about a statement that he made to the media, which he discovered was false.

**Jason Traynor**, 142 Mechanic Street, asked Council to listen to the concerns of the public because people want answers. He expressed his desire to have the bus map updated, bus routes extended until 10:00 p.m. and wanted ARPA funding used for suicide prevention.

Mr. Traynor became disruptive, and Mayor Smith asked the Police Officer to remove Mr. Traynor from Council Chambers.

**Seth LaBarge**, 521 Jefferson Street, informed Council that his vehicle has been hit several times while parked on his street and he would like Council to install speed bumps to slow traffic. He mentioned that speed bumps were installed on Marshall Place.

**Garrett McCarthy**, Henderson, requested Council obtain a status report of the renovations on the Masonic Temple. He noted that DRI funding was awarded to this project and wondered when it would be completed.

**Jonathan Phillips**, 735 Mill Street, indicated that he saw kids riding their bikes in the fountain on Public Square and would like Council to do something to prevent this. He also expressed concerns with the following: People speeding and running traffic lights on the Square; Increased wait times for buses running behind; and Relying on mutual aid from the Town of Watertown to use the Jaws of Life at a recent car accident.

**Allen Thompson**, 323 Flower Avenue East, questioned the status of the zone change request submitted by Stewart's Shops.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1 - Appointment to the Transportation Commission – Jeffrey Lieberman**

**Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson**

RESOLVED that the following individual is appointed to the Transportation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Kyle Meehan, such term expiring on April 1, 2024:

Jeffrey Lieberman  
150 East Division Street  
Watertown, NY 13601

**Seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting yea.**

**Resolution No. 2 - Discontinuance of an Unimproved Portion of the City Street Known as Hancock Street and Authorizing Sale of Said Real Property to Fredrick A. McWayne**

**Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns a certain lot of land known as Hancock Street, a portion of which is undeveloped as a street, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown is authorized, pursuant to Section 20, Paragraph (7) of the New York General City Law, to discontinue streets, and

WHEREAS the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City to discontinue as a street, a portion of Hancock Street for the purpose of selling that portion to an adjacent property owner, and

WHEREAS Frederick A. McWayne owns an adjacent lot of land known as 414 Lincoln Street designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York, as Parcels No. 4-04-221.000 and 4-04-222.000, and

WHEREAS the City has received a purchase offer of \$2,200.00 for a portion of the real property measuring 20.79' x 122.14' from Mr. McWayne, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires Mr. McWayne to merge his lots of land into one parcel,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the use of the portion of Hancock Street identified as parcel "B" on the "Survey Plat of a Parcel of Land Known as 414 Lincoln Street" dated July 17, 2006, which is attached and made part of this resolution, shall be discontinued as a street effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER 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 \$2,200 submitted by Frederick A. McWayne for the purchase of 20.79' x 122.14' as depicted on the attached survey plat by Patsey A. Storino, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, is a fair and reasonable offer therefore and the same is hereby accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey M. Smith, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed of said real property to Frederick A. McWayne 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 shall contain a provision that if the property sold is not merged with the lot of land known as 414 Lincoln Street, parcels number 4-04-221.000 and 4-04-222.000, within three (3) months 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 Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mr. Mix informed Council that he received an email today from Shawn McWayne, Fredrick McWayne's son, requesting to purchase all of the paper street known as Hancock Street, adding that he is willing to offer \$3,000.

Council Member Ruggiero questioned whether the adjacent property owners have been contacted about interest in the property. Mentioning a similar situation in the past, she noted that Council, at that time, put the property up for public auction.

Mr. Mix stated he just received this request, so staff has not had time to contact other adjacent property owners. He advised that Council could approve this resolution for a portion of the parcel because Mr. McWayne's building is on it and then put the remaining portion of the parcel up for auction.

Council Member Ruggiero and Council Member Pierce both indicated that they would rather contact the adjacent property owners first.

**Motion was made by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting in favor thereof.**

### **Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Bicycles**

**Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Police Department has acquired forty-one (41) abandoned bicycles this year, and

WHEREAS the bicycles may have some value best determined by online auction,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby authorizes the sale by online auction of the bicycles, as described in the attached listing, 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 Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting yea.**

### **Resolution No. 4 - Approving Re-adoption of Risk Retention and Debt Service Fund Budgets and Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-21 for Various Accounts**

**Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson**

WHEREAS on June 1, 2020, the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21, of which \$55,000 was appropriated for the Risk Retention Fund, and

WHEREAS on June 1, 2020, the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21, of which \$8,435 was appropriated for the Debt Service Fund, and

WHEREAS the Adopted Fiscal Year 2020-21 Risk Retention Fund and Debt Service Fund budgets did not contain adequate funding for Fiscal Year 2020-21 expenditures, and

