



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK**

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, January 2, 2012 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL

All Present

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda.

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VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **FROM COUNCILMEMBER RICH**, Resolution R12-11, amending the 2012 budget for legal services for the Common Council.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.

Theresa Rutendo 160 Academy Street: I am here to congratulate all of you especially those who are newly elected to this council. Many people spoke here last year myself included. Asking to be fairly treated by the city we were pretty much ignored. We warned that an unhappy electorate can be mobilized, and again we were ignored. So to put it gently changes occurred. You will have many difficult decisions in the next two years. No one ever said this was an easy job so I thank you for stepping up to the plate. I hope you will listen to the people, and I pray you will treat all citizens fairly again, my congratulations and very best wishes for a productive and rewarding term.

Ken Stickle 118 Catherine Street: I would like to congratulate all of you that have been voted in for your first term as well as those who have been reelected. I believe there are a few that have been in for about three or four terms now. This year we have more democrats than we have republicans. I am hoping that both parties work together in all fairness to the tax payers and citizens in the City of Poughkeepsie. I am hoping not to see anything where one party is voting one way and the other another way. I am hoping that everyone can come together and pull this together for the people in this city. I would like to see something happen with the youth programs in the city, but I would like to see people volunteer to help the youth programs. We cannot afford to keep throwing money we have to turn around and expect people to start volunteering in the city more and more. Just remember two years down the road we will be seeing some new faces, and we will be seeing some of the old faces, so I am hoping that everyone can get along and work together to make this city better for us.

Gus Kazolias 47 Noxan Street: First of all I would like to congratulate our new Chairwoman Johnson she worked diligently, and she has the city 100% at her heart. I would also like to congratulate the mayor for his appointment of Mr. Ackermann, because he is a city resident, and when you ask him a question you get the right answer. I also believe that the youth center is something that should be concentrated on. Over the next two years we should try to get a youth center, because I think the city needs something. I am going to try and do the best I can with the few contacts that I have. To work conjunctively I think things can be done, because I will say this with the 2% cap on monies the City of Poughkeepsie is at a crossroad in more ways than one. I know the Board of Education has its problems, and I know the City of Poughkeepsie and the Common Council will not have its problems, because I think they can be satisfied. Once again over the next two years the city can either go forward cooperatively, or if you are going to play politics the city is

going to go down the tubes. Once again I think that the city should focus on creating a youth center, and I would like to congratulate everyone who was elected.

Mae Parker Harris 16 Allen Place: I would like to congratulate everyone and I would also like to thank everyone who worked on the City of Poughkeepsie council in the last couple of years. They did what they had to do. I would like to remind the current council that working together only works and I remember the mayor saying a prayer, and if we can all live by this prayer we can make the city a better place. I would like to congratulate Councilmember Johnson and Perry, and thank them for being there for people who were in need. I would personally like to thank you for being there for me during my trials and tribulations. I also hope that the council will remember our youth in the city. We lost a lot of programs in the last couple of years that helped the youth, and we are hoping to gain some of those back. Also do not forget our seniors in this city. They need someone to be there for them every day. Another thing is that we must all work together and keep our city clean. The streets are blight in the city. So let's work together in keeping the entire City of Poughkeepsie clean not just part of it. For the schools, let's try working around the schools to beautify the schools. Our community should see that our schools, parks, and gardens are beautiful and well kept. Small things like that will make a difference in people's attitudes when they walk down the street. I am asking our city leaders to set an example so that we can have a better city.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tkazyik – Congratulations to all of our new sworn in elected officials to the City of Poughkeepsie. We had a great inaugural celebration this afternoon attended by well over 400 it was truly amazing, and a great afternoon for the city. First let me start off by congratulating our new Council Chair Gwen Johnson. Gwen I would like to congratulate you on becoming the first female and the first African American to serve as Chair of the Common Council. I want you to know that it will be my honor to work with you. Let us vow today to leave a legacy of leadership, to display for all a spirit of cooperation, to set an example of what two people who have walked a very different path and traveled a very different journey can achieve by working together. I look forward to working with you and I know that we will continue to work together to make great things happen here in the City of Poughkeepsie.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chair Johnson- It is with great pleasure and with great honor that I am here before you as the first female and first African American to serve the City of Poughkeepsie as Chairwoman. I vow to work together positively with the

