

MINUTES  
City of Niagara  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 22, 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 George Bousley. Present: Aldermen Lynn Burke, Mike Darne, Dan Decker, Joe Johnston, Glenn Lantagne and Don Shampo; Police Chief Angela Moreau, Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick.

Also present: Michael Chapman, Teresa Clement, Tim Potterville, Melody Schaut, Travis Minier, David Sanicki, Aaron Volling and Roger Allen

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

Public Appearances:

Aaron Volling stated his concern regarding the possible Dollar General store that may be constructed in Niagara. Mr. Volling noted that the store may have a negative impact on the local existing businesses.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Shampo to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting June 24, 2020. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Burke to pre-approve the bills for August 2020. Motion carried.

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

There were no reports from department heads or elected officials.

Police Chief Moreau administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Michael Chapman.

Alderman Decker moved to approve a request from Teresa and Bryan Clement to allow garbage collection at W7900 Cedar Street. This was granted as an exception to policy, as the Clements home in the Township is located adjacent to their property in the City; the driveway access is also in the City limits on a City street. The amount will be prorated for 2020 and added to their City property tax bill in subsequent years. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick stated that a representative from Dollar General has presented their intention to construct a store on Roosevelt Road in Niagara. The proposed site is already zoned commercial. Mayor Bousley informed the meeting attendees that no action will be taken at this time, and the announcement is for informational purposes only. Alderman Burke moved to accept the statement to be entered into the minutes, and Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Shampo to forward the previously approved request from Ed and Rita Braund to purchase City property to the Planning Commission for rezoning. The property is currently zoned as "exempt", and will need to be rezoned as "residential". The Braunds will also be required to have the land checked for the existence of underground utilities. The City has a fence on the property border that will need to be removed and replaced at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. Braund. The Planning Commission will also determine a purchase price. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick provided an update on the Community Development Block Grant, awarded by Marinette County. She was informed that the proposed replacement street lighting portion of the grant will not be allowed, due to the fact that WE Energies owns the lighting. WE Energies cannot transfer ownership of the lights to the City, based on existing Public Service Commission tariffs. Grant engineering is a required part of the project development, but will not be allowed to be covered under the funding. The estimated engineering costs are \$50,000.00 - \$60,000.00 over the duration of the project. The engineer, Cedar Corp, has agreed to defer billing until 2021 if necessary. Alderman Shampo made a motion to proceed with the project. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Alderman Decker made a motion to approve operator licenses for Danielle Almeida, Sarah Brinkman and Zita Leask. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Employees have received notices from the Dickinson County Healthcare (DCH) system that medical providers will not be participating in the City health insurance plan. Administrator Fredrick is working with the insurance company, State and DCH to resolve this.
- The UW Green Bay Clerk's Institute was completed by Administrator Fredrick.
- Rugs at City Hall are currently rented and changed bi-weekly. It will be more cost efficient to cancel the rental contract and purchase rugs.
- The flag and flagpole purchased by Fred "Fritz" Rouse has been delivered. The concrete contractor will install the flagpole as his schedule permits.

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

Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg provided the Water and Sewer Report:

- The antenna owned by UP Logon is being removed from the water tower.
- A sewer backed up on Cleveland Street. The line was cleaned and obstructions removed.

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

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:
  - Mayor Bousley acknowledged the recent and ongoing issues with the Highway 141 construction, and reiterated that this is a State project. The City has no control over the progress of the project.
- Beautification
  - Main Street Makeover is selling "Niagara" shirts.
  - Plans are being made to host the community Christmas tree lighting event.

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

Because City Hall will not be available on Wednesday, August 26, Alderman Burke made a motion to set the next regular City Council meeting for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.