WHEREAS certain Fiscal Year 2020-21 expenditure lines for the General Fund, Community Development Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Library Fund and Self-Funded Health Insurance Fund are overdrawn,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby re-adopts the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgets for the Risk Retention Fund and Debt Service Fund in the total amount of \$2,034,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the following adjustments be included in the re-adopted Risk Retention Fund and Debt Service Fund Budgets:

**RISK RETENTION FUND**

CS.0000.909 RISK RETENTION Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 52,000	
	<u>\$ 52,000</u>	
CS.1740.430 RISK RETENTION Administration	\$ 10,775	Under appropriated
CS.1930.430 RISK RETENTION Judgements & Claims	\$ 41,225	Under appropriated
	<u>\$ 52,000</u>	

**DEBT SERVICE FUND**

V.0000.2710 Premium on Obligations	\$ 749,200	
V.0000.5791 Bond Refunding Proceeds	\$ 1,225,000	Bond refunding
	\$ 1,974,200	
V.0000.909 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 7,800	
	<u>\$ 1,982,000</u>	
V.9510.900 DEBT SERVICE FUND Transfer to General Fund	\$ 7,000	
V.9950.900 DEBT SERVICE FUND Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 593,000	Bond premium received
V.9991.430 DEBT SERVICE FUND Payment to Escrow Agent	\$ 1,327,000	Bond refunding
V.9991.440 DEBT SERVICE FUND Payment to Professionals	\$ 55,000	Bond refunding
	<u>\$ 1,982,000</u>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that the total amount of \$3,740,599 is hereby transferred and appropriated from and to the following accounts of the listed funds for FY 2020-21 for the reasons shown:

**GENERAL FUND**

A.1010.430 LEGISLATIVE BOARD Contracted Services	\$	1,450	Under appropriated
A.1010.460 LEGISLATIVE BOARD Materials and Supplies	\$	75	Under appropriated
A.1210.810 MAYOR NYS Retirement	\$	125	Under appropriated
A.1230.110 MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE Salaries	\$	9,700	Under appropriated
A.1230.430 MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE Contracted Services	\$	2,925	Under appropriated
A.1230.830 MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE Social Security	\$	275	Under appropriated
A.1230.850 MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE Health Insurance	\$	475	Under appropriated
A.1315.110 COMPTROLLER Salaries	\$	3,625	Under appropriated
A.1315.150 COMPTROLLER Overtime	\$	3,650	Under appropriated
A.1315.175 COMPTROLLER Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	125	Under appropriated
A.1315.430 COMPTROLLER Contracted Services	\$	425	Under appropriated
A.1345.110 PURCHASING Salaries	\$	1,125	Under appropriated
A.1345.120 PURCHASING Clerical	\$	175	Under appropriated
A.1345.810 PURCHASING NYS Retirement	\$	100	Under appropriated
A.1355.110 ASSESSMENT Salaries	\$	1,050	Under appropriated
A.1355.130 ASSESSMENT Wages	\$	225	Under appropriated
A.1355.150 ASSESSMENT Overtime	\$	200	Under appropriated
A.1355.440 ASSESSMENT Fees, Non-employee	\$	12,050	Under appropriated
A.1364.430 PROPERTY ACQUIRED Contracted Services	\$	425	Under appropriated
A.1364.450 PROPERTY ACQUIRED Miscellaneous	\$	1,000	Under appropriated
A.1364.460 PROPERTY ACQUIRED Materials and Supplies	\$	125	Under appropriated
A.1410.110 CLERK Salaries	\$	250	Under appropriated
A.1420.440 LAW Fees, Non-employee	\$	26,550	Under appropriated
A.1430.110 CIVIL SERVICE Salaries	\$	175	Under appropriated
A.1430.430 CIVIL SERVICE Contracted Services	\$	6,325	Under appropriated
A.1435.110 HUMAN RESOURCES Salaries	\$	1,225	Under appropriated
A.1435.430 HUMAN RESOURCES Contracted Services	\$	6,475	Under appropriated
A.1435.460 HUMAN RESOURCES Materials and Supplies	\$	125	Under appropriated
A.1435.810 HUMAN RESOURCES NYS Retirement	\$	150	Under appropriated
A.1440.110 ENGINEERING Salaries	\$	11,550	Under appropriated
A.1440.120 ENGINEERING Clerical	\$	725	Under appropriated
A.1440.440 ENGINEERING Fees, Non-employee	\$	1,900	Under appropriated
A.1440.810 ENGINEERING NYS Retirement	\$	13,350	Under appropriated
A.1440.840 ENGINEERING Workers' Compensation	\$	20,900	Under appropriated
A.1490.110 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION Salaries	\$	4,575	Under appropriated
A.1490.150 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION Overtime	\$	625	Under appropriated
A.1490.410 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION Utilities	\$	1,075	Under appropriated
A.1490.420 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION Insurance	\$	1,125	Under appropriated
A.1490.440 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION Fees, Non-employee	\$	225	Under appropriated
A.1490.465 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION Equipment < \$5,000	\$	70	Under appropriated
A.1620.175 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	75	Under appropriated

