

City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Lantagne, West, Decker, Darne, Kallenbach and Kuchinski, Public Works Coordinator Rugg, City Clerk Wierschke and Police Chief Lamoreaux.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to approve the minutes of the 01-25-2017 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Decker to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

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

The CDBG/Rural Development Project was discussed. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski to table this until May, 2017. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the renewal of the Water Tower Lease with Marinette County. The new lease is for five years and eliminates the \$500 yearly fee payable to the City of Niagara. A motion was made by Alderman Kallenbach and seconded by Alderman West to approve the lease renewal for 5 more years and eliminate the \$500 annual payment to the City. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Ron Lindlbauer requesting a reimbursement for taxes he paid on a vacant piece of property adjacent to his home. He purchased it in 2016 after the house that was on it burned down and was subsequently torn down and hauled away. The tax bill he received in December 2016 (and paid the first tax installment) still reflected the property having a house on it, therefore the property was taxed that way. Mayor Bousley informed the Council that he made a call to The League of Wisconsin Municipalities and spoke with Atty. Daniel Olsen regarding this. He also spoke with the City's Attorney, Kim Coggins and also the City's Assessor, Jerry Pillath. Mayor Bousley recommended the Council table this item until the March meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to table this item and gather more information on it and discuss it at the March 22, 2107 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Ron Sonntag small claims court case. Alderman Decker informed the Council that he has been in contact with the City's lawyer and has been provided documents as requested to her. He explained that our attorney has in turn requested information from Mr. Sonntag's lawyer and is now waiting to receive it. A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Darne to accept the update on the Sonntag issue. Motion carried.

Mayor Bousley explained that with Contract A-16 being completed, a motion would be in order accepting the completion of the contract. A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to accept the completion of Contract A-16. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Rugg informed the Council that the Water Department is nearly half done changing out meters for 2017 already and is working out some chlorine issues. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to accept Public Works Coordinator Rugg's update. Motion carried.

The City Council discussed the Water Utility. Public Works Coordinator Rugg noted that the wells have been switched and the water meter replacements are on track. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Kallenbach to accept the update as presented. Motion carried.

The City Council discussed the Sewer Utility. Public Works Coordinator Rugg reported that everything is good and there haven't been any problems. A motion was made by Alderman Kallenbach and seconded by Alderman Decker to accept the update as presented. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports, specifically the Personnel and Administration Committee, Alderman Lantagne discussed possibility of reducing the size of the City Council. There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Decker to set the next Regular Council Meeting date on March 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman West to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.