

CITY OF NORWICH
JOINT MEETING of the
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS and
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEES
January 7, 2014

Present:

Mayor Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Bryan McCracken
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
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 Lawrence
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:

None

Ald. Walter Schermerhorn called the joint meeting of the Public Works/Public Safety and Finance/Personnel Committees to order at 6:19 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Approval of Minutes

Ald. Laughlin **moved** to approve the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of December 5, 2013. Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo, approved ayes all.

Department Head Reports

Police Department Police Chief Joseph Angelino reported that he has several personnel issues pending in 2014, including retirements, to be discussed at a future meeting. Also he will be purchasing a vehicle and will present a purchase price at a future meeting for approval.

DPW

2014 Street Repaving DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson reported that he has planned street repaving for 2014 to be paid for as follows:

- 1) Sharon Drive requires a water main replacement, and the costs of approximately \$261,000 will be paid for by the water system;
- 2) Elm Street: video inspections in 2013 showed that the storm drains and sewer on Elm Street are in good condition; the water line was installed in the 1970s and is also in good shape. The curbs and sidewalks from Hayes Street to Eaton Avenue are in very poor condition. \$49,140 of CHIPS funds will be used, and as the catch basins will be replaced, requiring street cuts, the paving will be charged to Storm Sewers.
- 3) Wales Drive from Sunset Drive to Chirlin Drive will cost approximately \$60,000.
- 4) Rexford Street from the railroad tracks to North Broad Street, finishing the paving project begun last year.
- 5) If funds remain, King Street may be repaved, costing approximately \$16,000.

CHIPS funding is anticipated to be the same as in 2014, approximately \$155,000. \$1,000 of CHIPS funds from the 2013 repaving will be carried over for this year's project.

2014 Training C. Ivarson presented a schedule of training for 2014, requiring the Committees' approval for transportation. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve the proposed training travel for 2014. Seconded by Ald. McCracken, approved ayes all.

Skating Rink Maintenance C. Ivarson reported that the skating rink currently has no maintenance during evenings and weekends. He explained that maintenance is important for those times to prevent injuries due to damaged ice. He noted that in the past the Common Council moved to not approve overtime costs for maintenance of the rink. Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason stated that weekends see the busiest use of the rink when it is open. C. Ivarson has estimated that, if the rink is open from 3 to 8 p.m. on weeknights and on ten weekends, overtime costs would be approximately \$9,600. He has planned for \$10,000 to cover such costs in the current budget. Ald. McCracken stated that the City has sought out grants from private foundations for these amenities and the Council should support maintenance of the rink. Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve overtime expenditures for maintenance of the skating rink on evenings and weekends. Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo, approved ayes all.

Filter Plant C. Ivarson reported that the pilot filter system has been delivered and begins operations on January 8. The system will run for six weeks. He invited the aldermen to visit the pilot system, which is a miniature version of the new filter plant to be built. He noted that instead of having to install a generator to run the system, he successfully negotiated with NYSEG for utility power, saving approximately \$14,000 on the project.

Other Items

NYCOM Training City Clerk William Roberts stated that Ald. Deierlein will be attending the NYCOM training for elected officials and has offered to drive others who would like to attend. The training will be held in Rochester on January 10.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, approved ayes all.