A.1620.410 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Utilities	\$	4,375	Under appropriated
A.1620.420 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Insurance	\$	3,775	Under appropriated
A.1620.440 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Fees, Non-employee	\$	150	Under appropriated
A.1620.450 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Miscellaneous	\$	75	Under appropriated
A.1620.460 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Materials and Supplies	\$	12,500	Under appropriated
A.1620.810 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS NYS Retirement	\$	1,125	Under appropriated
A.1640.120 CENTRAL GARAGE Clerical	\$	2,050	Under appropriated
A.1640.130 CENTRAL GARAGE Wages	\$	950	Under appropriated
A.1640.175 CENTRAL GARAGE Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	125	Under appropriated
A.1640.420 CENTRAL GARAGE Insurance	\$	1,425	Under appropriated
A.1640.455 CENTRAL GARAGE Vehicle Expense	\$	25	Under appropriated
A.1640.810 CENTRAL GARAGE NYS Retirement	\$	900	Under appropriated
A.1640.850 CENTRAL GARAGE Health Insurance	\$	12,150	Under appropriated
A.1680.110 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Salaries	\$	500	Under appropriated
A.1680.420 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Insurance	\$	4,050	Under appropriated
A.1680.840 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Workers' Compensation	\$	4,225	Under appropriated
A.3120.110 POLICE Salaries	\$	6,100	Under appropriated
A.3120.120 POLICE Clerical	\$	1,150	Under appropriated
A.3120.175 POLICE Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	2,275	Under appropriated
A.3120.230 POLICE Motor Vehicles	\$	6,825	Under appropriated
A.3120.250 POLICE Other Equipment	\$	4,000	Under appropriated
A.3120.420 POLICE Insurance	\$	850	Under appropriated
A.3120.450 POLICE Miscellaneous	\$	8,250	Under appropriated
A.3120.820 POLICE Police Retirement System	\$	50,350	Under appropriated
A.3120.840 POLICE Workers' Compensation	\$	4,800	Under appropriated
A.3120.850 POLICE Health Insurance	\$	16,100	Under appropriated
A.3410.110 FIRE Salaries	\$	1,650	Under appropriated
A.3410.120 FIRE Clerical	\$	150	Under appropriated
A.3410.130 FIRE Wages	\$	482,450	Budgeted in contingency account
A.3410.150 FIRE Overtime	\$	387,800	Budgeted in contingency account
A.3410.155 FIRE Holiday Pay	\$	9,450	Budgeted in contingency account
A.3410.175 FIRE Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	23,575	Under appropriated
A.3410.191 FIRE Sick Leave Incentive	\$	10,750	Under appropriated
A.3410.430 FIRE Contracted Services	\$	550	Under appropriated
A.3410.440 FIRE Fees, Non-employee	\$	1,375	Under appropriated
A.3410.450 FIRE Miscellaneous	\$	6,875	Under appropriated
A.3410.455 FIRE Vehicle Expense	\$	3,675	Under appropriated
A.3410.460 FIRE Materials and Supplies	\$	3,775	Under appropriated
A.3410.820 FIRE Fire Retirement System	\$	86,500	Budgeted in contingency account
A.3410.830 FIRE Social Security	\$	47,850	Budgeted in contingency account
A.3410.840 FIRE Workers' Compensation	\$	190,975	Under appropriated
A.3620.110 CODE ENFORCEMENT Salaries	\$	9,400	Under appropriated
A.3620.120 CODE ENFORCEMENT Clerical	\$	150	Under appropriated

