

COMMON COUNCIL

November 18, 2008

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 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
Supervisor James McNeil

Also:

Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
HR Director Deborah DeForest
Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
City Attorney Patrick Flanagan
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Jessica Lewis, Press Representative

Absent

Supervisor Linda Natoli

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Ald. Carey **moved** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2008 and the Special Meeting of October 28, 2008. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, duly approved ayes all.

Open Forum

Carol Dubiehl, 53 Sheldon Street, asked about the status of the proposed law banning farm animals within the City. City Attorney Patrick Flanagan stated that he had reviewed the proposed law and returned comments to the Codes Office. Ald. Carey explained that the ordinance had been drafted and reviewed by the committee, then forwarded to the City Attorney, and once the Codes Office has reviewed that, the law will be received by the Common Council and a public hearing set.

Mary Coe, 5 Waite Street, asked again regarding the planned removal of trees from an adjacent property. Mayor Maiurano responded that all four trees will be destroyed according to her wishes.

Correspondence

Request for Street Closings – A Christmas to Remember Parade of Lights Ald. Bresina **moved** to approve a request from Linda M. Green of the Parade Committee to close South Broad and North Broad Streets from Division Street to Fair Street, from 6:00 p.m. to the end of the parade on Saturday, November 29, 2008 for the Christmas to Remember Parade of Lights, with police escort and barricades, and that the event be granted Special Event status. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly approved ayes all.

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Water Commission Minutes of October 22, 2008
- ◆ Water System Reports of September and October 2008
- ◆ WWTP Operating Reports of September and October 2008
- ◆ Youth Board Minutes of November 5, 2008
- ◆ Youth Bureau report of November 2008
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of September 22, 2008

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to receive and file the department, board, and commission reports. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin and duly approved ayes all.

Ward and Committee Reports

Public Safety/Public Works meeting of October 23, 2008

Fire Chief Chawgo said that preliminary conversations have been held to more efficiently integrate the volunteer companies. He noted the difficulty many volunteers are now having, in the current economy, of not being allowed to leave work to respond to a call, and their desire to ensure the City is protected.

Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal Jason Lawrence reported that NYS Archives has approved a grant for the purchase of a large-format scanner/printer unit, to be paid for primarily through grant funds. We'll vote on that tonight.

DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson reported that one bid was received for fuel contracts. Prices involve a "rack-price," a floating wholesale market base price to the supplier, plus a fixed margin price the company adds to arrive at the customer retail price. Ald. Carey asked if it would be possible to contract for a combined total locked-in price, as opposed to the usual fluctuating prices. C. Ivarson said he would request an extension of the current contract and, if that is allowed, look to rebid. We also reviewed the bids uniforms and laundering services.

Ald. Jeffrey had requested that the Committee investigate digging done by NYSEG on Birdsall Street. C. Ivarson explained that the City coordinates planned utility digging with repaving of streets, but under the rules the City for such work, any entity doing emergency digging (including the City itself) is required to resurface curb to curb and repave that area to City standards. On Birdsall Street NYSEG dug two areas 90' apart from one another and properly repaved the two areas dug; it was not required that NYSEG repave the large area between these two areas. We moved to retain the current regulations.

C. Ivarson suggested amending the current regulations to allow no non-emergency utility cuts following new paving for a period for four or five years. We discussed how a request from a resident for new service would then be handled, and C. Ivarson explained that the utility company generally canvasses all residents of the proposed streets to be repaved to learn of any interest they have for new utility connections, and then coordinates such cuts with the repaving. The Committee requested C. Ivarson draft such a proposed amendment of the regulations to be reviewed at the November Committee meeting.

The City's tapping machine was broken during a tapping procedure. The machine is 53 years old and will need to be replaced. C. Ivarson will investigate pricing, but estimates a replacement would cost more than \$10,000 and would need to be bid.

Because the regular dates for the Committee's meetings in November and December fall on holidays, the Committee set those meetings for Tuesday, November 25, 7 a.m., and Tuesday, December 23, 7 a.m.

