COMMON COUNCIL

July 21, 2020

Mayor Shawn Sastri presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 6:30 PM on July 21, 2020, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:
Mayor Shawn Sastri
Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. Linda Kays-Biviano arrived 6:35 p.m.
Ald. David Zieno
Ald. Robert D. Jeffrey

Supervisor Robert M. Jeffrey

Also:
Director of Finance/City Clerk Dee DuFour
Director of Human Resources Lynn Murray
DPW Superintendent Edward Pepe
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Fire Chief Jan Papelino
Police Chief Rodney Marsh
City Attorney Steve Natoli
Deputy City Clerk Agnes Eaton

Media Representative: none

Absent
Ald. Nancy Allaire
Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order
The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Sastri at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Ald. Caldwell **moved** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 2nd and the regular meeting of June 16, 2020. Seconded by Ald. Zieno and duly approved ayes all.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance No. (B) of 2020– Amending Zoning Ordinance on Birdsall St. and Midland Dr. – Mayor Sastri declared the Public Hearing Open at 6:33 p.m.

Robert D. Jeffrey, 15 York St., thought it was "fantastic" that the Barnes brothers are making an investment in that area of the City and is supportive of their plans. With many businesses suffering due to the pandemic, he commended them for the establishment of a drive-in theatre and pushing forward with this project as well.

Christine Carnrike, 29 Jones Ave., stated that through Planning minutes and conversations with Planning members, their issue was for the mixed use. She felt a short assessment form should have been done, although she felt the assessment would not have impacted negatively. A process is in place and should be followed. She felt the project will be an improvement to the area and wished the project well.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Sastri closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Open Forum
Roland Guinn, 135 East Main St., reported that there is a barking dog problem on East Main St. He has called the Police Department on numerous occasions and they have taken care of it each time. He felt the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 357), should be reviewed to add "teeth" to the Ordinance. He also said that the corner of Park St. and East Main St. has overgrown shrubbery which should be cut as it is obstructing the view of traffic, making it prone to an accident. Ald. Zieno thought that after sufficient warning, the Penalties for continued offenses should be enforced.

Christine Carnrike, 29 Jones Ave., stated that after 7 months of the new Administration, she still receives phone calls which she forwards to the proper party. Ms. Carnrike referenced the Resolution on the agenda regarding banking signatories, saying it was unusual to have the 2 signatories from the same department, as that does not provide for a system of checks and balances. Signatories should be from different departments such as the Director of Finance and the Mayor, or the Director of Finance and the President of the Council or designated representative. She also asked when City Hall would be reopening to the public. Other essential businesses are operating following the proper protocol. She felt it unusual to have little comment from the City and the County. She went on to say she was pleased that the City has received grant awards through the efforts of the Grants Coordinator who has done a great job in such a short time.

Mike Fradenburg, 53 Locust St., addressed the Council regarding the creation of pickleball courts. He and other pickleball players had spoken to the contractor who was adding lines to the newly refinished tennis court and inquired if lines for pickleball could be done. He explained that the size of court and height of net for tennis is not conducive to playing pickleball. As the sport is growing and currently there are 60 people that play, they are asking for dedicated courts for pickleball. He stated that they are asking for consideration of the Southeast corner [of the Weiler Park Tennis Courts] for a pickleball. One tennis court can accommodate two pickleball courts. He would like at least one tennis court converted, although other players would like to see two courts converted, giving them four pickleball courts.

Jeff Conklin, 68 Borden Ave., stated that their group was started 3 months ago and currently there are 40 people in the group. He presented a drawing to the Council to illustrate the difference between a tennis and pickleball court and explained further the differences in play. He would like to see 4 dedicated pickleball courts at Weiler Park.

Karol Kucinski addressed the Council regarding the City Historian position, saying it had been six months since the Evening Sun wrote an article. He would like to see what can be done to move forward. Being realistic, this may be not the best time to expand on positions but felt there are inexpensive ways to move forward.

Correspondence

Curb Cut at Midland Dr. and Griffin St. – Ald. Jeffrey **moved** to approve the curb cut request from Achieve for Midland Dr. and Griffin St. Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, approved ayes all.

Council Appointment – Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to approve the following Council appointment. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all.

Traffic Commission

- *Fred Gee, 111 Pleasant St., to fill the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2020.*

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- Police Department Reports - January, February, March, April, May, June and the 2019 Annual Police Report
- Civil Service Minutes – January and February
- Planning Commission Minutes – June
- Finance Department – June
- Fire Department Report - June

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

Ward Reports

Ward 1

Ald. Caldwell reported many communications which were forwarded to the proper departments. He also received feedback on some of the resolutions on tonight's agenda and will keep that in mind when voting.