A.3620.130 CODE ENFORCEMENT Wages	\$	11,525	Under appropriated
A.3620.175 CODE ENFORCEMENT Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	3,450	Under appropriated
A.3620.440 CODE ENFORCEMENT Fees, Non-employee	\$	175	Under appropriated
A.3620.465 CODE ENFORCEMENT Equipment < \$5,000	\$	4,150	Under appropriated
A.3620.810 CODE ENFORCEMENT NYS Retirement	\$	9,650	Under appropriated
A.3620.830 CODE ENFORCEMENT Social Security	\$	1,100	Under appropriated
A.5010.420 MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE Insurance	\$	300	Under appropriated
A.5010.455 MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE Vehicle Expense	\$	17,475	Under appropriated
A.5010.460 MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE Materials and Supplies	\$	2,000	Under appropriated
A.5010.840 MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE Workers' Compensation	\$	94,200	Under appropriated
A.5110.110 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Salaries	\$	650	Under appropriated
A.5110.150 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Overtime	\$	1,750	Under appropriated
A.5110.440 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Fees, Non-employee	\$	225	Under appropriated
A.5110.850 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Health Insurance	\$	2,875	Under appropriated
A.5142.440 SNOW REMOVAL Fees, Non-employee	\$	450	Under appropriated
A.5142.460 SNOW REMOVAL Materials and Supplies	\$	11,175	Under appropriated
A.5142.465 SNOW REMOVAL Equipment < \$5,000	\$	4,525	Under appropriated
A.5184.130 HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION Wages	\$	50	Under appropriated
A.5184.150 HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION Overtime	\$	100	Under appropriated
A.5184.420 HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION Insurance	\$	1,400	Under appropriated
A.5184.460 HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION Materials and Supplies	\$	1,350	Under appropriated
A.5184.840 HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION Workers' Compensation	\$	950	Under appropriated
A.5184.850 HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION Health Insurance	\$	25	Under appropriated
A.5186.130 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Wages	\$	1,275	Under appropriated
A.5186.175 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	75	Under appropriated
A.5186.410 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Utilities	\$	8,550	Under appropriated
A.5186.420 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Insurance	\$	100	Under appropriated
A.5186.455 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Vehicle Expense	\$	1,800	Under appropriated
A.5186.850 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Health Insurance	\$	1,875	Under appropriated
A.5630.150 BUS Overtime	\$	5,900	Under appropriated
A.5630.410 BUS Utilities	\$	125	Under appropriated
A.5630.420 BUS Insurance	\$	1,200	Under appropriated
A.5630.430 BUS Contracted Services	\$	43,975	Under appropriated
A.5630.460 BUS Materials and Supplies	\$	5,425	Under appropriated
A.5630.465 BUS Equipment < \$5,000	\$	4,050	Under appropriated
A.6410.460 PUBLICITY Materials and Supplies	\$	3,300	Under appropriated
A.7020.150 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION Overtime	\$	775	Under appropriated
A.7020.175 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	1,950	Under appropriated
A.7020.410 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION Utilities	\$	1,075	Under appropriated
A.7020.430 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION Contracted Services	\$	20,525	Under appropriated
A.7020.460 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION Materials and Supplies	\$	1,525	Under appropriated
A.7020.465 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION Equipment < \$5,000	\$	125	Under appropriated



A.7110.130 THOMPSON PARK Wages	\$	10,575	Under appropriated
A.7110.410 THOMPSON PARK Utilities	\$	27,025	Under appropriated
A.7110.420 THOMPSON PARK Insurance	\$	1,825	Under appropriated
A.7110.430 THOMPSON PARK Contracted Services	\$	1,300	Under appropriated
A.7110.455 THOMPSON PARK Vehicle Expense	\$	5,225	Under appropriated
A.7110.460 THOMPSON PARK Materials and Supplies	\$	6,550	Under appropriated
A.7110.465 THOMPSON PARK Equipment < \$5,000	\$	375	Under appropriated
A.7140.150 PLAYGROUNDS Overtime	\$	750	Under appropriated
A.7140.810 PLAYGROUNDS NYS Retirement	\$	1,575	Under appropriated
A.7141.130 FAIRGROUNDS Wages	\$	36,750	Under appropriated
A.7141.150 FAIRGROUNDS Overtime	\$	1,375	Under appropriated
A.7141.455 FAIRGROUNDS Vehicle Expense	\$	7,600	Under appropriated
A.7141.810 FAIRGROUNDS NYS Retirement	\$	5,100	Under appropriated
A.7141.830 FAIRGROUNDS Social Security	\$	1,250	Under appropriated
A.7180.175 SWIMMING POOLS Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	50	Under appropriated
A.7180.410 SWIMMING POOLS Utilities	\$	39,900	Under appropriated
A.7180.430 SWIMMING POOLS Contracted Services	\$	375	Under appropriated
A.7180.810 SWIMMING POOLS NYS Retirement	\$	4,250	Under appropriated
A.7180.840 SWIMMING POOLS Workers' Compensation	\$	2,950	Under appropriated
A.7265.140 ICE ARENA Temporary	\$	4,300	Under appropriated
A.7265.175 ICE ARENA Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	25	Under appropriated
A.7265.420 ICE ARENA Insurance	\$	1,875	Under appropriated
A.7265.455 ICE ARENA Vehicle Expense	\$	13,450	Under appropriated
A.7265.810.0452 ICE ARENA NYS Retirement - Concessions	\$	1,975	Under appropriated
A.7265.840 ICE ARENA Workers' Compensation	\$	10,175	Under appropriated
A.7265.850 ICE ARENA Health Insurance	\$	1,100	Under appropriated
A.8020.410 PLANNING Utilities	\$	225	Under appropriated
A.8020.460 PLANNING Materials and Supplies	\$	225	Under appropriated
A.8140.110 STORM SEWER Salaries	\$	150	Under appropriated
A.8140.460 STORM SEWER Materials and Supplies	\$	10,000	Under appropriated
A.8140.850 STORM SEWER Health Insurance	\$	1,925	Under appropriated
A.8160.140 REFUSE AND RECYCLE Temporary	\$	8,050	Under appropriated
A.8160.175 REFUSE AND RECYCLE Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	3,050	Under appropriated
A.8160.430 REFUSE AND RECYCLE Contracted Services	\$	18,275	Under appropriated
A.8160.455 REFUSE AND RECYCLE Vehicle Expense	\$	5,700	Under appropriated
A.9040.800 OTHER EXPENSES Workers' Compensation	\$	10,950	Under appropriated
A.9060.800 OTHER EXPENSES Health Insurance - Retirees	\$	1,150	Under appropriated
A.9710.600 OTHER EXPENSES Serial Bonds - Principal	\$	10,000	Under appropriated
A.9730.600 OTHER EXPENSES Bond Anticipation Note - Principal	\$	43,500	Under appropriated
A.9950.900 OTHER EXPENSES Capital Fund Transfer	\$	250,000	To avoid debt for the Sterling St lots purchased
A.9960.900 OTHER EXPENSES Black River Trust Fund	\$	<u>5,254</u>	Under appropriated
	\$	<u>2,382,174</u>	

