

COMMON COUNCIL

Organizational Meeting January 7, 2014

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at an organizational meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on January 7, 2014, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Bryan McCracken
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Lawrence
Ald. Paul Laughlin
Ald. Thomas LoPiccolo

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall Jason

Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
City Attorney Patrick Flanagan
EMO A. Jones
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Shawn McGrath, Media Representative

Absent:

Supervisor Robert Jeffrey
Supervisor James McNeil

Prior to the meeting being called to order, newly elected and re-elected officials Joseph P. Maiurano, Walter P. Schermerhorn, Brian J. Doliver, and Thomas R. LoPiccolo were administered the oath of office by City Clerk William Roberts.

Call to Order

The organizational meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 6:06 p.m.

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

Ald. McCracken **moved** to adopt the 2013 Rules of Procedure for 2014. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted ayes all.

Appointments to Council Committees

The Mayor made the following appointments:

Finance / Personnel – Ald. Walt Schermerhorn (Chair), Ald. John Deierlein, and Ald. Bryan McCracken.

Public Works / Safety – Ald. Paul Laughlin (Chair), Ald. Brian Doliver, and Ald. Thomas LoPiccolo.

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 Committee meetings shall be held jointly on the First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, One Court Plaza.

Nomination of President of the Council to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2014

The Mayor opened the nominations for President of the Common Council for a one year term expiring December 31, 2014. Ald. McCracken **moved** to nominate Ald. Walt Schermerhorn to President of the Common Council for 2014. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin. There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed. The nomination of Ald. Schermerhorn was duly adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote, Ald. Schermerhorn abstaining.

Nomination of Acting Mayor to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2014

The Mayor opened the nominations for Acting Mayor for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2014. Ald. Laughlin **moved** to nominate Ald. Deierlein as Acting Mayor for 2014. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn. There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed. The motion of Ald. Deierlein as Acting Mayor for 2014 was duly adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote, Ald. Deierlein abstaining.

Appointments by Common Council:

Ald. Laughlin **moved** to approve the following appointments by the Common Council:

Traffic Commission

Shawn Magrath, 132 East Main Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Christine Edwards, 66 West Main Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Alana Golden, 24 Beebe Avenue, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Assessment Board of Review

Terry Bresina, 32 Fair Street, appointment to a five-year term expiring September 30, 2018.

Ald. Schermerhorn seconded the motion, duly adopted, ayes all.

Appointments by the Mayor with the Approval of the Council

The Mayor reported the following appointments:

Parks Commission

Shawn Sastri, 62 Pleasant Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Melody McCallum, 54 Borden Avenue, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Renee Loucks, 41 Hillview Drive, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Street Tree Committee

Jennifer Rebecca Hargrave, 27 Plymouth Street, re-appointment as chair to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Marilyn Kochersperger, 110 North Broad Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Lora Lee Russo, 7A Northrup Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Water Commission

Anthony Caezza, 13 Brown Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Terry Bresina, 32 Fair Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve the appointments. Seconded by Ald. McCracken, duly adopted, ayes all.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions by the Mayor

The Mayor reported the following Mayoral appointments:

Planning Commission

Harry Graves, 54 Mitchell, re-appointment as to a three-year-term expiring December 31, 2016

Deborah DeForest, 174 North Broad Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Mary Lou Stewart, 10 Cortland Street, re- appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Youth Board

Harry Graves, 54 Mitchell Street, re-appointment as Chair to a three-year-term expiring December 31, 2016.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Bartolo Natoli, 40 Sunset Drive, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Frank VanAlthuis, 49 Eaton Avenue, appointment as Alternate to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to support the mayoral appointments. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Designation of Official Newspaper and Depositories

Ald. Laughlin **moved** to designate the *Evening Sun* as the Official Newspaper for the City of Norwich. Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo and duly adopted ayes all.

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to designate NBT Bank, M&T Bank, Key Bank, and Community Bank, N.A., as the Official Depositories of City of Norwich Funds. Seconded by Ald. McCracken, duly approved ayes all.

RESOLUTION #01-2014 **APPOINTING MEO I**

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of MEO I; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent and the Human Resources Director have conducted interviews and selected a candidate; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that

1. Joshua Doyle, of Mt. Upton, NY, be and hereby is permanently appointed to the full-time position of MEO I for the City of Norwich at the entry level contractual salary;
2. such appointment shall be effective after successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical; and
3. this resolution shall be subject to such action as may be necessary by the Norwich Civil Service Commission.

Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

Mayor Maiurano commented that 2014 marks the centennial of the City of Norwich. The Centennial Committee has exciting activities planned throughout the year. Mayor Maiurano stated that 2014 also looks promising for the economy and that the City is moving in the right direction. With the help of the many volunteers on the City's boards and commissions, and a good Common Council, the City will be continuing to build and improve.

Adjournment

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to adjourn from Common Council organizational meeting at 6:17 PM. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly approved ayes all.