

MINUTES  
City of Niagara  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
Immediately Following Budget Hearing  
Niagara City Hall  
1029 Roosevelt Road  
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Mayor George Bousley. Present: Aldermen Lynn Burke, Michael Darne, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne and Donald Shampo; Police Chief Angela Moreau, Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick.

Also present: Police Officer Todd Rochon

Excused: Alderman 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 Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting October 28, 2020. Motion carried.

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

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

There were no reports from department heads or elected officials.

The annual City garbage collection rates were discussed. Due to the increase in contract rates from Great American Disposal, charges would need to be increased by \$5.00 annually in 2021. Residential rates for collection would be adjusted from \$177.14 to \$182.14 per year, with dumpsters also increased by \$5.00. It was noted that there was no increase to the residents for collection in 2020. The existing contract will expire at the end of 2021 and will be placed for bid. Alderman Decker moved to increase the annual collection rates by \$5.00. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Alderman Darne objected to the increase. The motion was carried on a vote of 4 to 1 in favor of the increase.

Alderman Darne moved to confirm the final sale of the City property to Ed and Rita Braund on Sherman Street for \$2,300.00. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick reported that the November 3 Presidential election was successfully completed without incident. She commended the election inspectors, as well as City employees Tracy Coppens and Jenny Miller, for their efforts and willingness to participate in the election event. It was also noted that the poll workers received public comments of thanks for creating a safe and efficient process. Mayor Bousley also thanked Administrator Fredrick for her service. Alderman

Decker moved to accept the election report and Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shampo moved to issue a proclamation of thanks to the November 3 election poll workers and staff. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief Angela Moreau reported that she has reviewed the current Ordinance book and has noted some recommended changes. Chief Moreau is asking for members of the Council to assist with the review process, with anticipation that the project is completed by year end. Alderman Burke moved to acknowledge and support the recodification project, and Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Utility bills were mailed November 10.
- Approximately \$10,500.00 of delinquent utility charges will be placed on the tax rolls.
- New property tax software was implemented by the County for Municipal use. Municipalities will enter the annual local tax information and special assessments, and the County will calculate, print, mail and collect the taxes.

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

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

- The lift stations were cleaned.

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

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:
  - Some manholes and covers from the DOT Highway 141 project need to be replaced because they are “low profile.” The contractor will replace them in the spring of 2021 at the contractor’s expense. Additional landscaping will also need to be done by the contractor.
- Beautification
  - Wreaths for the new light poles were purchased through donations.
  - Fundraising efforts will be started to purchase permanent street light decorations.

Alderman Shampo moved to accept the reports as presented, with the understanding that the Highway project corrections will be followed up with the contractor. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to remove the closed session from the agenda. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, December 16 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 Lantagne to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.