A.1315.120 COMPROLLER Clerical	\$	(41,000)
A.1440.430 ENGINEERING Contracted Services	\$	(79,500)
A.1640.460 CENTRAL GARAGE Materials and Supplies	\$	(25,400)
A.1680.130 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Wages	\$	(29,150)
A.1680.430 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Contracted Services	\$	(95,600)
A.1930.430 JUDGEMENT & CLAIMS Contracted Services	\$	(23,800)
A.1990.430 CONTINGENCY Contracted Services	\$	(1,067,756)
A.3120.140 POLICE Temporary	\$	(22,600)
A.3620.430 CODE ENFORCEMENT Contracted Services	\$	(73,000)
A.5010.140 MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE Temporary	\$	(37,100)
A.5010.465 MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE Equipment < \$5,000	\$	(2,000)
A.5110.130 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Wages	\$	(54,325)
A.5110.430 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Contracted Services	\$	(46,000)
A.5110.460 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS Materials and Supplies	\$	(41,000)
A.5142.455 SNOW REMOVAL Vehicle Expense	\$	(48,825)
A.5186.840 TRAFFIC CONTROL & LIGHTING Workers' Compensation	\$	(20,000)
A.5630.110 BUS Salaries	\$	(68,600)
A.5630.450 BUS Miscellaneous	\$	(27,000)
A.5630.455 BUS Vehicle Expense	\$	(69,600)
A.6410.430 PUBLICITY Contracted Services	\$	(53,000)
A.7265.130 ICE ARENA Wages	\$	(54,000)
A.7265.460 ICE ARENA Materials and Supplies	\$	(60,000)
A.8020.430 PLANNING Contracted Services	\$	(40,000)
A.8140.130 STORM SEWER Wages	\$	(10,000)
A.8160.130 REFUSE AND RECYCLE Wages	\$	(49,550)
A.8160.840 REFUSE AND RECYCLE Workers' Compensation	\$	(34,725)
A.9050.800 OTHER EXPENSES Unemployment Insurance	\$	(157,243)
A.9065.800 OTHER EXPENSES Medicare Reimbursements	\$	(27,400)
A.9710.700 OTHER EXPENSES Serial Bonds - Interest	\$	(24,000)
	\$	<u>(2,382,174)</u>

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

CD.8668.110 CDBG Salaries	\$	7,350	Under appropriated
CD.8668.120 CDBG Clerical	\$	1,325	Under appropriated
CD.8668.130 CDBG Wages	\$	1,025	Under appropriated
CD.8668.175 CDBG Health Insurance Buyout	\$	25	Under appropriated
CD.8668.460 CDBG Materials and Supplies	\$	33,225	Under appropriated
CD.8668.810 CDBG NYS Retirement System	\$	2,725	Under appropriated
CD.8668.830 CDBG Social Security	\$	1,500	Under appropriated
CD.8668.850 CDBG Health Insurance	\$	3,725	Under appropriated
CD.9510.900 Transfer to General Fund Transfer	\$	800	Under appropriated
	\$	<u>61,700</u>	

