

COMMON COUNCIL

Special Meeting
March 29, 2016

Mayor Christine Carnrike presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on March 29, 2016, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Christine Carnrike
Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. David Zieno

Also:

City Chamberlain/City Clerk John Zielinski
Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
EMO A Jones
City Attorney Patrick Flanagan

Absent:

Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Ald. Thomas LoPiccolo
Supervisor James McNeil
Supervisor Robert Jeffrey

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Carnrike at 6:07p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 18 - 2016

ADOPTION OF THE CHENANGO COUNTY ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to introduce the following. Seconded by Ald. Zieno:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich, with the assistance of TetraTech, EM Inc., has gathered information and prepared the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, City of Norwich is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Norwich Common Council has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council that the City of Norwich adopts the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

Discussion: The Common Council asked for clarification on this subject and EMO A Jones gave background information on the plan. Since the early 2000's, FEMA created and established a rule that if a municipality wanted to apply for Federal mitigation funds you have to have an approved mitigation plan. One type of program is whatever the total dollar amount of a "disaster" is declared, an additional 10% is set aside for mitigation. In 2007, the County took the lead and hired a consultant, TetraTech, EM Inc. and developed a County Mitigation Plan. The County has a plan and each municipality is given the option to write their own section of that plan. All 21 towns, 7 villages and the City have done so. The current plan expired in 2013. Plans are good for five years and then must be updated. There are some changes that

need to be made to the plan, but he expects no problem with approval. A Jones stated he would get the Council a copy of the draft for them to look over.

Ald. Doliver **moved** to table Resolution #18 – 2016. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein ayes all, 4 – 0.

RESOLUTION #19 - 2016

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION(S) TO FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS FOR PLAYGROUND APPARATUS AT BRUCHHAUSEN PARK

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich is committed to maintaining and improving the City park system and park amenities; and

WHEREAS, a need has arisen at Bruchhausen Park, located between Division and Hale Streets, to upgrade park playground apparatus for the purpose of improving youth-oriented recreational facilities and to better meet playground equipment architectural standards; and

WHEREAS, the project costs are estimated to be \$27,643 for the purchase and installation of the playground apparatus recommended by the City Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project has been received from the Constitution Pipeline Community Grant Program in the amount of \$13,243 and from the Healthy Kids Running Series in the amount of \$755.28; and

WHEREAS, installation costs are proposed to be minimized through the use of a “community build” using volunteer labor of interested community groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, other local foundations and corporate sponsors may be willing to provide funding support to fill the remaining project budget gap; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is classified as a Type 2 action for the purpose of SEQRA review; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Christine A. Carnrike, as Mayor of the City of Norwich, acting under the advice of the City Attorney, is hereby authorized to submit applications to local foundations and companies for the purpose of seeking funding to purchase playground apparatus for Bruchhausen Park.

Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted, 4 - 0, on a roll call vote.

Discussion: T. Dreyer stated that just over half of the funds have been raised and they would not be moving forward unless 100% of the goal is realized. The labor would be provided by community volunteers with direction provided by the company's installation supervisor. Community builds have been done in Norwich before as well as around the country and are a good way to keep installation costs down. He went on to say that it has been 50 years since new playground equipment has been in that park.

Executive Session

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to enter executive session to discuss the sale, purchase and/or requisition of real property where value may be affected at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Doliver, approved ayes all.

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to exit executive session at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all.