Ward 2

Ald. Doliver reported many communications from residents of Guernsey St. who were excited to see the demolition and removal of the home destroyed by fire. He also reported another fire on Henry St. and commended the Fire Department for saving what they could.

Ward 4

Ald. Kays-Biviano reported feedback from a resident of Locust St. who appreciated the added STOP signs. She also received reports of Silver St. being a raceway and STOP signs being disregarded. She also had communications regarding a garbage issue which had been referred to Codes.

Ward 5

Ald. Zieno reported communications regarding speeding on Mitchell St. which was referred to the Police Department. He had conversations hoping that perhaps Police patrols could be stepped up once it is back to full-staff. He and Supervisor Jeffrey had gone to the Rexford St. bridge after he received a report of homeless persons living under the Rexford St. bridge, however they were unable to locate anyone. They notified the Police Department who also found no one.

Ward 6

Ald. Jeffrey reported complaints that were forwarded to the appropriate departments, including a sign issue at the corner of Rowley Ave. and Birdsall St. He also received feedback that the tear-down of the property on Mitchell St. should not be done with City funds, as it was caused by neglect of the previous owner. He hoped that going forward the City can take steps to prevent neglect of a property and have the owner walk away from it, leaving the City with the expense.

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

Ald. Caldwell referenced the Joint Committee meeting where they voted to send a bill to NYSEG for the fire at Guernsey St. and question whether a bill could be sent to the previous owner of the property on Mitchell St. for the demolition and removal.

Motions

- **Correct the minutes of February 18, 2020** - Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to correct the minutes of February 18, 2020 to reflect the change of years in Resolution #9 – 2020 from 2020-2023 to 2019-2023 as shown below. Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey, approved ayes all.

RESOLUTION #9 - 2020 **AUTHORIZING AUDIT ENGAGEMENT OF CWYNAR AND COMPANY FOR AUDIT OF TO ~~2020~~ *2019*- 2023 FISCAL YEARS**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich desires to retain the professional services of a local audit firm to perform a single audit for fiscal years ~~2020~~ *2019* - 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety/Public Works and Finance/Personnel Committees have been informed of the scope of audit work to be performed, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement with Cwynar & Company of Norwich, NY, for performing single audit services for the fiscal years ~~2020~~ *2019* – 2023 at a cost of *$28,125*, $28,881, $29,662, $30,467 and $31,297, respectively.

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

(Correction in italics)

- **Sending NYSEG Invoice for Costs Associated With 37 Guernsey Street Fire** – Ald. Caldwell **moved** to send a $33,700 bill to NYSEG for expenses incurred by the City for demolition and removal of the property of 37 Guernsey St. due to a fire. Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, approved, ayes all.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #32 - 2020 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE WATER FILTRATION PLANT PROJECT FOR COSTS RELATED TO NET INTEREST

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

WHEREAS, the Water Filtration Plant project needs the following transfer of funds for reimbursement of funds to the City for net interest from the BAN's that were obtained for financing for the project; and

WHEREAS, the USDA-RD will be reimbursing the City with grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Water Filtration Plant project is now completed and will be closed out; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer of funds in the 2020 Budget to cover costs related to Net Interest for the Water Filtration Plant Project:

From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
H38-01-8330-4020C1	Construction – Water System Improvements	$ 49,734.01
H38-01-8330-4020A1	Legal	$ 4,566.53
H38-01-8330-4020A5	Bookkeeping & Reporting	$ 20,000.00
H38-01-8330-4020A6	Single Audits	$ 5,000.00
H38-01-8330-4020A7	Miscellaneous	$ 4,643.14
H38-01-8330-4020P3	Pilot Studies – City Subs & Direct Costs	$ 1,303.07
H38-01-8330-19904	Contingency	$ 50,171.87

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
H38-01-8330.4020A3	Net Interest	$135,418.62

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

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	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	Yes
Alderman	Robert D. Jeffrey		3.60 ROA	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	Yes
Appointed Officials					
City Attorney	Steven G. Natoli		2.18 ROA	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.

RESOLUTION #34 - 2020 AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS WITH COMMUNITY BANK

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich ("City") maintains several accounts with Community Bank, N. A. through its Norwich, New York ("Bank") as a designated official depository of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City effective April 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, in addition to the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour the City requires an additional authorized signature for the City's related transactions with the Bank that require two (2) authorized signatures; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective July 22nd, 2020, Deputy Director of Finance, Christa S. Mirabito be and hereby is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City.

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions and any other actions designating authorized signatures for such transactions by the City with the Bank.

