

COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA

Held at
One Court Plaza
December 15, 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 or to submit comment for Open Forum if not attending in person.** 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Approval of minutes of the special meeting of November 4 and the regular meeting of November 17, 2020

Presentation by Design Connects for Kurt Beyer Park Redesign

2019 Audit Report by Stan Cwynar

Open Forum

Mayor's Remarks

Proclamations

Correspondence

- ◆ Chenango Blues Fest 2021

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Finance Department Report – October and November
- ◆ Community Advisory Board Minutes – November 4, 11, 18 and 25
- ◆ Fire Department Report – November

Ward Reports

Motions

- ◆ Set Public Hearing for January 19, 2021 to hear public comment in relation to Police Reform
- ◆ Vacant Lot Development Proposal

Resolutions

- ◆ Authorizing City/County Tax Levy for 2021
- ◆ Change in Winter No Parking
- ◆ Authorizing Transfer for RBC Repairs

Payment of December 2020 Bills

Executive Session – To discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

Adjournment

Correspondence

Chenango Blues Fest 2021 - Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from the Chenango Blues Association for special event designation for the free Concert Series every Thursday in July and August 2021 with the road closure of East Park Place during the event is also requested. In addition, they are asking for special event designation for Saturday, September 18, 2021 for an event in cooperation with BID and the first Saturday in the Park farmers market day. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Motions

- ◆ Set Public Hearing – Ald. _____ **moved** to set a Public Hearing for January 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to hear public comment in relation to Police Reform. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.
- ◆ Vacant Lot Development Proposal – Possible motion to approve the proposal.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2020 AUTHORIZING CITY/COUNTY TAX LEVY FOR 2021

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

WHEREAS, the taxes to be levied by Chenango County for collection by the City of Norwich during 2020 total \$2,627,654.54; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Norwich for the year 2021 has been duly adopted and the amount to be raised by taxes is \$3,373,971 and the amount of special assessments and other items total \$51,890.23, for a total City levy of \$3,425,861.23, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said taxes totaling \$6,053,515.77 are hereby levied against the real property of the City of Norwich. The Director of Finance is hereby directed to extend said tax against the property listed in the assessment roll of the City of Norwich. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and issue to the Director of Finance the tax warrant for the collection of the above-mentioned taxes.

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

RESOLUTION # - 2020 CHANGE IN WINTER NO PARKING

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

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission had recommended a change in time for winter overnight parking; and

WHEREAS, the change was adopted on August 18, 2020 by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission has recommended a clarification in the wording; and

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

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk update the City Code Chapter 525-54 of the Vehicle and Traffic code as follows:

Section 525-54. No Parking.

- A. No parking on any city street from 12:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. effective December 1 to April 1. (8/18/20)
- B. No parking on any city street from 12:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. effective April 2 to November 30 when 2 inches or more of snow or any ice accumulation is predicted by the Binghamton National Weather Service. (10/18/16) (8/18/20)
- C. No parking within thirty (30) feet of a stop sign.
- D. No parking within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- E. No parking for a distance of fifty (50) feet from all street intersections within the City of Norwich.

F. Specific streets:

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

RESOLUTION # -2020

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR RBC REPAIRS

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

WHEREAS, RBC 1 needs repairs to the drive shaft and bearing costing \$24,000; and

WHEREAS, RBC 13 needs repairs to the bearing costing \$11,500; and

WHEREAS, a transfer from Capital Reserves is required to pay for the repairs totaling \$35,500; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees have made certain recommendations; 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:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR42	Sewer Reserves – Equipment	\$35,500

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G8130.4040	Wastewater Treatment - Repairs and Maintenance	\$35,500

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

Payment of December 2020 Bills

Ald. _____ **moved** to pay the December 2020 bills after proper audit and certification.

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>12/15/2020</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$128,257.86	\$441,220.19	\$569,478.05
Sewer Fund	35,342.89	7,094.33	42,437.22
Water Fund	12,443.98	5,498.34	17,942.32
Trust	29,938.07	-	29,938.07
Capital Projects	62,850.00	-	62,850.00
TOTALS	\$268,832.80	\$453,812.86	\$722,645.66

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted _____.