The Committee discussed the necessity of establishing emergency snow routes within the City and of replacing outdated snow-removal equipment to increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of plowing. The Committee will review possible plans and will then meet with the Traffic Commission for their consideration.

New York State is mandating that police departments move from paper fingerprinting to electronic fingerprinting by 2010. Electronic fingerprinting allows for more rapid response from law enforcement agencies. Cost of such a system will be approximately \$28,000. Chief Angelino is investigating grant funding to cover this mandated expense.

Finance/Personnel Committee meeting of November 12, 2008

Director of Finance William Roberts explained that a grant was awarded for purchase of a wide-format scanner for the Codes Office and Community Development and Planning. Ald. Jeffrey asked that Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo present a report on ambulance recovery revenues on ambulance calls out of the Norwich service area, broken down by township, and the number and rate of paybacks for those calls. Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest announced the resignation of a Parks Maintainer.

The Committee discussed the fuel bids forwarded by Public Safety/Public Works, and explained he and C. Ivarson investigated a fixed-rate bid for fuel, but that would be inadvisable, with the current declining market fluctuations, and the long-term commitment it would require of the City in order to achieve true cost stability. C. Ivarson also

pointed out that approval of a fixed rate would have to be made within 24 hours of a bid, making the process highly impractical.

Ald. Jeffrey expressed his opinion that, in light of the huge fuel-cost increases experienced this summer, it would be advantageous for the City to change its timeline for repaving to have it occur earlier in the year, before the summer driving season. This would allow CHIPS funding to be used more efficiently, in case fuel costs increase again. C. Ivarson commented that the City sets the timeline in its contracts and can change those to earlier in the year, but that repaving should not be scheduled while school is in session, because of the conflict with bus schedules. It was decided that repaving should be completed by June 30, rather than August 30.

Ald Jeffrey again raised his concern that NYSEG has done digging on Birdsall Street, which was repaved within the last two years, and the street is now damaged by two diggings 91 feet apart. He believes that NYSEG should be required to repave the entire area between diggings. C. Ivarson said that as regulations now stand, the City can refuse to allow any digging on streets that have recently been repaved, and the City can insist that repairs done by NYSEG be redone if they do not meet City specifications. He also stated that the City's requirements with NYSEG could be so written to include a provision that NYSEG repave entire sections in between diggings for streets that have been repaved within the past five years. Mayor Maiurano suggested that the matter be turned over to the Public Safety/Public Works Committee for discussion.

Mayor Maiurano announced that the State has a program whereby the New York Power Authority can conduct an energy audit of all a municipality, including all facilities. This program can help a municipality locate potential savings on energy costs. A representative of the New York Power Authority will attend the December Finance/Personnel Committee meeting to explain the program in detail. C. Ivarson reminded the Committee that NYSEDA had conducted an energy audit of City facilities in 2005.

W. Roberts explained that he has discussed with the Tax Assessor allowing property tax exemptions for severely disabled, low-income homeowners. Mayor Maiurano stated that the Assessor will be studying the impact such an exemption would have on tax revenues. The proposed schedule would be identical to that of the Senior Property Tax Exemption, passed in October.

Ward Reports

Ward 1

Ald. Carey reported that all matters had been referred to the appropriate department heads for resolution. He noted an issue arising with the re-opening of a drive for Morrisville College on Conkey Avenue and that the Mayor is addressing the issue.

Ward 2

Ald. Bresina reported that the no new issues have arisen in Ward 2.

Ward 3

Ald. Deierlein reported that all matters had been referred to the appropriate department heads for resolution.

Ward 4

Ald. Schermerhorn reported that all matters had been referred to the appropriate department heads for resolution.

Ward 5

Ald. Laughlin reported that there had been no problems in Ward 5 in the past month, but that there are supposedly now chickens in the Ward and stated his opinion that City administration is not expediting the proposed local law regarding farm animals.