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

RESOLUTION #35 - 2020 AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS WITH KEY BANK

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich ("City") maintains several accounts with Key Bank National Association, through its Baldwinsville, New York ("Bank") as a designated official depository of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City effective April 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, in addition to the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour the City requires an additional authorized signature for the City's related transactions with the Bank that require two (2) authorized signatures; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective July 22nd, 2020, Deputy Director of Finance, Christa S. Mirabito be and hereby is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City.

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions and any other actions designating authorized signatures for such transactions by the City with the Bank.

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

RESOLUTION #36- 2020 AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS WITH M&T BANK

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich ("City") maintains several accounts with M&T Bank, through its Norwich, New York ("Bank") as a designated official depository of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City effective April 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, in addition to the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour the City requires an additional authorized signature for the City's related transactions with the Bank that require two (2) authorized signatures; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective July 22nd, 2020, Deputy Director of Finance, Christa S. Mirabito be and hereby is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City.

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions and any other actions designating authorized signatures for such transactions by the City with the Bank.

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

RESOLUTION #37 - 2020 AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS WITH NBT BANK, N.A.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich ("City") maintains several accounts with NBT Bank, N.A. of Norwich, New York ("Bank") as a designated official depository of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City effective April 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, in addition to the Director of Finance, Deana (Dee) D. DuFour the City requires an additional authorized signature for the City's related transactions with the Bank that require two (2) authorized signatures; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective July 22nd, 2020, Deputy Director of Finance, Christa S. Mirabito be and hereby is authorized to open depository and disbursement accounts, sign and endorse checks and orders for payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds or enter into and execute Funds Transfer and/or ACH agreements with the Bank on behalf of the City.

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions and any other actions designating authorized signatures for such transactions by the City with the Bank.

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

<u>RESOLUTION #38 - 2020</u> **ADOPTING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. (B) OF 2020 - AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE**

Ald. Caldwell introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Ordinance No. (B) of 2020 on July 14, 2020, to amend the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 21, 2020, in connection with said proposed ordinance now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. (B) of 2020 to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as presented to the Common Council on July 14, 2020, be and hereby is adopted, and is hereby designated as Ordinance No. 2 of 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 2
OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP
OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Norwich Zoning Ordinance Map is hereby amended to reclassify the following properties known as 103 Birdsall Street, 110 Birdsall Street, 112 Birdsall Street, 113 Birdsall Street, and 100 Midland Drive from IN zone to R-2 zone and 115 Birdsall Street from B-2 zone to R-2 zone.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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

<u>RESOLUTION #39 - 2020</u> **AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, Ambulance 2393 has reached the end of its useful life and is need of repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has made the recommendation to proceed with the purchase of a 2020 Demers Type 1 F450 ambulance that was included in the 2020 Budget; and

WHEREAS, a quote has been received by the City of Norwich Fire Department by North Eastern Rescue Vehicles, Inc. in Syracuse, New York for $215,500; and

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

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a 2020 Demers Type 1 F450 ambulance through North Eastern Rescue Vehicles, Inc. in Syracuse, New York for $215,500 is authorized; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer of funds into the 2020 General Fund Budget:

From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
HR22-878	Capital Reserves - Fire Equipment	$215,500.00

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A3410.2100	Fire Department – Equipment	$215,500.00

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

Discussion before the vote: Ald. Caldwell received many calls, some for the purchase, some against it. He felt that the 13-year old ambulance needs to be replaced and felt the purchase is a wise investment for the City. J. Papelino said that they have applied for a grant from FEMA, but with COVID there is no telling what will happen.

RESOLUTION #40 - 2020 **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR YOUTH BUREAU ACTIVITIES**

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

WHEREAS, Summer Youth Playgrounds and Recreation Programs have been curtailed due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau Director would like to provide alternate activities; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from not hiring Summer staff for the cancelled Summer programs; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau Director has made certain recommendations for a transfer of funds to pay for the alternate activities; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer of funds in the 2020 General Fund Budget:

From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A7140.1010	Personal Services	$25,000

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A7140.4020	Materials & Supplies	$12,500
A7140.4060	Contracted Services	$12,500

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

Ald. Zieno and Ald. Jeffrey thanked the Youth Bureau Director for coming up with alternate programs in this very difficult time.

