

COMMON COUNCIL

March 19, 2019

Mayor Christine Carnrike presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 6:30 PM on March 19, 2019, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Christine Carnrike
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Linda Kays-Biviano
Ald. David Zieno
Ald. Robert D. Jeffrey

Also:

DPW Superintendent Edward Pepe
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Fire Chief Jan Papelino
Police Chief Rodney Marsh
EMO A Jones
City Attorney Steve Natoli
Deputy City Clerk Agnes Eaton

Absent

Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Supervisor Robert M. Jeffrey
Supervisor James McNeil

Media Representative: Grady Thompson

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Carnrike at 6:35 p.m.

On behalf of the entire City of Norwich, Mayor Carnrike extended deepest sympathies to Sgt. Timothy Annesi Jr.'s family and the Police Department at Sgt. Annesi's unexpected death. City Hall and Code Enforcement will be closed on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11a.m. to enable employees to attend the funeral services as well as any other City employee wishing to attend.

Proclamation

Mayor Carnrike made the following Proclamation and made a presentation to the owner of the Artist's Palette and Creative Network, Inc. Program Facilitator Jill Kraft and Creative Network, Inc. Program Coordinator Rachel Ballin:

Proclamation Week Of The Young Child

WHEREAS, Creative Works, Inc., The Place and several local organizations and schools, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child April 8-12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, these community organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, which are crucial to the growth and development of young children, and to building better futures for children in Norwich and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, programs of all areas and public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures; and

WHEREAS, all young children and their families across the county and in Norwich deserve access to high-quality early education, care and resources; and

WHEREAS, teachers, coaches, instructors and all others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Norwich deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, on the 6th of April 2019, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, a special event will be sponsored by Creative Works, Inc., and The Place at The Artist's Palette in Norwich to bring together local organizations to provide a free, family friendly event to help kick off the Week of the Young Child in an effort to promote all of the resources available to children and families in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine A. Carnrike, Mayor of the City of Norwich, New York, do hereby proclaim the week of April 8-12, 2019, as the:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the City of Norwich, and encourage all citizens to work to make an investment in early childhood in our community to help every one of our children be able to grow, learn and thrive to the best of their ability,

Approval of Minutes

Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2018. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly approved ayes all.

Open Forum

No one spoke.

Correspondence

Rolling Antiquers Annual Car Show – Ald. Jeffrey **moved** to approve a request from the Rolling Antiquers 54th Annual Car Show for Police, Fire Police and EMS assistance held at the Chenango County Fairgrounds on Memorial Day weekend, May 25 and 26, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Doliver, approved ayes all.

Colorscape 2019 – Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve a request from Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival for restricted parking and road closures on September 6, 7, and 8, 2019. Road closures include East and West Park Place; West Main St. from Court St. to Elm St.; Court St. from south of the library drive to West Main St.; and NO PARKING on North Broad St. between East and West Parks. Special Event designation is also requested. Seconded by Ald. Doliver, approved ayes all.

Dairy Day Parade - Ald. Zieno **moved** to approve the request from the Chenango County Dairy Day Committee for Police assistance and road closures during their annual parade and celebration with 5K race on Saturday, June 15, 2019. The 5K Milk Run beginning at 9:00 a.m. will proceed from the Fairgrounds to County Route 32 South, onto Hale St. to Route 12, South Broad, East Main St., finishing at the Fairgrounds with runners on the right-hand side of the roads. The closure of East Main St. from the Fairgrounds infield gate to County Route 32 at 8:55 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. for the beginning of the race. In addition, the parade will line up in the Achieve parking lot and travel on Midland Drive to Maydole St. to the back fairgrounds gate. The use of both sides of the street are requested along with NO PARKING signs the morning of the parade. Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey, approved ayes all.

25th Annual Parade of Lights – Ald. Doliver **moved** to approve the request from the Parade of Lights Coordinator for Route 12 road closures and barricades from Division St. to Fair St. on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Line-up will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a 6:16 p.m. start. Fire Police and Parade Marshals will be assigned to all line-up entrances and cross streets. Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey, approved ayes all.

