COMMON COUNCIL

March 19, 2013

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 7:00 PM on March 19, 2013, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:	Also:
Ald. Bryan McCracken	Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Ald. Terry Bresina	Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Ald. John Deierlein	Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall Jason Lawrence
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn	DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Ald. Paul Laughlin	Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Ald. Daniel Palmer	City Attorney Patrick Flanagan
Mayor Joseph Maiurano	Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Supervisor James McNeil	Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
	Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
Absent:	EMO A. Jones
Supervisor Robert Jeffrey	

Call to Order
The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes
Ald. McCracken **moved** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2013. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, duly approved ayes all.

Resolution

RESOLUTION #17-2013 **APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE NORWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Ald. Laughlin introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of police officer in the Norwich Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointment of Adam Francis of Mount Upton, NY, to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Adam Francis, of Mount Upton, NY, be and hereby is granted a permanent appointment as police officer in the Norwich Police Department, effective March 18, 2013, contingent upon successfully passing the required medical and psychological examinations.

Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

Police Chief Joseph Angelino administered the oath to Adam Francis. The Council congratulated him.

Open Forum There were no comments.

Correspondence

Chenango Blues Association Summer Jam Ald. Deierlein **moved** to receive and approve a request from Eric Larsen of the Chenango County Blues Association to hold the 2nd Chenango Summer Jam in East Side Park on Saturday, August 3, 2013, with attendant street closings and Special Event Designation. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, approved ayes all.

11th Annual Valley Heights Christian Academy Ald. McCracken **moved** to receive and approve a request from Eric Schimke of Valley Heights Christian Academy to hold the 11th Annual VHCA Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, May 18, 2013, beginning at 9:15 a.m., along East Main from the Fire Station to the Fair Grounds, with police assistance. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, approved ayes all.

Spring and Fall Craft Festivals Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to receive and approve requests from Linda McNeil of the Norwich Merchants Association to hold a Spring Craft Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2013, and a Fall Craft Festival on Saturday, October 5, 2013, on South Broad Street with special-event designations. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Department, Board and Commission Reports

Parks Commission Minutes of February 11, 2013
Police Department Monthly Report of February 2013
Traffic Commission Minutes of March 13, 2013
Water Commission Minutes of February 20, 2013
Water System Monthly Report for February 2013
Youth Bureau Monthly Report of February 2013

Ald. McCracken **moved** to receive and file the department, board, and commission reports. Seconded by Ald. Bresina, approved ayes all.

Ward Reports

Ward 1
Ald. McCracken reported that he received no communication from constituents during the past month.

Ward 2
Ald. Bresina reported that he received no communication from constituents during the past month.

Ward 3
Ald. Deierlein reported that he received no communication from constituents during the past month.

Ward 4
Ald. Schermerhorn reported that all matters were referred to the appropriate Department Heads and had been or were in the process of being resolved.

Ward 5
Ald. Laughlin reported that he received no communication from constituents during the past month.

Ward 6
Ald. Palmer reported that he received no communication from constituents during the past month.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to receive and file the ward reports. Seconded by Ald. McCracken, approved ayes all.

Motion

Amend Ambulance Recovery Fees Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to amend the ambulance recovery fees to include the following amended rates, as recommended by MultiMed Billing Service and the Finance/Personnel and Public Safety/Public Works Committees, for an effective date of June 21, 2013:

	Present Rate	Revised Rate
Mileage (Per loaded mile-All Transports)	$ 14	$ 15
ALS-1 Non-Emergency	$600	$685
ALS-1 Emergency	$600	$685
BLS Non-Emergency	$500	$560
BLS Emergency	$500	$560
Paramedic Intercept	$450	$450
ALS-2 Emergency	$700	$785
Specialty Care Transport	$750	$750
Treatment - No Transport	$275	$275
Non-Resident Surcharge (for patients residing outside of C.O.N. Area)		
Basic Life Support Services	$100	$100
Advanced Life Support Services	$150	$150

Seconded by Ald. Laughlin and duly adopted ayes all.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #18-2013 **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF BUCKET TRUCK**

