

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
5:00 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Mike Darne, Dan Decker, Lisa Mattia, Don Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Angie Moreau

Excused: Alderperson Glenn Lantagne

Also present: Zoning/Permit Administrator Bob Grandaw, Randy Tousignant

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting June 23, 2021. Motion carried.

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

The reports were reviewed. Alderperson Darne 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 department is looking at options for purchasing a police canine. The Chief has been reaching out to other communities for information and suggestions. A presentation will be made in the future to the Council.

Administrator Fredrick announced that a public meeting is commencing regarding the pending *USDA Rural Development Police Car Grant*, as noted on the agenda:

Police Chief Moreau provided information to the Council and other attendees present that a grant application for a replacement police squad car is in progress. The squad that is in need of replacement is a 2015 model with many ongoing maintenance issues. The approximate cost of the vehicle is \$60,000.00, with the City responsible for 25 percent (\$15,000.00).

There were no questions asked by those present. Alderperson Shampo moved to accept the report and public meeting as presented. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The amended application for the Community Development Block Grant sidewalk project has been approved, as reported by Administrator Fredrick. The contractor will be provided with a notice of award and the preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. Alderperson Burke made a motion to approve the update, and Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick stated that the developer's agreement for the proposed housing development was accepted by SC Swiderski (SCS). The documents were signed, as preapproved at the June 23, 2021 City Council meeting. Alderperson Decker moved to accept the report. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to review and approve the decision as determined by the Planning Committee action on March 23, 2021 and City Council action on March 24, 2021 to Rezone Plat 11, Parcel 261-01529.000 and Plat 12, Parcel 261-01530.000 in the Industrial Park from Exempt – I to Multi-Family Residential – R3 and amend the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the action. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to approve a Building Code violation fee of \$250.00, and an additional charge of \$50.00 per day for every day that the violation fee is not paid by the due date. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to amend Recycling Ordinance 7.36.120(k) (4) to add "City compost site is for residential use only." Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried. An additional motion was made by Alderperson Darne to establish the penalty amount for violators to \$1000.00 per occurrence. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to accept the Department of Transportation site restoration proposal. The DOT will provide a quantity of topsoil and seed for application on the areas that need to be replanted as a result of the State 2020 Highway 141 project. The City Public Works department will be responsible for the labor. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to acknowledge that the liquor license compliance issue has been satisfactorily resolved for property 261-00565.001. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to set a date for a Finance Committee and Department Head meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. A public notice will be posted in the event that a quorum is present. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker made a motion to approve the closure of City Hall on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 3:15 p.m. to allow office staff to assist at National Night Out. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Administrator Fredrick will be attending Dominion system voting machine training in Marinette on Thursday, July 29, 2021.
- The July disbursement of State shared revenue will be \$29,000.00 less than last year.
- The updated City website is online. The site revision is still in progress but will allow City staff to have access for posting information.
- The Water Department will read meters monthly. Bills will still be issued bi-monthly, but this will provide an additional opportunity for noting excessive usage.

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

There was no Water Report and Sewer Report.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:
 - Alderperson Decker noted that the tree branches from the recent storm were picked up quickly.
- Park and Recreation:
 - Alderperson Shampo stated the Heights Park was cleaned up thoroughly after the circus event.
 - Alderperson Shampo presented a donation of \$2,700.00 for the Memorial Park project from Dale Blagec and Niagara baseball. The bathrooms at the park are being constructed.
- Beautification
 - The brush and landscaping timbers at the former bank site on Main Street were cleaned up by Niagara Development.
 - Twenty-seven Christmas decorations for street lights were ordered. These were paid for by donations and fundraising.
 - Niagara Fabrication is creating metal Christmas and winter ground decorations, which will be lit. These were also funded independently.
 - Lori Aderman was recognized for her continued work with the cemetery planters. She has assumed the responsibility of coordinating the upkeep.

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

Agenda Item #24 *Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) (Personnel)* was struck from the agenda.

Agenda Item #25 *Reconvene To Open Session* was struck from the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to the next regular meeting date of the Niagara City Council will be Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.