

COMMON COUNCIL

March 21, 2008

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on March 21, 2008, 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
Ald. Robert Jeffrey

Also:

Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Police/Fire Chief Joseph Angelino
Jessica Lewis, Media Representative

Absent

Ald. Paul Laughlin
Supervisor Linda Natoli
Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 6:01 p.m.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #36-2008

RESCINDING RESOLUTION #24-2008

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

WHEREAS, Resolution #24-2008 was adopted by the Common Council on March 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, subsequent factors relating to this resolution have been determined and clarified; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution #24-2008 be and hereby is rescinded.

Seconded by Ald. Carey and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll-call vote.

RESOLUTION #37-2008.

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR NYS EMERGENCY SERVICES LOAN

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich Fire Department has an urgent need to replace aged, dilapidated fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the cost of replacing such equipment through conventional financing would strain the City's finances and place an undue tax burden on its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council therefore desires to submit an application for funding through the NYS Department of State Emergency Services Revolving Loan Program for a 2½% loan for the purchase of firefighting apparatus; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Norwich, Joseph P. Maiurano, be and hereby is authorized to file an application for a loan from the NYS Department of State Emergency Services Revolving Loan Program in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 or 75% of the cost of such apparatus, whichever is less, and to undertake all such financial and administrative actions on behalf of the City as may be necessary to execute the project.

Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

Discussion: Ald. Jeffrey asked about the timeline for the application. Chief Angelino reminded him that the deadline is April 10. Finance Director Williams Roberts thought the award of the loan would be decided in one-two months. Chief Angelino stated again that it could take one year to have a truck built, if that becomes necessary. Ald. Jeffrey asked if this expense will interfere with hiring a fire chief. The Mayor responded that this low-interest loan will help with expenses and is one piece of a plan to move the Fire Department forward. This will, if awarded, allow the City to purchase a truck to replace two outdated trucks and will help to make the Fire Department leaner, more efficient, and have a better fleet of vehicles.

Adjournment

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Seconded by Ald. Carey, accepted ayes all.