Ald. Schermerhorn introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the DPW bucket truck has suffered a cracked boom, which has been welded but which is not safe; and

WHEREAS, a used 2008 4WD bucket truck has been located at a price of $52,000; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety/Public Works and Finance/Personnel Committees have made certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, funds are therefore required in connection with the above purchase, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a used 2008 4WD bucket truck is approved; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer of funds in the 2013 General Fund Budget:

From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
HR26-898	Capital Reserves – Highway Equipment	$52,000.00

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A5110.2100	Street Maintenance – Equipment	$52,000.00

Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #19-2013 **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF SALT SPREADER**

Ald. Laughlin introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the 23-year-old DPW salt spreader has failed; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety/Public Works and Finance/Personnel Committees have made certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, funds are therefore required in connection with the above purchase, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a new salt spreader is approved; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer of funds in the 2013 General Fund Budget:

From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
HR42-898	Capital Reserves – Sewer Equipment	$6,149.00

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
G8140.2100	Storm Sewers – Equipment	$6,149.00

Seconded by Ald. Bresina, and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #20-2013 **DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL**

Ald. Schermerhorn introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, certain obsolete electronic devices, computers, etc., have been deemed to be surplus and of no material value by various departments of the City; and

WHEREAS, Chenango County now has an e-waste disposal facility to recycle at no charge such waste that is not allowed to be conventionally disposed under environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety/Public Works and Finance/Personnel Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that e-waste and obsolete electronic items such as computers, monitors, printers, copiers, be and hereby are declared surplus; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to dispose of such equipment as is provided for by law.

Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #21-2013 **DESIGNATING "PREFERRED PURCHASER" OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 17.5 KING STREET**

Ald. Laughlin introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 17.5 King Street, tax map number 136.39-2-15, through property tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, following authorization by the Common Council in 2012, the City conducted a full remediation of the subject property, including the demolition and clearance of the existing structure due to its uninhabitable, unsafe and extensively deteriorated condition; and

WHEREAS, in light of the substandard dimensions of the remaining vacant lot rendering it unsuitable for new construction and therefore of limited marketability other than to adjoining property owners, the City has sought interest from current or prospective owners of adjoining properties; and

WHEREAS, a written purchase proposal has been received from a prospective adjoining property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that the proposal submitted by Bartolo Caputo, residing at 30 Park Street in Norwich, is acceptable based on the purchase amount offered and the respondent's desire to combine the lot with the adjoining residential lot at 17 King Street; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property to a private party is appropriately classified as an Unlisted action pursuant to the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and a short form environmental assessment form (EAF) has been prepared; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council has determined that the subject property is surplus and not required for use by the City; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council has reviewed the related short environmental assessment form (EAF) and has determined that the sale of the subject property and its subsequent use in connection with the residential use of 17 King Street is not expected to result in a significant adverse environmental impact; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates Bartolo Caputo as the "preferred purchaser" of the City-owned property at 17.5 King Street for the purpose of combining the lot with the adjacent residential property at 17 King Street; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to negotiate and enter into a contract for the sale of the City-owned property at 17.5 King Street to Bartolo Caputo for the purpose of combining the lot with the adjacent residential property at 17 King Street.

Seconded by Ald. Bresina and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

Payment of March 2013 Bills Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to pay the March 2013 bills after proper audit and certification. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin and duly adopted, ayes all..

March Bills

		Prepaid		3/19/13		Grand Total
General Fund		$ 122,937.21		$ 453,754.99		$ 576,692.20
Sewer Fund		14,167.80		18,732.16		32,899.96
Water Fund		15,089.18		12,536.01		27,624.19
Trust		18,635.65		-		18,635.65
B.I.D.		-		-		-
Comm. Dev. Small Cities		2,500.00		-		2,500.00
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants		-		-		-
Economic Development		6,794.00		900.00		7,694.00
Capital Projects		1,750.00		-		1,750.00
TOTALS		**$ 181,873.84**		**$485,922.16**		**$ 667,796.00**

Adjournment

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, accepted ayes all.