

COMMON COUNCIL
December 5, 2017

Mayor Christine Carnrike presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on December 5, 2017, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Christine Carnrike
Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Ald. David Zieno
Ald. Jennifer Morris

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk Dee DuFour
Director of Human Resources Deborah DeForest
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Police Chief Rodney Marsh
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
EMO A Jones
Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall Jason Lawrence

Media Representative: Grady Thompson

Absent

Supervisor James McNeil
Supervisor Robert Jeffrey

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Carnrike at 6:05 p.m.

Presentation by Donna Olsen – Little Mews Cat Rescue - This item will be rescheduled due to the presenter not being available.

D. DuFour distributed a revised 2018 Tentative Budget with the only changes being the reduction of P.I.L.O.T. Revenue and the Health Insurance Expense by \$23,065 and the removal of funds from the Personal Services line of each department and placed in Contingency, neither of which affected the “bottom line” of the previous 2018 tentative budget. Mayor Carnrike remarked that the Council had discussed where to put particular funds affecting the Personal Services line back on October 3, 2017 and found that a request by one person at this late date that the funds should be moved was not necessary. However, she did direct the Finance Director to make the changes to avoid prolonging the budget discussion.

Public Hearing – Tentative 2017 Budget

Mayor Carnrike opened a public hearing at 6:10 p.m. to hear comments relative to the tentative 2018 budget. There being no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION#99-2017 ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, a tentative fiscal year 2018 General Fund budget in the amount of \$8,393,977 was received by the Common Council on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budget was held on December 5, 2017; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Budget for the City of Norwich in the amount of \$8,393,977, as received on November 30, 2017, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #100 -2017

**ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2018 SPECIAL GRANTS FUND AND DEBT
SERVICE FUND BUDGETS**

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

WHEREAS, tentative fiscal year 2018 budgets for the Special Grants Fund in the amount of \$159,161 and the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$915,543 were received by the Common Council on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budgets was held on December 5, 2017; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2018 Special Grants Fund Budget for the City of Norwich as received by the Common Council on December 5, 2017, in the amount of \$159,161, be and hereby is adopted; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2018 Debt Service Fund Budget for the City of Norwich as received by the Common Council on November 30, 2017, in the amount of \$915,543, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #101 -2017

**ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2018 WASTEWATER FUND
BUDGET**

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

WHEREAS, a tentative fiscal year 2018 Wastewater Fund budget in the amount of \$1,230,143 was received by the Common Council on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budget was held on December 5, 2017; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2018 Wastewater Fund Budget for the City of Norwich in the amount of \$1,230,143, as received on November 30, 2017, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #102-2017

ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2018 WATER FUND BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, a tentative fiscal year 2018 Water Fund budget in the amount of \$1,524,012 was received by the Common Council on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budget was held on December 5, 2017; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2018 Water Fund Budget for the City of Norwich in the amount of \$1,524,012, as received on November 30, 2017, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #103-2017

**AMENDING WATER RATES – TOWN OF NORWICH
EFFECTIVE WITH APRIL 1, 2018 BILLINGS**

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

WHEREAS, the City has contracts for supplying water with the Town of Norwich (the “Town”) which provide that related costs shall be allocated to the Town in a water rate schedule determined by the City each year; and

RESOLVED, that the following rate schedule for billing of water provided to the Town by the City be and hereby is approved, and shall take effect with billings commencing April 1, 2018.

NORWICH WATER SYSTEM							
ADOPTED WATER RATES FOR TOWN OF NORWICH							
FOR 2018 BUDGET YEAR							
(Effective in Billings Starting April 1, 2018)							
				Present	Adopted	Amount of	Percentage
				(2017)	(2018)	Increase:	Increase
						\$ / cu. ft.	
<u>WATER USE QUARTERLY RATES:</u>							
Minimum Charge up to 1,000 cubic feet:				\$ 79.74	\$ 82.93	\$3.19	4.00%
Charge per 100 cu. ft. for Additional Usage Over 1,000 cubic feet:							
Additional 1,000 to 13,000 cubic feet:				6.86	\$ 7.13	0.27	3.94%
Additional 13,000 to 50,000 cubic feet:				7.10	\$ 7.38	0.28	3.94%
Additional 50,000 (and over) cubic feet:				7.30	\$ 7.59	0.29	3.97%

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

RESOLUTION #104 -2017 AMENDING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER USE RATES IN THE CITY OF NORWICH

Ald. Schermerhorn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Chapter 542 of the Code of the City of Norwich states that the Common Council shall set water and sewer use rates as deemed necessary for the City of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed water and sewer use rates in the City of Norwich on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 5, 2017, in connection with the 2018 Budget, including said proposed water and sewer use rates; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the water and sewer use rates in the City of Norwich, as presented to the Common Council on November 30, 2017, be and hereby are set as follows:

**NORWICH WATER SYSTEM
RATE CHANGES
FOR 2018 BUDGET
(Effective January 1, 2018 & Reflected in Billings Starting April 1, 2018)**

<u>WATER USE QUARTERLY RATES:</u>	Present (2017)	(2018)
Minimum Charge up to 1,000 cubic feet:	\$ 66.80	\$ 66.80

Charge per 100 cu. ft. for Additional Usage Over 1,000 cubic feet:
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Additional 1,000 to 13,000 cubic feet:	5.81	5.81
Additional 13,000 to 50,000 cubic feet:	6.11	6.11
Additional 50,000 (and over) cubic feet:	6.41	6.41

SEWER USE QUARTERLY RATE:

Charge per 100 cu. ft. of total Water Use:	\$ 3.97	\$ 4.13
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Fire Service

1 ½ inch service	60.00	60.00
6 inch service	110.00	110.00
8 inch service	190.00	190.00
12 inch service	220.00	220.00

Hydrant Charge

Per Each Hydrant	55.00	55.00
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Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted, 6 - 0, on a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Caldwell, approved ayes all.