

MINUTES  
City of Niagara  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
4:45 P.M.  
Niagara City Hall  
1029 Roosevelt Road  
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Mayor George Bousley. Present: Aldermen Lynn Burke, Michael Darne, Dan Decker, Joe Johnston, Glenn Lantagne, Public Works Coordinator JJ Coppens; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Officer Mike Chapman. Excused: Alderman Don Shampo.

Also present: Jacqui McElroy and Pat McElroy of S.C. Swiderski, LLC; Jenny Short, Marinette County Economic and Tourism Director; Ron Lindlbauer

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to approve the agenda after the removal of agenda items: Item 22-Closed Session; Item 23-Reconvene to Open Session; Item 24-Action. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting January 27, 2021. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Johnston to pre-approve the bills for March 2021. Motion carried.

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

There were no reports from department heads or elected officials.

Jacqui McElroy and Pat McElroy of S.C. Swiderski, LLC (SCS) presented a proposed plan to erect housing units in Industrial Park plats 11 and 12. SCS is a property management company that specializes in long-term multi-family housing. Alderman Johnston moved to pursue the opportunity, and Alderman Decker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting "AYE". Motion carried. Administrator Fredrick will schedule a meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of rezoning the property from "Exempt" to "Multi-Family Residential."

Alderman Decker moved to create an ordinance to regulate the use of storage pods / shipping containers. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officer Chapman reported on the ordinance recodification project on behalf of Police Chief Moreau. Chief Moreau is currently updating Chapter 7 of the manual, and is anticipating having the remaining chapters completed next week. They will then be sent to Municode for review. Alderman Decker made a motion to accept the progress report, and Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick provided an update on the Marinette County Community Development Block Grant. She stated that the environmental report noted that the area on Tyler Road is exempt from needing further review. Bid documents for the project should be ready in April. Alderman Decker moved to accept the report, and Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City resident Ron Lindlbauer requested permission to erect a seasonal fresh produce tent along the 1300 block of River Street. Officer Chapman expressed concerns about parking on the road to patronize the stand. Alderman Johnston was apprehensive due to the narrow width of the road, and felt that there was potential danger from oversized semi loads. Utilizing the parking areas at St. Anthony's church may not be feasible if the parking lot is filled due to church events. Alderman Decker moved to table the request until traffic flow patterns or alternative sites can be examined. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to donate \$100.00 for the Niagara High School yearbook. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne to approve Jeff Fredrick to provide temporary snow removal services at City Hall until a permanent replacement can be found. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to approve a liquor license agent change application from Randy Dessart representing the Red Brick Inn. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- The annual city audit was completed the week of February 1, 2021. Auditor Scott Sternhagen from CliftonAllenLarsen will present the audit report at the March meeting.
- The workers' compensation audit was completed, with a favorable report. The representative checked statistics only, with no on-site inspection.
- The City received reimbursement from the State of \$6,800.00 for Officer Chapman's training.
- Marinette County will be razing the structure at 1500 Cedar Street.
- The building permit for Dollar General has been prepared and will be issued upon receipt of payment.
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Tracy Coppens sent notices of delinquent personal property taxes.
- The Spring state primary election had a 4.4 percent turnout – 25 in-person votes and 16 absentee ballots.
- The shoreline restoration project funding application is still in the preliminary stages.
- A technical assistance grant of 20 hours was received from Bay Lake Regional Planning to amend the existing zoning map.

Alderman Decker moved to accept the Administrative report as presented. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Coppens provided the Water Report and Sewer Report:

- The main line at the treatment plant was cleaned.
- A manhole on the highway in the new construction area was sinking. It has been temporarily repaired. A punch list is being made for the construction crew when they come back in the spring for follow-up work.
- Mayor Bousley stated that two water and sewer department employees have received their first COVID-19 vaccinations.

Alderman Burke moved to accept the Water and Sewer report as presented. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:
  - Concerns have been expressed about vehicles parking on the sidewalk in front of the Red Brick Inn.
- Public Safety:
  - The State replaced the intoximeter with a newer model. All Niagara officers are certified on its use.
  - The Niagara Police Department "Use of Force" policy was reviewed and certified by Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) and Wisconsin Training and Standards. This certification was needed for agencies to be considered for grant awards.
  - Chief Moreau updated the police department policies to reflect the needed changes to be certified by WILEAG.
  - Officer Chapman has successfully completed field training. He is currently working on updating all Niagara business contacts and will be adding the information into the Spillman software program so that the information will also be able to be utilized by the sheriff's department.
- Beautification
  - The raffle tickets will be printed as soon as prizes are finalized.
  - A mini-grant of \$250.00 from the Dickinson Area Community Foundation was awarded.

Alderman Decker moved to accept the reports as presented. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.