

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
5:00 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne, Lisa Mattia, Don Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Public Works Coordinator JJ Coppens

Also present: City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corp (via Zoom format), Roger Allen

Excused: Alderperson Mike Darne

A motion was made by Alderperson Lantagne to approve the agenda. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: Roger Allen spoke to the Council regarding a petition that will be circulating concerning the making of Marinette County as a “second amendment sanctuary county.”

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo and seconded by Alderperson Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting September 22, 2021 and Special Meeting October 11, 2021. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Shampo to pre-approve the bills for November 2021. Motion carried.

The reports were reviewed. Alderperson Lantagne moved to approve the reports as presented. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Administrator Fredrick reported on Behalf of Police Chief Angie Moreau:
 - The squad car and accessories have been ordered from the Rural Development grant.
 - The evidence room is being upgraded with funds from the same grant.

City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corp appeared via Zoom format to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sidewalk project pay request #2 for \$104,615.11. The punch list items have been completed and the quantities have been reviewed approved by the contractor and engineer. The City or grant funds did not pay for any of the rework done on the driveways. Mr. Majkowski noted that the project received excellent community feedback. Alderperson Decker moved to approve pay request #2, contingent on receiving the lien waivers from pay request #1. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick reported that the grant from the USDA Rural Development for the replacement front end loader was awarded to the City. The loader will be funded up to \$200,000.00 with the City responsible for 25 percent of the cost (\$150,000.00 by grant and \$50,000.00 by City funds). Alderperson Decker moved to accept the report and Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to begin the razing process for parcel 261-00370.001. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee action of October 27, 2021 to transfer ownership of City parcel / abandoned alleyway platted as 3rd Street to Anne Pucci. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Mattia moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee action of October 27, 2021 to grant a Conditional Use Permit to Sharon Antonissen for a short term vacation rental property at 408 Main Street. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke to approve the updated zoning map. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to increase City Council monthly salaries by two percent. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Alderpersons Lantagne and Mattia voting "AYE" and Alderpersons Burke, Decker and Shampo voting "NAY". The motion died due to lack of support.

Alderperson Shampo made a motion to accept the proposed weekly waste collection fees from Great American Disposal for 2022. It was noted that Eagle Waste did not offer a proposal for collection services. The new rate will be \$201.90 annually for curbside pickup and \$356.14 annually for dumpster pickup. Landfill disposal fees increased but recycling fees decreased. A 36 month contract was recommended, with the understanding that a fuel escalator and/or consumer price index increase may apply for future years. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Lantagne to deny a request from Barbara Flatka to sell a portion of parcel 020.00559.001. The reason for keeping the entire property intact is due to the possibility of future settlement pond expansion. Mrs. Flatka has approval to use the requested portion of the parcel for a personal garden with the understanding that the property may need to be used for City purposes in the future. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Municode training is scheduled for November 16, 2021. An ordinance to adopt and enact the updated code of ordinances will be presented at the November City Council meeting.
- Disconnection notices were issued to 135 accounts. No services were disconnected.
- Delinquent utility write-offs will be added to the tax rolls in November.
- The closing date with SC Swiderski for the apartment complex property will be December 6, 2021.
- City Auditor Scott Sternhagen reviewed the preliminary budget.
- Additional properties and zoning non-compliance issues will be discussed at the December meeting.
- The revised Employee Handbook was distributed.

Alderperson Decker moved to accept the report as presented. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Coppens provided the Public Works, Water and Sewer System Reports:

- Parks and cemetery water lines have been winterized.
- Fall sewer cleaning will begin.
- Fences at the baseball fields need replacing.
- The light poles are prepared for the Christmas decorations.
- Lights at Heights Park need replacing.

Alderson Shampo moved to accept the reports as presented. Alderson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Park and Recreation:
 - Alderson Shampo reported that the roof at the Babe Ruth baseball field is in good shape. He would like to have a flag pole added for center field.
 - The rifle range will be opening soon. The Sportsman Club will establish hours, have surveillance cameras and monitoring.
- Beautification:
 - Alderson Burke noted that the Christmas lights have been placed at the waterfall.

Alderson Decker moved to accept the reports as presented. Alderson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #24 *Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)* was struck from the agenda.

Agenda Item #25 *Reconvene To Open Session* was struck from the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderson Decker to set the date for the annual Budget Hearing as Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with the regular Niagara City Council meeting to follow immediately after the hearing. Alderson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderson Burke and seconded by Alderson Mattia to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.