CD.8668.430 CDBG Contracted Services	\$ (61,700)
	<u>\$ (61,700)</u>

**WATER FUND**

F.8310.110 WATER ADMINISTRATION Salaries	\$ 500	Under appropriated
F.8310.130 WATER ADMINISTRATION Wages	\$ 100	Under appropriated
F.8310.440 WATER ADMINISTRATION Fees, Non-employee	\$ 8,900	Under appropriated
F.8310.450 WATER ADMINISTRATION Miscellaneous	\$ 1,450	Under appropriated
F.8310.460 WATER ADMINISTRATION Materials and Supplies	\$ 1,275	Under appropriated
F.8310.465 WATER ADMINISTRATION Equipment < \$5,000	\$ 25	Under appropriated
F.8320.420 SOURCE OF SUPPLY, POWER & PUMPING Insurance	\$ 3,075	Under appropriated
F.8320.430 SOURCE OF SUPPLY, POWER & PUMPING Contracted Services	\$ 75,025	Under appropriated
F.8320.440 SOURCE OF SUPPLY, POWER & PUMPING Fees, Non-employee	\$ 450	Under appropriated
F.8320.455 SOURCE OF SUPPLY, POWER & PUMPING Vehicle Expense	\$ 1,075	Under appropriated
F.8330.110 WATER PURIFICATION Salaries	\$ 3,550	Under appropriated
F.8330.175 WATER PURIFICATION Health Insurance Buy-out	\$ 1,400	Under appropriated
F.8330.440 WATER PURIFICATION Fees, Non-employee	\$ 2,250	Under appropriated
F.8330.455 WATER PURIFICATION Vehicle Expense	\$ 1,275	Under appropriated
F.8330.840 WATER PURIFICATION Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,775	Under appropriated
F.8340.110 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION Salaries	\$ 8,750	Under appropriated
F.8340.150 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION Overtime	\$ 3,225	Under appropriated
F.8340.230 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION Motor Vehicle	\$ 5,925	Under appropriated
F.8340.420 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION Insurance	\$ 2,050	Under appropriated
F.8340.430 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION Contracted Services	\$ 7,025	Under appropriated
F.9040.800 OTHER EXPENSES Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,350	Under appropriated
F.9089.800 OTHER EXPENSES Other Employee Benefits	\$ 75	Under appropriated
F.9950.900 OTHER EXPENSES Transfer to Capital Fund	<u>\$ 229,250</u>	To avoid debt for the repointing project
	<u>\$ 359,775</u>	

F.8320.250 SOURCE OF SUPPLY, POWER & PUMPING Other Equipment	\$ (95,000)
F.8330.410 WATER PURIFICATION Utilities	\$ (71,500)
F.8330.430 WATER PURIFICATION Contracted Services	\$ (32,750)
F.8330.460 WATER PURIFICATION Materials and Supplies	\$ (123,750)
F.8330.465 WATER PURIFICATION Equipment < \$5,000	<u>\$ (36,775)</u>
	<u>\$ (359,775)</u>

**SEWER FUND**

G.8110.110 SEWER ADMINISTRATION Salaries	\$ 350	Under appropriated
G.8110.130 SEWER ADMINISTRATION Wages	\$ 100	Under appropriated
G.8110.440 SEWER ADMINISTRATION Fees, Non-employee	\$ 3,900	Under appropriated

G.8110.460 SEWER ADMINISTRATION Materials and Supplies	\$	800	Under appropriated
G.8120.150 SANITARY SEWER Overtime	\$	75	Under appropriated
G.8120.175 SANITARY SEWER Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	75	Under appropriated
G.8120.455 SANITARY SEWER Vehicle Expense	\$	75	Under appropriated
G.8120.460 SANITARY SEWER Materials and Supplies	\$	1,925	Under appropriated
G.8120.850 SANITARY SEWER Health Insurance	\$	3,800	Under appropriated
G.8130.110 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Salaries	\$	4,900	Under appropriated
G.8130.140 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Temporary	\$	2,750	Under appropriated
G.8130.430 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Contracted Services	\$	9,300	Under appropriated
G.8130.440 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Fees, Non-employee	\$	7,350	Under appropriated
G.8130.460 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Materials and Supplies	\$	80,425	Under appropriated
G.8130.465 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Equipment < \$5,000	\$	34,000	Under appropriated
G.8130.840 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Workers' Compensation	\$	9,000	Under appropriated
G.8130.850 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Health Insurance	\$	150	Under appropriated
G.9040.800 OTHER EXPENSES Worker's Compensation	\$	2,150	Under appropriated
G.9060.800 OTHER EXPENSES Health Insurance - Retirees	\$	32,000	Under appropriated
G.9065.800 OTHER EXPENSES Medicare Reimbursements	\$	2,475	Under appropriated
G.9089.800 OTHER EXPENSES Other Employee Benefits	\$	100	Under appropriated
		<u>\$ 195,700</u>	

