

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
4:45 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 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: Sue Reese

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Alderman / Council President Larry Kuchinski; Former Police Officer Rich Cocquyt and Former Police Chief and Mayor Larry Betters.

Alderman Darne moved to appoint Alderman Decker as the City Council President. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Public Appearances:

Sue Reese read a statement to the Council which noted her dissatisfaction with the outcome of a recent Municipal Court decision. Mayor Bousley informed Ms. Reese that the City Council does not have jurisdiction over the Municipal Court.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Decker to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2019 Budget Hearing and the November 12, 2019 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Decker to pre-approve the bills for January 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 noted that letters were sent to residents requesting the removal of snow and ice on their sidewalks, per ordinance.
- Police Officer Zachary Denome is in training.

Alderman Shampo moved to accept the report, and Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Darne moved to accept the survey from Robert F. Perkins in reference to licensing a city parcel to Corey Johnson – Johnson Automotive. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne, and seconded by Alderman Decker, to issue the final Social Security and Medicare payment to Ellen Venstra. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to establish a \$500.00 annual land license fee to Korey Johnson – Johnson Automotive. The license will be issued for five years, and reevaluated after that time. Mr. Johnson will be asked to pay the legal and survey fees. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to approve the proposed five-year road improvement plan presented by Public Works Coordinator Rugg. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to hire Wayne Cretton as a part-time snow plow operator. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shampo made a motion to hire Todd Rochon to provide snow removal services at City Hall. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Darne moved to approve the following election workers for the 2020 – 2021 election cycle: Tammy Beauchamp, Pam Behnke, Shanna Champeau, Kathy Kallenbach, Ed Laarman, Anne Pucci, Linda Ross, Lysle Rugg, Cheri Sweig, Linda Westcott, Kathy Westrich. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne to approve the liquor license change of agent at Niagara Foods LLC from Tom Kuber to Timothy Potterville. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shampo moved to grant a temporary liquor license to the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony's Church for Packer game playoff party(s) – January 4th or 5th and / or January 11th or 12th. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to approve a temporary operator's license to Bob Burton of the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony's Church for Packer game playoff party(s) – January 4th or 5th and / or January 11th or 12th. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne to approve an operator's license for Warren Towns. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to approve an operator's license for Michelle Garrett. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Approximately 160 delinquent utility account notices were mailed.
- Sewer and water reserve accounts are funded and segregated on the balance sheet.
- Office assistant Jenny Miller has completed 90 days of service. She is performing well, and is transitioning into the water department support functions.
- Two checks for \$5,000.00 each were received from Fred and Ann Rouse for cemetery and waterfall upkeep.

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:

- Rural Development will be issuing a reimbursement of \$35,000.00 for supplies, provided by grant funds.

Mayor Bousley thanked the water, sewer and public works departments for their efforts this year. Alderman Decker moved to accept the water and sewer report as presented. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Public Safety: Alderman Darne noted that the lights at the Rescue Squad building need upgrading. Police Chief Moreau stated that the lighting at the fuel pump needs to be increased.

Alderman Lantagne made a motion to accept the Committee report. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Burke made a motion to set the next regular City Council meeting for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Shampo seconded the motion. Alderman Darne opposed. 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 5:39 p.m.