

COMMON COUNCIL

Special Meeting
AGENDA
August 4, 2020
6:30 PM

Please be aware that **everyone must wear a mask into the building**. Chairs will be spaced 6' apart and attendance for the public will be capped at seven to comply with social distancing and capacity guidelines. **It is strongly suggested that members of the public who are planning on attending call 607-334-1201 by 5:00 p.m. or by email at aeaton@norwichnewyork.net the day of the meeting to help determine if capacity will be reached.** Once capacity is reached, you will not be allowed entrance. You will need to sign in and give contact information for contact tracing purposes if it becomes necessary to reach you. Hand sanitizer will be available at the door. You are encouraged to view the meeting via the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NorwichNewYork/>

Call To Order

Motions

- ◆ Amending Resolution #33-2020 Reporting for the NYSLRS

Resolutions

- ◆ Designating Preferred Purchaser of City-Owned Property at 52 Sheldon St.
- ◆ Designating Preferred Purchaser of City-Owned Property at 83 South Broad St.
- ◆ Appointment of Firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department
- ◆ Appointment of Firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department
- ◆ Awarding Bid for the Demolition and Removal of Structure (Mitchell St.)

Executive Session – To Discuss the Employment History of a Particular Individual

Adjournment

Motion

Ald. _____ **moved** to amend Resolution #33-2020 to reflect the amended figures for the Standard Work Day shown below. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

RESOLUTION #33 - 2020 REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires a resolution to establish a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for certain elected and appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees have made certain recommendations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich/20037 hereby establishes the following standard workdays for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Title	Name	Registration #	Standard Work Day	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in an Employer Time Keeping System
Elected Officials					
Alderman	Brian Doliver		4.20 ROA 9.11	01/01/2018- 12/31/2021	Yes
Alderman	Robert D. Jeffrey		3.60 ROA 3.89	01/01/2018- 12/31/2021	Yes
Appointed Officials					
City Attorney	Steven G. Natoli		2.18 ROA 2.36	01/01/2018- 12/31/2020	Yes

Seconded by Ald. Zieno, and duly adopted, 4 - 0, on a roll call vote with Ald. Jeffrey abstaining.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2020 DESIGNATING "PREFERRED PURCHASER" OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 52 SHELDON STREET

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 52 Sheldon Street through property tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is considered by the Common Council to be surplus and its continued ownership by the City unnecessary to a useful public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposals for the purchase of the property, and considers the proposal from Michael Stroh of Norwich, NY to be an acceptable offer based on the purchase amount offered, the significant investments to be made in the property's rehabilitation, and the proposed use of the property; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates Michael Stroh of Norwich, NY as the "preferred purchaser" of the City-owned property at 52 Sheldon 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 52 Sheldon Street to Michael Stroh for the aforesaid purpose.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2020

**DESIGNATING “PREFERRED PURCHASER” OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY
AT 83 SOUTH BROAD STREET**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 83 South Broad Street through property tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is considered by the Common Council to be surplus and its continued ownership by the City unnecessary to a useful public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposals for the purchase of the property, and considers the proposal from Bryan and Whitney McCracken of Norwich, NY to be an acceptable offer based on the purchase amount offered, the significant investments to be made in the property’s rehabilitation, and the proposed use of the property; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates Bryan and Whitney McCracken of Norwich, NY as the “preferred purchaser” of the City-owned property at 83 South Broad 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 83 South Broad Street to Bryan and Whitney McCracken for the aforesaid purpose.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2020

APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE NORWICH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended the appointment of Blake Parry of Sherburne, NY, to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Blake Parry of Sherburne, NY, be and hereby is granted a provisional appointment as firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department as the rate of \$43,177.40 until, effective August 8, 2020, contingent upon successfully passing the required medical and psychological examinations and any action necessary from the Norwich Civil Service Commission; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that after 229 Certification, the pay rate will be \$46,177.40.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2020

APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE NORWICH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended the appointment of Cody Beckwith of Norwich, NY, to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Cody Beckwith of Norwich, NY, be and hereby is granted a provisional appointment as firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department as the rate of \$43,177.40, effective August 5, 2020, contingent upon successfully passing the required medical and psychological examinations and any action necessary from the Norwich Civil Service Commission; and further be it

RESOLVED, that after 229 Certification, the pay rate will be \$46,177.40.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # -2020

**AWARDING BID – DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE
(MITCHELL ST.)**

Ald. _____ introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a bid for the demolition and removal of the structure known as Mitchell St. and encompasses properties with Tax ID # 136.41-1-17 - 31 Mitchell Street; Tax ID# 136.41-1-16 - 33 Mitchell Street; Tax ID# 136.41-1-15 - 1 State Street; Tax ID# 136.41-1-14 - 1A State Street; Tax ID# 136.41-1-13 - 3 State Street has been received and was opened on July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief and Joint Committees have made certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the current bid for the demolition and removal of the structure; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for the demolition and removal of structure be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, Gorrick Construction Co. of Binghamton, NY, in the base bid amount of \$83,388.

Seconded by Ald. _____, and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.