G.1990.430 CONTINGENCY Contracted Services	\$	(141,208)	
G.8130.130 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Wages	\$	(20,492)	
G.8130.250 SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL Other Equipment	\$	<u>(34,000)</u>	
		<u>\$ (195,700)</u>	

**LIBRARY FUND**

L.7410.110 LIBRARY Salaries	\$	1,150	Under appropriated
L.7410.130 LIBRARY Wages	\$	1,350	Under appropriated
L.7410.175 LIBRARY Health Insurance Buy-out	\$	175	Under appropriated
L.7410.430 LIBRARY Contracted Services	\$	34,400	Under appropriated
L.7410.465 LIBRARY Equipment < \$5,000	\$	100	Under appropriated
L.7410.810 LIBRARY NYS Retirement	\$	1,150	Under appropriated
L.9040.800 OTHER EXPENSES Worker's Compensation	\$	550	Under appropriated
L.9050.800 OTHER EXPENSES Unemployment Insurance	\$	5,000	Under appropriated
L.9060.800 OTHER EXPENSES Health Insurance - Retirees	\$	3,350	Under appropriated
L.9089.800 OTHER EXPENSES Other Employee Benefits	\$	150	Under appropriated
		<u>\$ 47,375</u>	
L.1990.430 CONTINGENCY Contracted Services	\$	(7,000)	
L.7410.120 LIBRARY Clerical	\$	(1,025)	
L.7410.140 LIBRARY Temporary	\$	(25,500)	
L.7410.150 LIBRARY Overtime	\$	(4,425)	

L.7410.410 LIBRARY Utilities	\$	(4,950)
L.7410.830 LIBRARY Social Security	\$	<u>(4,475)</u>
	\$	<u><u>(47,375)</u></u>

**SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

MS.1710.110 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Salaries	\$	1,050	Under appropriated
MS.1710.810 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Retirement	\$	100	Under appropriated
MS.9060.430.002 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Non-pharmacy Claims	\$	<u>692,725</u>	Under appropriated
	\$	<u><u>693,875</u></u>	

MS.1710.420 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Insurance	\$	(8,450)
MS.1710.430 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Contracted Services	\$	(6,450)
MS.1710.450 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Miscellaneous	\$	(1,475)
MS.1710.460 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Materials and Supplies	\$	(500)
MS.1710.465 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Equipment < \$5,000	\$	(500)
MS.1710.830 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Social Security	\$	(325)
MS.9060.430.003 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE Pharmacy Claims	\$	<u>(676,175)</u>
	\$	<u><u>(693,875)</u></u>

**Seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting yea.**

**Resolution No. 5 - Approving Consulting Agreement, Northeast Energy Services, LLC**

**Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns and operates a Hydro-electric Plant, and

WHEREAS Northeast Energy U.S. Inc. has expert knowledge pertaining to metering, controls, and grid connections needed to participate in the NYISO electricity market, and

WHEREAS the City desires to enter into a consulting agreement with Northeast Energy Services LLC for evaluation of the City of Watertown Hydro-electric Plant, and

WHEREAS an agreement has been drafted with a term beginning October 19, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Consulting Agreement between the City and Northeast Energy Services, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Kenneth A. Mix is hereby authorized and directed to execute this agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**Seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Spaziani mentioned that Council received an email from Steven Massaro offering his services to the City in assisting with the hydro plant.

Mayor Smith explained that Mr. Massaro's email was in regard to assisting with the relicensing of the FERC license and not what this resolution was pertaining to.

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**The following reports were available for Council to review:**

**Sales Tax Revenue – September 2021**

**Sale of Surplus Hydro-electricity – September 2021**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Crow Hazing**

Mentioning that he saw crows this weekend, Council Member Henry-Wilkinson asked when the hazing season would begin.

Mr. Mix noted that the contract is in place, and he will ask staff when the hazing will begin.

Mayor Smith added later in the meeting that some City employees received training in this and he would like to see the crows addressed right away this season.

### **Downtown Streetscape Project**

Council Member Henry-Wilkinson mentioned that a constituent pointed out that the YMCA Aquatic Center would tie in nicely with the Court Street project.

### **Grant Street Sidewalk**

Council Member Pierce said she was contacted by a constituent with concerns about the new sidewalk on Grant Street. She said that she will forward the pictures sent to her and the address to the City Manager.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Council Member Pierce announced that the annual book sale fundraiser will begin this weekend. She said Friday night is the preview night and anyone that would like to join the Friends of the Library can sign up Friday as well.

