

COMMON COUNCIL

Special Meeting
September 10, 2019

Mayor Christine Carnrike presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:30 PM on September 10, 2019, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Christine Carnrike
Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. Linda Kays-Biviano
Ald. David Zieno arrived at 6:31
Ald. Robert D. Jeffrey

Also:

Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Deputy City Clerk Agnes Eaton
City Attorney Steve Natoli

Media Representative: none

Absent

Ald. Bryan McCracken
Supervisor Robert M. Jeffrey
Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Carnrike at 6:31 p.m.

Correspondence

Witching Good Time – Ald. Caldwell **moved** to receive and approve a request from Rita's Tavern to lift the applicable open container law, namely §136-3 of Chapter 136 of the Norwich City Code, thereby granting permission for Rita's to provide beer and wine during the Witching Good Time event on October 5, 2019 beginning at 12 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, approved ayes all. R. Mason stated this event is replacing the Earth Day fundraising event that Rita's does to benefit the Youth Bureau. Discussion before the vote included the alcohol being served and consumed in a roped off area as well as the requested street closure on Lackawanna from the East side of Lackawanna to the West side just before the Orthodontist's parking lot. Music outside will conclude no later than 9:30 p.m. and the bar will close at their normal time of 3:00 a.m. It was suggested to limit lifting the open container law to no later than midnight.

Ald. Jeffrey updated the Council on a call received from Danielle Besso from the NYS DOT about the crosswalk project. The DOT left Norwich with half the work completed and went to Cobleskill with no timeline as to the completion of the remainder of the project. He spoke with Assemblyman Crouch who requested Ald. Jeffrey send all the information to his office, who would in turn reach out to the Chief Region 9 Coordinator to see what he could do to finish the remaining 3 crosswalks.

Further discussion included the fact that the lights are not working on the Beebe Ave. crosswalk, complaints received about the cement work, bags of cement left at the site, and torn-up turf. A press release should be done to remind pedestrians to push the button to cross in order to activate the lights. Mayor Carnrike said the original completion was to have been done by Memorial Day.

Adjournment

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, approved ayes all.