

Organizational Meeting

January 3, 2022

Mayor Brian Doliver presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 6:30 PM on January 3, 2022, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Brian Doliver
Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Ald. Fred Gee
Ald. Nancy Allaire
Ald. William Loomis
Ald. David Zieno
Ald. Robert D. Jeffrey

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk Dee DuFour
Director of Human Resources Lynn Murray
DPW Superintendent Edward Pepe
Youth Bureau Director Anthony Testani
Fire Chief Jan Papelino
Police Chief Rodney Marsh
EMO Stephen Cady
City Attorney Steve Natoli
Deputy City Clerk Agnes Eaton

Supervisor Robert M. Jeffrey

Media Representative: Sarah Genter, The Evening Sun

Absent

Supervisor James McNeil

Swearing in of Elected Council Members – Mayor Doliver conducted the swearing-in of elected Alderpersons Fred Gee of Ward 2, William Loomis of Ward 4, and Robert D. Jeffrey of Ward 6.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Ald. Zieno **moved** to adopt the 2021 Rules of Procedure for 2022. Seconded by Ald. Caldwell, approved and duly adopted ayes all.

Appointments to Council Committees

The Mayor made the following appointments:

- ◆ Finance / Personnel – Ald. Zieno (Chair), Ald. Gee, and Ald. Allaire.
- ◆ Public Works/Safety – Ald. Jeffrey (Chair), Ald. Caldwell, and Ald. Loomis.

The Mayor and all Advisory members shall be consulting members of all committees, being notified of all committee sessions and being able to participate in discussion. All committee members, including Advisory members, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Meetings of the committees may be called by the chairman, the Mayor or any two members of the committee.

The Joint Committee meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers, One Court Plaza.

Nomination of President of the Council

The Mayor opened the nominations for President of the Common Council for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2022. Ald. Caldwell **moved** to nominate Ald. Jeffrey to President of the Common Council for 2022. Seconded by Ald. Zieno. There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed. The nomination of Ald. Jeffrey was duly adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote with Ald. Jeffrey abstaining.

Nomination of Acting Mayor

The Mayor opened the nominations for Acting Mayor for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2022. Ald. Caldwell **moved** to nominate Ald. Allaire as Acting Mayor for 2022. Seconded by Ald. Zieno. There being no other nominations,

the Mayor declared the nominations closed. The motion of Ald. Allaire as Acting Mayor was duly adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote with Ald. Allaire abstaining.

Appointments by Common Council

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to approve the appointments by the Common Council. Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey approved ayes all.

Traffic Commission

- ◆ *Judy Wright, 40 Borden Avenue, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Linda Hanson, 5 Taylor Avenue, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Paul Eaton, 79 Plymouth St., appointed to fill the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023.*

Appointments by the Mayor

Mayor Doliver announced the following appointments:

Electrical Board

- ◆ *Duffy Hart, 4251 State Highway 23, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Gary Callea, 15 Morse Avenue, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Richard Barnes, 17 Division Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Planning Commission

- ◆ *Brandon Foulds, 17 Taylor Street, appointed to a three-year term as an alternate expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *John Antonowicz, 16 Cortland Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Jack Roque, 26 Prospect Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Plumbing Board

- ◆ *Martin Morse, 40 Division Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Water Commission

- ◆ *Stephen Simons, 31 Hillview Drive, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Douglas Wilson, 171 West Shore Road, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Youth Board

- ◆ *Kimberly Hazen, 7 Chirlin Drive, appointed to fill the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2022.*

Zoning Board of Appeals

- ◆ *Judy Wright, 40 Borden Avenue, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Michael Hepfer, 11 Jones Avenue, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Clyde Birch, Jr., 168 North Broad Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Appointments by the Mayor with Council Approval

Ald. Allaire **moved** to approve the appointments recommended by the Mayor. Seconded by Ald. Caldwell approved ayes all.

Parks Commission

- ◆ *Chris Sprague, 27 Plymouth Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Oneil J. Levesque, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*
- ◆ *Kim Thompson, 32 Elm Street, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Street Tree Committee

- ◆ *Jennifer Rebecca Hargrave, reappointed to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.*

Designation of Official Newspaper and Depositories

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to designate the *Evening Sun* as the Official Newspaper for the City of Norwich. Seconded by Ald. Allaire, approved 5 - 0 with Ald. Jeffrey abstaining.

Ald. Zieno **moved** to designate NBT Bank, M&T Bank, Key Bank, Chase Bank and Community Bank, N.A., as the Official Depositories of City of Norwich Funds. Seconded by Ald. Caldwell, duly approved 5 – 0 with Ald. Jeffrey abstaining.

Adjournment

Ald. Caldwell **moved** to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Jeffrey, approved ayes all.