### **Speed Bumps on City Streets**

Mentioning Mr. LaBarge's comments from Privilege of the Floor, Council Member Ruggiero explained that Marshall Place is no longer a City Street.

Mr. Mix explained that Marshall Place was decommissioned as a City street and is considered part of a parking lot. He confirmed that the City does install the temporary speed bumps, which are removed in the winter.

Council Member Ruggiero suggested that since the City installs the speed bumps, it might cause confusion as to why the City cannot install speed bumps on other streets.

### **Traffic Concerns on Public Square**

Council Member Ruggiero mentioned that Mr. Phillips sent her a video of a car and truck drag racing on Public Square and asked if Police patrols could monitor the situation.

### **Mr. Traynor's Concerns – Watertown Housing Authority**

Council Member Ruggiero mentioned that Mr. Traynor's apartment received an extra bug treatment even though he did not ask for it.

Regarding Mr. Traynor's comments about not listening, Mr. Mix said Council and staff did listen to his concerns and Codes contacted that apartment building manager. He added that the apartment building manager indicated that Mr. Traynor had not filed a complaint about the bugs to him, and only complained to Council.

Mayor Smith added later in the meeting that the Watertown Housing Authority is not under the City's control.

### **E-Scooter/E-Bicycles Complaints**

Council Member Ruggiero said she has received several complaints of people using these and almost hitting people.

Mr. Mix said that unfortunately the State regulations have not caught up with this technology. He stressed that bicycles are not supposed to be used on the sidewalk and are to follow the rules of the road.

### **Hydro Plant Work Postponed Due to High Production**

Council Member Ruggiero mentioned that the rack work was not done due to the production level being high and wondered if there was a safety concern if an employee was to fall in.

Mr. Mix indicated that the lower racks are in place and explained that the planned work was to be done on the upper racks, which prevent debris from going in and protect the turbines. He assured her that there was not a safety concern. He also explained that due to the high water level from rainfall starting in July, the plant was not shut down and allowed to continue to produce at a high production rate.

### **Steven Massaro's Proposal Regarding FERC Relicensing**

Council Member Spaziani asked when work would begin on the relicensing of the FERC license.

Mr. Mix explained that it would be done closer to 2030 because the FERC license expires in 2035 and the relicensing takes approximately three to five years. He advised that there is no point in starting it now since the FERC license does not expire for 14 years.

Council Member Spaziani advised that Council should interview Mr. Massaro and see what he can offer.

Council Member Pierce noted that she will share Mr. Massaro's proposal with the Hydro Committee.

### **Timing of Crosswalks**

Mentioning Ms. Whalen's concerns from Privilege of the Floor, Mayor Smith indicated that the timing of crosswalks will be studied with the Pedestrian Safety Project. He added that this was discussed at the last work session.

**Masonic Temple Update/DRI money**

Mayor Smith mentioned Mr. McCarthy's concerns from Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Mix said he will follow up on this.

**Jefferson Street**

In response to Mayor Smith's inquiry about Mr. LaBarge's concerns expressed during Privilege of the Floor, Mr. Mix explained that the problem is the street is very narrow and Mr. LaBarge's vehicle tends to get hit when he parks on the street. He added that Mr. LaBarge has parked over the sidewalk and has been ticketed. Mr. Mix explained that the City cannot reduce the speed limit nor install speed bumps on a City street.

**Jaws of Life**

Mentioning Mr. Phillips' concerns from Privilege of the Floor, Mayor Smith noted that during a January 19, 2021 Council Meeting there was discussion with the Fire Chief stating the industry standard was to move to battery-operated equipment. He added that Council approved the purchase of this equipment in the budget for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Timerman explained that the current budget contains funding for this equipment and the Fire Department has been working to select vendors and putting the specs together for a bid.

**Misuse of Neighborhood Watch Email List**

Mayor Smith objected to the politicizing of the Neighborhood Watch Program by misuse of its email list to support a particular candidate running for City Council. He said the City invested resources into this program and people submitted their email addresses expecting to receive information about City safety. He stressed that the Neighborhood Watch Program should be an apolitical organization. He added that if the candidate is going to continue this, then the City should question its involvement in this program.

Attorney Slye explained that City dollars were validly spent for valid purposes, so the question is not whether the City supported the candidate but whether the candidate was taking advantage of the City support. He said that he does not see this as a City issue, but a candidate issue that should be addressed.

**Motion was made by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson to move into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.**

**Motion was seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.**

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m.



**ADJOURNMENT**

**At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 9:05 p.m. by motion of Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson, seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.**

*Ann M. Saunders*  
City Clerk