Ward 6

Ald. Jeffrey reported that all matters had been referred to the appropriate department heads for resolution.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to receive and file the Ward and committee reports. Seconded by Ald. Carey, duly approved ayes all.

Motions

To Receive a Proposed Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Authorizing Partial Exemption of Certain Real Property Owned by Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age and Over in the City of Norwich and Set Public Hearing

Ald. Laughlin moved to receive proposed Ordinance No. (C) of 2008 to amend an Ordinance Authorizing Partial Exemption of Certain Real Property Owned by Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age and Over in the City of Norwich and set a public hearing set for December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

Proposed ORDINANCE NO. (C) OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTIAL EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER IN THE CITY OF NORWICH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of Section 1 of An Ordinance Authorizing Partial Exemption from Taxation of Certain Real Property Owned by Persons in the City of Norwich, as adopted on May 7, 1967, and as amended on March 23, 1971, March 27, 1983, February 25, 1975, December 28, 1976, January 10, 1978, January 23, 1979, February 12, 1980, February 24, 1981, June 14, 1983, {and} February 28, 1989, and February 27, 1990, be and hereby is amended to reflect an exemption formula provided for pursuant to Section 467,1(b) of the State Real Property Tax Law, as follows:

(a) The income of the owner or the combined incomes of the owners of such property did not exceed the following sum for the stated exemption for the twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of making application for such exemption:

Income	Exemption
Under {9200} <u>11,000</u>	50% exemption
{9201 – 10,200} <u>11,000 – 11,999</u>	45% "
{10,201 – 11,200} <u>12,000 – 12,999</u>	40% "
{11,201 – 12,200} <u>13,000 – 13,999</u>	35% "
{12,201 – 13,100} <u>14,000 – 14,900</u>	30% "
{13,101 – 14,000} <u>14,901 – 15,800</u>	25% "
{14,001 – 14,900} <u>15,801 – 16,700</u>	20% "

Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income did not exceed such sum. The word "income" includes social security and retirement benefits, interest dividends, net rentals, salary earnings, and income from self-employment, but does not include gifts and inheritances.

New material is underlined; deleted material is {bracketed}

To Receive a Proposed Local Law Authorizing Partial Exemption of Certain Real Property Owned by Disabled Persons in the City of Norwich and Set Public Hearing

Ald. Jeffrey moved to receive proposed Local Law No. (B) of 2008 Authorizing Partial Exemption of Certain Real Property Owned by Disabled Persons in the City of Norwich and set a public hearing for December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, 6-0, on a roll call vote.

LOCAL LAW NO. (B)
OF 2008

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORWICH TO ESTABLISH A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich as follows:

Section 1. The Common Council recognizes that real property taxes are vital to the services and operations of the City of Norwich. However, the Common Council recognizes that some property owners of the City have suffered impairment of their earnings capacities through disability. To protect the investment of such individuals in the City, and in recognition of the portion of a limited income that would be expended for real property taxes, the Common Council wishes to enact partial tax exemption legislation for homeowners with impaired earnings capacity due to disability.

Section 2. Title XII, Assessment and Taxation, of the Charter of the City of Norwich shall be amended by the addition of a new section to read as follows:

§228. Partial Exemption From Real Property Tax For Persons With Disabilities

Pursuant to the authority granted by §459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, a partial tax exemption from Real Property taxation shall be granted to individuals whose incomes are limited due to their disability, provided they satisfy certain income and residency tests and not including the option to deduct medical and prescription expenses, all in accordance with §459-c of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. The percentage of set valuation exempt from taxation shall be based upon the annual income sliding scale below:

Income	Exemption
Under 11,000	50%
11,000 – 11,999	45%
12,000 – 12,999	40%
13,000 – 13,999	35%
14,000 – 14,900	30%
14,901 – 15,800	25%
15,801 – 16,700	20%

