

COMMON COUNCIL

Organizational Meeting January 4, 2010

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at an organizational meeting of the Common Council held at 7:00 PM on January 4, 2010, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Robert Carey
Ald. Terry Bresina
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Lawrence
Ald. Paul Laughlin
Ald. Robert Jeffery

Also:

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

Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Brian Golden, Media Representative

Absent:

Supervisor Linda Natoli
Supervisor James McNeil

Prior to the meeting, City Clerk/Director of Finance Williams Roberts administered the oath of office to re-elected officials Ald. Bresina, Ald. Schermerhorn, Ald. Jeffrey, and Mayor Maiurano.

Call to Order

The organizational meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 7:08 p.m.

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

Ald. Jeffrey **moved** to adopt the 2009 Rules of Procedure for 2010. 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. Robert Jeffrey, and Ald. Paul Laughlin.
- ◆ Public Works/Safety – Ald. Terry Bresina (Chair), Ald. Robert Carey, and Ald. John Deierlein.

The Mayor stated that all Advisory members shall be consulting members of all committees, being notified of all committee sessions and being able to participate in discussion. He added that 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 as follows:

- ◆ Finance / Personnel – First Tuesday of each month – 6:00 PM – Council Chambers, One Court Plaza.
- ◆ Public Works/Safety – Fourth Thursday of each month – 7:00 AM – Wastewater Treatment Plant, Route 12.

Nomination of President of the Council to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2010

The Mayor opened the nominations for President of the Common Council for a one year term expiring December 31, 2010. Ald. Jeffrey **moved** to nominate Ald. Terry Bresina to President of the Common Council for 2010. The motion for Ald. Jeffrey's nomination was seconded by Ald. Carey and duly adopted ayes all. There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed. The nomination of Ald. Bresina was duly adopted.

Nomination of Acting Mayor to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2010

The Mayor opened the nominations for Acting Mayor for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2010. Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to nominate Ald. Jeffrey as Acting Mayor for 2010. The nomination of Ald. Jeffrey was seconded by Ald. Laughlin and duly adopted ayes all. There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed. The motion of Ald. Jeffrey as Acting Mayor for 2010 was duly adopted ayes all.

Appointments by Common Council:

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the following appointment by the Common Council:

Traffic Commission

- ◆ Don Lawatsch, 144 S. Broad Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Ald. Bresina **moved** to approve the appointment. Ald. Deierlein seconded the motion, duly adopted, ayes all.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions by the Mayor

The Mayor reported the following Mayoral appointments:

Electrical Board

- ◆ Charles Brooks, 518 Dan Main Road, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.
- ◆ Paul Laughlin, 55 Sheldon Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.
- ◆ Jan Papelino, 24 Hayes Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Planning Commission

- ◆ Elizabeth Bunce, 14 Marshall Street, re-appointment to a three-year-term expiring December 31, 2012.
- ◆ Anthony Testani, 105 Canasawacta Street, re-appointment to a three-year-term expiring December 31, 2012.

Plumbing Board

- ◆ Martin Morse, 40 Division Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.
- ◆ Dave Francis, 7 Griffin Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Youth Board

- ◆ Mary Rose Maiurano, 99 N. Broad Street, re-appointment to a three-year-term expiring December 31, 2012.

Zoning Board

- ◆ John Heath, 44 Brown Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Appointments by the Mayor with the Approval of the Council

Parks Commission

- ◆ Stewart Chase, 24 Summit Street, re-appointment to a three year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to approve the appointment. Ald. Laughlin seconded the motion, duly adopted, ayes all.

Water Board

- ◆ Douglas Wilson, 202 Grayson Drive, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Ald. Bresina **moved** to approve the appointments. Ald. Schermerhorn seconded the motion, duly adopted, ayes all.

Designation of Official Newspaper and Depositories

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

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

Other Items

Mayor Maiurano delivered the following statement:

At this time, I thank the citizens of the City for having the confidence to let me serve as your Mayor. I am very fortunate to have professional department heads and their staff who work beyond their duties to provide quality services. I cannot thank them enough. I thank the Common Council that have been able to positively and intelligently discuss matters to find the best solution for the City's challenges. I thank the many volunteers, who serve on the many City commissions, who plan the wonderful events that enrich the quality of life Norwich has to offer. I thank the many businesses that have been the backbone of support that makes this community special.

2009 was a very challenging time for the City, but because of a positive attitude and responsible planning, we were able to and will continue to provide quality services to our citizens. Bill Roberts's budget letter sums up 2009 and 2010 very effectively.

Again, I want to thank everyone for his or her hard work and I will be providing a complete State of the City report later this month.

Adjournment

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to adjourn from Common Council organizational meeting at 7:17 PM. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly approved ayes all.