

City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Moreau, West, Decker, Darne, Kallenbach and Kuchinski, Public Works Coordinator Rugg, City Clerk Wierschke and Police Chief Lamoreaux. Also present: Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corp.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said, Mayor Bousley asked the Council to please take a moment of silence to remember Marvin Chamberlain, a retired employee of the City who recently passed away.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve the agenda and Addendum as presented. Motion carried.

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve the minutes of the 08-23-17 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the monthly reports as submitted. A motion was made by Alderman Kallenbach and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Council discussed a recommendation from City Attorney Coggins to repeal the current Sex Offender Ordinance at this time. A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to accept Attorney Coggins recommendation and repeal the ordinance at this time. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting YES. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the possible need to short term borrow. City Clerk/Treasurer Wierschke explained that the City has the option to borrow from itself and just repay the account when the Shared Revenue payment is received in November. The other option would be to borrow from M-Bank and repay with interest. A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve authorizing the City Clerk/Treasurer to borrow from internal City accounts with the understanding any borrowed funds will be paid back in November. Motion carried.

Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corp. gave an update on the CDBG/Rural Development project. Discussion was held regarding whether or not to assess any liquidated damages to Jake's Landscaping & Excavating to cover any overages incurred. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman West to approve authorizing Mr. Majkowski to review and assess liquidated damages to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping. Mr. Majkowski will then discuss this with the council. Motion carried.

Mayor Bousley requested permission from the City Council to gather information for the Dam Permit. This would include discussion with City Attorney Coggins. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach. Motion carried.

The council discussed the Water Utility. It was noted that everything is on schedule. A motion was made by Alderman Kallenbach and seconded by Alderman Decker to approve the Water Utility report. Motion carried.

The council then discussed the Sewer Utility. It was noted that the Treatment Plant is running well. A motion was then made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve the Sewer Utility report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to set the next Council Meeting date on October 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)(c) regarding employment. Motion carried. Closed Session began at 6:18 p.m.

A motion was then made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Decker to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held regarding employment. A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve hiring three part-time police officers. Two are currently employed by the Marinette County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Lincoln and Deputy Nichols. Employment of the third candidate will be subject to him exceeding all necessary testing for the position. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Darne to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.