

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
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 Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Lynn Burke, Mike Darne, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne and Don Shampo; Police Chief Angela Moreau, Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick. Also present: Jack Coppens, Jim Stachowicz and Joe Johnston

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Shampo to pre-approve the bills for March 2020. Motion carried.

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau:
 - Chief Moreau stated that she attended the annual Police Chief conference in Wisconsin Dells. While at the conference, she received a laptop at no charge from the Department of Crime Investigations. This will be used to store sexual assault data.
 - MJ Electric provided a grant of \$2,950.00 to purchase two new defibrillators. The existing units are 14 years old.
 - The Niagara School District asked the City to consider placing a school resource officer on site. Chief Moreau stated that this position is not an option at this time, but she will investigate grant options for the future.
 - The Municode contract was signed.
 - Chief Moreau and Officer Heather Romback attended a “female enforcers” conference at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) in Green Bay, WI. NWTC covered the cost of the conference.

Alderman Shampo made a motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) – personnel at 4:51 p.m. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. A roll call attendance was taken, with all present. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker, and seconded by Alderman Burke to reconvene to open session at 6:17 p.m.

Alderman Shampo moved to appoint existing Public Works employee Jack (JJ) Coppens to train as the future Public Works Coordinator. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was

taken, with Aldermen Burke, Decker and Shampo voting “AYE” in favor of the appointment. Alderman Lantagne abstained from the vote, and Alderman Darne was excused. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to authorize Chief Moreau to advertise for candidates for the open police officer position. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Lantagne made a motion to add Alderman Decker to the signature cards at mBank. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shampo moved to reduce the burial fee for children less than two years old to \$250.00. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to utilize Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corp for CDBG grant engineering assistance if necessary. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The grant project list was prioritized, with replacement lighting being top priority, followed by the new sidewalk along Highway 141 north of County Road N. Remaining funds will be used to offset the City’s portion of the Highway 141 project. Alderman Decker moved to establish the list as stated, and Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker made a motion to adopt a City of Niagara social media policy. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to adopt Resolution 02-26-20 “Marinette County, Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Plan”. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- The annual City audit was completed a day ahead of schedule on January 28, with no outstanding issues. Additional internal control measures have been implemented.
- The United Heartland workman’s compensation audit was completed.
- The data for the annual Rural Development audit was submitted.
- The paperwork for the loan with Stephenson National Bank and Trust was signed. The interest was reduced from 4.25% to 4.0%.
- Main Street Makeover held a very successful bake sale fund raising event at Forward Financial Credit Union.
- The Spring Primary election went well, utilizing two groups of election inspectors as a split shift.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) paperwork deadline was extended to March 31, to allow the county to hold a public hearing. In addition, a “citizen participation committee” has been organized as part of the funding stipulations. The committee will meet at City Hall with County Administrator John Lefebvre on March 19, 2020 at 5:15 pm. Committee members are to include City or Township residents who represent the banking industry, real estate, a low-to-moderate income household and City government.
- Utility cash flow was discussed.

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

Public Works Coordinator Rugg provided the water and sewer report:

- A lift station pump is out of commission, and is being replaced.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Alderman Decker made a motion to set the next regular City Council meeting for Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.