



# THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Saturday, January 2, 2016 1:30 p.m.**

**City Hall**

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**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL – All Present**

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

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

- 1) Ken Stickle-118 Catherine Street
- 2) Laurie Sandow-South Grand Avenue
- 3) Sheila Drew-no address given
- 4) Darrett Roberts-Franklin Street
- 5) Bill Dykus-South Hamilton

**IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Rolison** wanted to acknowledge Mayor John Tkazyik, and publically thank him for his help on the transition. Just a little while ago they were all sworn in together, and the word “together” is how he intends to proceed as the new Mayor. Working together with this Common Council to address challenges that they’re going to face as a city, and they will do it together. Honored to be in this chamber, sitting in front of this audience, and working with you, and other city hall staff. Thanked the Common Council for appointing Deanne Flynn as City Chamberlain, and Paul Ackermann as Corporation Counsel. Before you, you have a resolution asking for the appointment of Chief Ron Knapp as the Acting City Administrator. Briefly, I can tell you, since Election Day, they have been working on a transition. He and the Chief had spoken, not too long after the election about the possibility of him becoming Acting City Administrator to help this city to move forward, while we conduct a national search for a new City Administrator. Since then they have had numerous meetings with the transition team, and Ron has proved to be valuable, and he feels very confident that as we move forward into this new year, before we get a permanent City Administrator that the Chief will be invaluable to all of us, and I ask you to support this appointment. Thank you.

**V. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**Chairman Petsas** thanked **Mayor Rolison** and his team for putting together a very nice swearing in ceremony. It definitely built up that spirit of unity, and togetherness. He recognizes that this council was not unanimous in the selection of a Chairman, but wants to make it clear that he is not a person that holds grudges, not going to hold any axes, no bad feelings towards anyone, which way they votes, and will work with every Councilmember up here to make this city progress and move it ahead. This is not about a title for him, this about to keep the City of Poughkeepsie on track, and work with the new Mayor, and that’s the bottom line. Thanked Mr. Hermann for his role as Majority Leader last year, and welcome aboard the new councilmembers.

**VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to receive and print.**

**RESOLUTION  
(R16-11)  
(amended 1.1.16)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CHERRY**

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy in the office of City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with City Charter §3.08(b) the Mayor appointed an Acting City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, City Charter §3.08(b) also provides that said appointment is only effective for sixty days in any fiscal year unless extended by resolution of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undergoing a national search to find a successor City Administrator which search is anticipated to take approximately 120 days; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rolison has communicated his desire to appoint Ronald J. Knapp as Acting City Administrator until such time as a successor City Administrator is confirmed by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City and its residents that an Acting City Administrator be so extended beyond the permitted sixty (60) days;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the pursuant to Section 3.08(b) of the City Charter, the Mayor’s appointment of Ronald J. Knapp as Acting City Administrator is approved for a period of three (3) months from the date of this resolution or until the confirmation of a permanent successor City Administrator, whichever shall occur first.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON**

R15-1			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Councilmember Young	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Perry	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Hermann	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Klein	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

**IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hermann and Councilmember Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**Dated: January 25, 2015**

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Deanne L. Flynn  
City Chamberlain**

