

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Following 5:00 P.M. Budget Hearing
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne, Don Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Public Works Coordinator JJ Coppens; Police Chief Angie Moreau, Public Works Employee Jim Stachowicz

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

Excused: Alderpersons Mike Darne and Lisa Mattia

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve the agenda. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Lantagne to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting October 27, 2021. Motion carried.

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

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau:
 - The 2019 squad car is not running properly; service work will be covered under warranty.
 - A Niagara resident will be presented with a citizen award for saving the life of a local resident. The award will be presented in conjunction with Breitung Township, where the resident trained as a firefighter.
 - Officer Mike Chapman attended Badger TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) training.
 - Officer Chapman will also be attending public records training with Chief Moreau and he will be participating in TAC (Time Agency Coordinator) training.

City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corp appeared via Zoom format to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sidewalk project pay request #3 for \$10,735.46. Mr. Majkowski noted the "Certificate of Substantial Completion" is issued as of November 16, 2021. The project two-year warranty will begin on that date, which will exclude landscaping. Landscaping will have a one-year warranty. Mr. Majkowski also stated the project will be under budget for both the grant and engineering costs. Alderperson Decker moved to approve pay request #3 and change order #2. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Decker moved to approve the League Mutual Property Insurance Company annual premium, with a request to review the asset list which includes all city structures, equipment and amenities. Alderson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderson Decker to approve an operator license for Justin Kleiber. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- The end loader purchased from the Rural Development grant award will be arriving in the next two weeks.
- A John Deere lawn mower for \$20,000.00 was approved by Rural Development and will be purchased with grant funds.
- The annual Community Development Block Grant audit for the sidewalk project is scheduled to take place on November 23.
- Officer Chapman and Administrator Fredrick participated in an online Municode training. Final revisions will be made to the ordinance book.

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

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

- All sewers have been cleaned.
- Equipment is prepared for winter.
- Niagara School will contribute \$10,000.00 to the new fence at the Riverside baseball/softball field. The City will pay for the remaining balance of approximately \$5,000.00.

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

Committee Reports:

- Park and Recreation:
 - The fishing pier has been removed for the winter.
- Beautification:
 - Christmas décor has been placed. The wreaths will be placed on November 19.

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

Alderson Decker moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) at 5:57 p.m. Alderson Lantagne seconded the motion. A roll call attendance was taken, with Aldersons Burke, Decker, Lantagne and Shampo present.

Alderson Decker moved to reconvene to open session at 7:39 p.m. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. A roll call attendance was taken, with Aldersons Burke, Decker, Lantagne and Shampo present.

A motion was made by Alderson Decker to appoint Victor (Jamie) Oratch to the public works position effective December 6, 2021, due to the impending retirement of employee John Henrichs. In the event that Mr. Oratch declines the offer, the position will be offered to Adam Faull. In addition, Mr. Faull will be asked to consider remaining as a part-time, fill-in employee. Alderson Burke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Aldersperson Burke moved to set the date for the next regular meeting of the City Council to Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The date will be moved from the usual fourth Wednesday due to the upcoming Christmas holiday. Aldersperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.