mayor John Tkazyik and the common council by putting the interest of the City of Poughkeepsie first and foremost. It has been a long journey being elected to four terms of office. I owe everything to my lord and savior Jesus Christ, to the people and my friends of the 7th ward, and my ever supportive husband Randy Johnson. I thank my colleges for their vote of confidence, and I look forward to 2012 being a good and productive year working together.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.**

**R-E-S-O-L-U-T-I-O-N
(R-12- 11)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH:

WHEREAS, the Common Council as the chief legislative body of the City of Poughkeepsie may from time to time have a conflict with the Corporation Counsel of the City of Poughkeepsie or with other boards of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, in case of such a conflict it may be necessary for the Common Council to retain counsel independent of the Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of amending the 2012 budget to provide for contracted legal services for the Common Council to be used on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie has determined that this resolution constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality review Act and 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

Now, Therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget for the City of Poughkeepsie is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Line	Description	Amount
From: 01.07.1420.7460	Contracted Legal Services- Corp. Counsel	\$10,000.00
To: 01.01.1010.7460	Contracted Legal Services- Common Council	\$10,000.00

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD

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VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

NONE

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Rich- A few years ago we had success with working on the graffiti law, and people were always asking where I got the idea for that, and the idea came from a group called Keep America Beautiful. It is an organization that is all over the country, and it occurs to me that we might consider forming a Keep Poughkeepsie Beautiful organization. With the city government being a founder of it but not the main participant, but our non for profit organizations and churches that do good work in the city. So I am going to ask that if anyone is interested in serving on a task force to keep Poughkeepsie beautiful please give me a call or write me a note, and we will begin to consider if we have the interest to form such a group as Keep Poughkeepsie Beautiful.

Councilmember Boyd- We passed a resolution R-12-7 and I was wondering on whether the Mayor or Commissioner of finance can provided the common council with a record of each investment transaction, money amount, length of time and the rate along with the quarterly report that the common council has actually been receiving. I wonder if that is a possibility regarding that resolution.

Mayor Tkazyik - Council Chair Johnson I would suggest that Councilmember Boyd meet with the Commissioner of Finance along with the City Administrator

and clarify what to be provided, and we will provide whatever information the council would like.

Mayor Tkazyik- I would like to announce that I have made two appointments to serve as liaisons to the City of Poughkeepsie school district and to our school board. I have appointed councilmember Boyd from the 4th ward and councilmember Perry from the 5th ward, and they have most graciously accepted the invitation to serve as liaisons to the school board. I just wanted to make those appointments made to the record, and also announce that on Tuesday, which is our next meeting January 17th we will be giving the annual state of the city address and I wanted to make the public aware of that, and we will send that out in a release.

Council Chair Johnson- I would like to enter into record the new four standing committees. The first committee is the Finance Committee Chairperson Councilmember Rich, and the other members are Council members Herman, Solomon, and myself Chairwoman Johnson. The second committee Public Safety and Public Works Committee Chairperson Councilmember Boyd, and the other members are Council members Herman, Mallory, Perry, and myself Chairwoman Johnson. The third committee Economic and Physical Planning and Development Committee Chairperson Councilmember Mallory and the other members are Council members Parise, Solomon, and myself Chairwoman Johnson. The fourth standing committee on Social and Community Issues Committee Chairperson councilmember Perry, and the other members are Council members Parise, Rich, Boyd, and myself Chairwoman Johnson.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Chair Johnson and Councilmember Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Dated: 3/8/2012

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain



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