Dollars for Scholars Bottle Drive - Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to approve the request from Dollars for Scholars for use of the Firehouse on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon for a bottle drive. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Run Chenango Bottle Drive - Ald. Zieno **moved** to approve the request from Run Chenango for use of the Firehouse on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon for a bottle drive. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Valley Heights Christian Academy Walk-a-Thon and 5K Race - Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to approve the request from Valley Heights Christian Academy for a Police escort and intersection blockades at its 17th Annual Walk-a-Thon on May 18, 2019 as they march in parade formation from Tops parking lot to the Fairgrounds. A new addition this year is a 5K race starting from Tops parking lot at 10:00 a.m. which will be followed by the parade. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all.

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Civil Service Minutes – November 2018, January 2019
- ◆ Fire Department Activity – February 2019

Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to receive and file the department, board, and commission reports. Seconded by Ald. Doliver, approved ayes all.

Ward Reports

Ward 2

Ald. Doliver reported no communications.

Ward 3

Ald. Deierlein reported no communications.

Ward 4

Ald. Kays-Biviano reported no communications.

Ward 5

Ald. Zieno reported some communications which have been referred to the proper department and are resolved.

Ward 6

Ald. Jeffrey reported some communications which have been referred to the proper department. He also received communications asking about Economic Development in the City.

Mayor Carnrike reported communications regarding road conditions.

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

Motions

- ◆ **Receive Proposed Ordinance – Chapter 153 Animals** Ald. Jeffrey **moved** to receive Proposed Ordinance No. (B) of 2019 and set a public hearing for April 2, 2019. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. (B) OF 2019

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich, New York, that Chapter 153, Animals, be amended as follows:

Article IV Animal Nuisance

§ 153-29 Animal Waste and Other Disturbances:

A. No person shall dispense, feed, or otherwise make available to any species of wildlife or cats, either on such person's property or on the property of another or of the City, any type or amount of food in a manner that:

1. Creates an unclean, unsafe, or unsanitary condition

2. Results in the accumulation of feces
3. Attracts other wildlife, vermin or pests

B. Penalties:

Violation of this provision with this ordinance requires a minimum fine of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense, \$200.00 for the third and subsequent offense within a year of previous violations. Each offense is given one week duration to correct. If violations do not cease once penalties reach \$1,000.00, a court appearance ticket may be issued. Penalties not paid shall be added to the owner's property tax bill for collection.

New Material is underlined.

- ◆ **2019 Paving Bid Preparation** – Ald. Doliver **moved** to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Delaware Engineering for the preparation of the 2019 Paving Schedule not to exceed \$1,500. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all. Discussion ensued as to whether this could be done in-house in future years.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #11 - 2019

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, vacancies exist in the Norwich Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has made a recommendation to appoint Tristan Rifanburg of Norwich, New York and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has concurred with the recommendation, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Tristan Rifanburg of Norwich, NY, be and hereby is granted a permanent appointment as a Police Officer in the City of Norwich Police Department effective March 20, 2019; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment is contingent upon successfully passing the required medical and psychological examinations, background check and any action necessary from the Norwich Civil Service Commission.

Seconded by Ald. Doliver and duly adopted, 5 - 0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #12 - 2019

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Ald. Kays-Biviano introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, a need to replace a Police Department patrol car has been realized; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists to replace such vehicle with a 2020 Ford Utility/SUV at the approved State contract bid for \$34,922.56, lettering \$275.00, and outfitting installation \$11,761.53; and

WHEREAS, funds were included in the Capital Reserves Budget to support the equipment budget line in the Police Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a patrol car at a total combined cost not to exceed \$46,959.11 is hereby 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 2019 General Fund Budget:

<u>From:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR21-9950.9	Capital Reserves - Police Equipment	\$46,959.11
 <u>To:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A3120.2100	Police – Equipment	\$46,959.11

Seconded by Jeffrey, and duly adopted, 5 - 0, on a roll call vote.

Payment of March 2019 Bills

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to pay the March 2019 bills after proper audit and certification.

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>3/20/2019</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$595,343.05	\$49,685.82	\$645,028.87
Sewer Fund	\$20,045.54	\$9,227.36	\$29,272.90
Water Fund	\$17,400.83	\$4,911.75	\$22,312.58
Trust	\$28,090.91		\$28,090.91
BID	\$47,079.48	-	\$47,079.48
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants	\$137.41	-	\$137.41
Capital Projects	\$175,898.79		\$175,898.79
TOTALS	\$883,996.01	\$63,824.93	\$947,820.94

Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey and duly adopted 5-0.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, approved ayes all.