

CITY OF NORWICH
JOINT MEETING of the
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS and
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEES
June 3, 2014

Present:

Ald. Bryan McCracken
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Ald. Thomas LoPiccolo

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Mayor Joseph Maiurano
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer
Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall Jason Lawrence
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
City Supervisor James McNeil

Absent:

Ald. Paul Laughlin

Ald. Walter Schermerhorn called the joint meeting of the Public Works/Public Safety and Finance/Personnel Committees to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Approval of Minutes

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of May 6, 2014. Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo, approved ayes all.

Correspondence

First Baptist Church Ald. Deierlein **moved** to receive and approve a request from Robert Handy of the First Baptist Church to close West Park Place on Sunday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a joint worship service celebrating the church's bicentennial. Seconded by Ald. Doliver, approved ayes all.

Department Head Reports

DPW

Dump Truck Bid DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson reported that two bids were received for a dump truck, the lowest bid being from Oneonta Ford. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to recommend the Common Council award the dump truck bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Oneonta Ford, of Oneonta, NY, in the amount of \$55,317.80. Seconded by Ald. McCracken, approved ayes all.

Pickup Truck Bid C. Ivarson reported that three bids were received for a pickup truck, the lowest bid being from Chenango Sales, Inc., of Greene, NY. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to recommend the Common Council award the pickup truck bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Chenango Sales, Inc., of Greene, NY, in the amount of \$25,534.00. Seconded by Ald. McCracken, approved ayes all.

1 Hillview Drive C. Ivarson reported that an asphalt sidewalk at 1 Hillview Drive, connecting to the sidewalk at Gibson School, is in serious disrepair. The sidewalk will be torn up due to replacement of a fire hydrant, and the homeowner has offered to pay 50% of the replacement cost. C. Ivarson stated this can be done as a line item charge, with part of the cost being charged to the water system as part of the hydrant replacement. Ald. Deierlein and Ald. Doliver discussed the safety issues involved with children walking to school. Ald. McCracken asked if this would be approximately the same cost as through the City's sidewalk replacement program. C. Ivarson confirmed that it would be a similar cost to the City. Ald. Doliver **moved** to recommend the Common Council approve replacement of the sidewalk at 1 Hillview Drive, pending further review from the DPW Superintendent. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Finance Director of Finance William Roberts stated that the purchase of a pickup truck will be partially covered by a transfer from the Parks Equipment Capital Reserves line, planned for during budgeting. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to recommend the Common Council approve a transfer of \$20,000 from Parks Equipment Capital Reserves toward the cost of a pickup truck. Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo, approved ayes all.

Other Items Mayor Joseph Maiurano updated the Committees on the progress of the Heritage Block renovation project. The property owners involved have been contacted and have agreed to the project. Shelter Planning has done great work in preparing the grant applications; if the grants are awarded, almost the entire project will be paid for through grant funds. This project will give Norwich recognition throughout the country as a Green Initiative project, will provide a needed improvement to the City's downtown area, and is raising excitement among local businesses. Ald. Deierlein commented on how well the State Street renovation is proceeding and the great improvement in that area.

Executive Session Ald. LoPiccolo **moved** to enter executive session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss labor contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to exit executive session at 6:56 p.m. Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo, approved ayes all.

Motion Ald. McCracken **moved** to place the ratification of the CSEA Administrative Support Contract on the Council agenda for June 17, 2014. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Doliver, approved ayes all.