

COMMON COUNCIL

April 1, 2008

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on April 1, 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. Paul Laughlin
Ald. Robert Jeffrey

Also:

Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Police/Fire Chief Joseph Angelino
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
HR Director Deborah DeForest
EMO A. Jones
Community Planning Specialist Todd Dreyer
Jessica Lewis, Media Representative

Absent

Supervisor Linda Natoli
Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order

This special meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 6:03 p.m.

Public Hearing

Mayor Maiurano opened a public hearing at 6:05 p.m. regarding a proposed Office of Small Cities grant application to assist the Norwich Housing Authority in the Brown Avenue Project. Community Planning Specialist Todd Dreyer addressed the Council and presented seven emails and two letters from members of the community in support of the proposed grant application. Mayor Maiurano added that a letter of support has been received from Sen. Libous as well. He commented that the Brown Avenue Project will help provide affordable housing for senior citizens and this grant, if awarded, will expedite the building of additional units. Ald. Jeffrey, in whose ward the project is located, announced his support for the project and the importance of such projects as the City's demographics change. Ald. Laughlin asked how this grant money, which will be used to offset some construction costs, will affect assessment of the property for tax purposes in future. T. Dreyer explained that the property is in an Empire Development Zone with the tax incentives that that entails. Therefore the property will have a tax abatement for the first seven years, then in years 8, 9, and 10 the property taxes will be put in place incrementally. Ald. Carey commented that there is no expense to the City to pursue this project, it will provide attractive, well-built housing, and property taxes will eventually accrue to the City, so that he was very supportive of the project. Hearing no further comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #38-2008. AUTHORIZING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for sludge grinder emergency repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, a bearing replacement is urgently required on a screw pump in the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of the above emergency repairs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer from the 2008 Wastewater Fund Capital Reserves not to exceed the following:

From:

Account Number
HR42-878

Name

Capital Reserves – Sewer Equipment

Amount

\$20,000.00

To:

Account Number
G8130.4040

Name

Wastewater – Treatment & Disposal
Repairs & Maintenance

Amount

\$20,000.00

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

Discussion: DPW Superintendent explained to the Council that emergency repairs to the sludge grinder, which pre-treats sewage for the heaters, and reduction gear, which has lost its main bearings, is needed.

Adjournment

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to adjourn at 6:11 PM. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, accepted ayes all.