RESOLUTION #41 - 2020 **AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (RMS) AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an upgrade and replacement of Police Records Management System (RMS) is needed to be in compliance with New York State mandates; and

WHEREAS, various proposals have been evaluated, and the Chief of Police has made certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Cushing Systems, Inc. from Cushing Maine has quoted a price of $44,084.20; and

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

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a Records Management System from Cushing Systems, Inc. of Cushing, Maine, at a cost of $44,084.20 be and hereby is 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 2020 General Fund Budget in the amounts indicated:

General Fund:
From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A7140.1010	Youth Bureau -Personal Services	$15,000.00
A1990.4	Contingency	25,704.20

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A3120.2100	Police – Equipment	$ 40,704.20

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

RESOLUTION #42 - 2020 **DESIGNATING CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS**

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

WHEREAS, a strip of land measuring 37’ x 175’ located on Gold Street is part of Greenway Park with tax map # 136.34-2-19.1 and is 4.27 acres located on and separated from the strip of land by River Street; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City separate the 37’ x 175’strip of vacant land on Gold Street from Greenway Park; and

WHEREAS, the 37’ x 175’ strip of land on Gold Street 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 Joint Committees have reviewed the above request and made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the 37’ x 175’ section of vacant land of Greenway Park located on Gold Street be separated from Greenway Park; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the 37’ x 175’ section of vacant land on Gold Street be declared surplus.

Seconded by Ald. Doliver, and duly adopted, 4 - 1, on a roll call vote with Ald. Caldwell voting nay.

RESOLUTION #43 - 2020 **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF 37 GUERNSEY STREET**

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

WHEREAS, property located at 37 Guernsey Street was severely damaged in a fire on June 16, 2020 and was deemed a safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation from the Fire Chief was to demolish the structure as soon as possible to mitigate the danger; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council agreed with the recommendation on June 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, expenditures for the demolition and removal are not included in the 2020 Budget and require a transfer of funds; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer of funds in the 2020 General Fund Budget to cover the demolition, air monitoring and removal of the structure at 37 Guernsey Street in the amounts indicated:

General Fund:
From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A9060.8	Health Insurance	$33,700

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A3620.4020	Code Enforcement – Contracted Services	$ 33,700

Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, and duly adopted, 5 - 0, on a roll-call vote, approved ayes all.

RESOLUTION #44 –2020 **AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR TRAINEE**

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Water System Operator Trainee position of the City of Norwich Department of Public Works, and;

WHEREAS, interviews of the candidates were conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee has made certain recommendations to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Brenton Rideout of Bainbridge, NY, be and hereby is granted a provisional appointment to the position of Water System Operator Trainee at the rate of $23.20 effective August 1, 2020, subject to such action as may be necessary by the Norwich Civil Service Commission; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Brenton Rideout is contingent on him meeting the requirements of the job description and receiving all licenses necessary within 18 months from August 1, 2020 and maintaining all licenses through New York State.

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

RESOLUTION #45 - 2020 **DECLARING VEHICLE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL**

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

WHEREAS, Car #17 is obsolete and has have been deemed to be surplus by the Police Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following vehicle, as presented to the Common Council, be and hereby are declared surplus:

2005 Pontiac Grand Prix VIN # 2G2WP522051345921

and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to dispose of such equipment as is provided for by law.

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

Payment of July 2020 Bills

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to pay the July 2020 bills after proper audit and certification.

	Prepaid	7/21/2020	Grand Total
General Fund	$378,642.53	$42,736.10	$421,378.63
Sewer Fund	32,349.47	52,579.37	84,928.84
Water Fund	40,701.73	14,568.70	55,270.43
Trust	28,131.73	-	28,131.73
Debt Service	228,800.96	-	228,800.96
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants	-	-	-
Capital Projects	182,506.00	-	182,506.00
TOTALS	**$891,132.42**	**$109,884.17**	**$1,101,016.59**

Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano and duly adopted 5 - 0.

Executive Session

Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, contract negotiations and the sale of property where price may be affected at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Caldwell, approved ayes all.

Ald. Doliver **moved** to exit executive session at 7:53p.m. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all.

RESOLUTION #46-2020 **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWICH FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1404**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich ("City") and the Norwich Fire Fighters Association, Local 1404 ("Union") are parties to a collective bargaining agreement ("CBA") covering the period January 31, 2018 - December 31, 2022 ("Term"); and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law for modifications to that CBA for the balance of the Term on various subjects; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee has reviewed said memorandum and recommended its adoption to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the memorandum as presented; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign an amended contract between the Norwich Fire Fighters Association and the City of Norwich as outlined in the memorandum of understanding and it shall be effective as of July 22, 2020.

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

Discussion before the vote: Ald. Caldwell said he lost sleep over this and thought very hard on this, as it is an important decision. Ald. Jeffrey said he does not agree with on aspect [30-mile radius], mostly regarding response times. However, this agreement will allow more local candidates being hired as Firefighters and EMTs. Overtime has been a concern, and this may help with that. His concern was if there were a large fire, the 30-mile radius may make a difference in response time. It was noted this agreement would expire December 2022 and be negotiated with the next contract if it is not working the way it is anticipated.

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all.

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to exit executive session at 8:54 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Kays-Biviano, approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Doliver **moved** to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey, approved ayes all.