

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 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: Tim Potterville, Pete Oleszczuk, Chad Lahey, David Sanicki, Tiffany Hametner, Linda Ponzio, Jim Lundberg, Roger Allen, John Nowicki, J.J. Coppens

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting August 25, 2020. Motion carried.

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

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau:
 - The first meeting with Municode was held regarding the ordinance recodification project. Committees including Council members will be set up to review the ordinances by title.
 - Officer Heather Romback has accepted a position with Marinette County, effective October 2, 2020. Chief Moreau commended her performance.
 - Officer Chapman continues to do well at the police academy.
 - Interviews for the open Officer position will be scheduled.

Alderman Johnston questioned the wording in City Ordinance 13-1-26 regarding zoning in reference to the proposed Dollar General store. Mayor Bousley requested that the Ordinance language be reviewed by the City Attorney Kim Coggins, as well as legal review with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. Alderman Johnston moved to remove agenda items 10-Dollar General Site Plan; 11-Dollar General Certified Survey; 12-Proposal by Dollar General to Construct Store on 800 Block of Highway 141/Roosevelt until legal clarification can be determined. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne to establish a purchase price of \$4,000.00 for a portion of City parcel 261-00252.000 which was previously approved to sell to Ed and Rita Braund.

Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Alderman Lantagne moved to approve a request from Anne Pucci at 233 Madison Avenue to acquire fifty percent of the abandoned alleyway on the west side of her property. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Shampo to pave the entrance to the parking lot at 1049 Main Street. The approximate cost of the project is \$5,910.00. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Alderman Lantagne moved to approve the three-year contract renewal for City Assessor Jerry Pillath at \$12,480.00 annually. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to approve the ratification and confirmation of the 2009 building permit fee schedule. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Water utility bills were generated on September 11. The Public Service Commission has extended the moratorium on disconnections and late fees, resulting in approximately \$20,000.00 in past due balances.
- Students from Niagara High School attended sessions at City Hall to learn about the voting process and practice using the voting machines.
- City residents will be receiving a letter of revaluation from Assessor Jerry Pillath. Statutory rules for assessing properties require the City to be assessed within ten percent of the Department of Revenue's value at least once every six years.
- There will be a flag dedication in memory of former Alderman and Council President Larry Kuchinski at the waterfall on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

- Sludge was hauled from the treatment plant.
- The water tower was inspected, and the tank will be refilled.

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

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee:
 - Budget preparation will begin.
- Public Works:
 - Curbs are being completed along the Highway 141 construction area. Asphalt patching is continuing. Light poles are being installed.
- Public Safety:
 - Legal action will be needed regarding uninhabited nuisance properties.
- Beautification
 - Fall decor was placed by the Main Street Makeover team.
 - Main Street Makeover and the Beautification Committee will continue to fundraise.
 - Plans are being made for a city-wide tree lighting ceremony on December 2.

Alderman Decker moved to accept the reports as presented, and to support the Beautification Committee. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne to move to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) – Personnel at 5:23 p.m. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting “AYE”. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to reconvene to open session at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting “AYE”. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker made a motion to offer a Public Works employment position to Matt Zanon. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker made a motion to set the next regular City Council meeting for Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.