Discussion: Ald. Carey asked about whether this proposed exemption would be available for those disabled homeowners who receive Social Security disability payments. Mayor Maiurano explained that this is intended only for those who are not receiving other benefits, and that the definition of those eligible is set by State law. Ald. Deierlein reminded the Council that the impact of this exemption on property-tax revenues is being studied by the Tax Assessor. Mayor Maiurano estimated that the impact would be similar to the senior property tax exemption, under \$10,000 a year. The impact estimation will be available by the time of the public hearing on December 16, 2008.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #92-2008

ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER USE RATES IN THE CITY OF NORWICH

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

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Ordinance No. (B) of 2008 on October 21, 2008, such ordinance amending certain water and sewer use rates in the City of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 28, 2008, in connection with the 2009 Budget, including said proposed ordinance; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. (B) of 2008, relative to amending certain water and sewer use rates in the City of Norwich, as presented to the Common Council on October 21, 2008, be and hereby is adopted, and is hereby designated as Ordinance No. 2 of 2008.

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

RESOLUTION #93-2008

ESTABLISHING WATER RATES – TOWN OF NORWICH EFFECTIVE WITH APRIL 1, 2009 BILLINGS

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

WHEREAS, the City has contracts for supplying water with the Town of Norwich (the “Town”) which provide that related costs shall be allocated to the Town in a water rate schedule determined by the City each year; and

WHEREAS, the Finance/Personnel Committee has made certain recommendations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following rate schedule for billing of water provided to the Town by the City be and hereby is approved, and shall take effect with billings commencing April 1, 2009.

NORWICH WATER SYSTEM							
ADOPTED WATER RATES FOR TOWN OF NORWICH							
FOR 2009 BUDGET YEAR							
(Effective in Billings Starting April 1, 2009)							
						Amount of	
				Present	Adopted	Increase:	Percentage
				(2008)	(2009)	\$ / cu. ft.	Increase
<u>WATER USE QUARTERLY RATES:</u>							
Minimum Charge up to 1,000 cubic feet:				\$ 46.99	\$ 50.28	\$ 3.29	7.00%
Charge per 100 cu. ft. for Additional Usage Over 1,000 cubic feet:							
Additional 1,000 to 13,000 cubic feet:				\$ 4.04	\$ 4.32	0.28	6.93%
Additional 13,000 to 50,000 cubic feet:				\$ 4.18	\$ 4.47	0.29	6.94%
Additional 50,000 (and over) cubic feet:				\$ 4.31	\$ 4.61	0.30	6.96%

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

RESOLUTION #94-2008

ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, a tentative fiscal year 2009 General Fund budget in the amount of \$7,416,546, was received by the Common Council on October 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budget was held on October 28, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2009 General Fund Budget for the City of Norwich in the amount of \$7,416,546, as received on October 21, 2008, be and hereby is adopted.

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

Discussion: Ald. Jeffrey pointed out that the largest increase in the budget is in health-care costs, which will be \$160,425 higher in next year's budget – a 17% increase – and that efforts must be made to contain those. Mayor Maiurano commented that the City must continue to work with State legislators to continue revenue sharing. Ald. Schermerhorn asked about the City's plans for dealing with possible State revenue-sharing cuts. W. Roberts reminded him that the City has planned for no increase in revenue sharing for 2009, and as that has in fact been proposed by the Governor, the City's plan continues to be appropriate. Mayor Maiurano said that budget planning also anticipates future budgets, and each department is closely watching all expenses. Ald. Schermerhorn remarked that the 2009 Budget is quite good, with only a 3% increase, while other municipalities are seeing double-digit increases. Ald. Carey commented that in order to keep future budget increases so low, cuts had to be made in other areas, and labor negotiations will be important for future cost containment.

RESOLUTION #95-2008 ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2009 WATER FUND BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, a tentative fiscal year 2009 Water Fund budget in the amount of \$1,299,025 was received by the Common Council on October 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budget was held on October 28, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2009 Water Fund Budget for the City of Norwich in the amount of \$1,299,025, as received on October 21, 2008, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #96-2008 ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2009 WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, a tentative fiscal year 2009 Wastewater Fund budget in the amount of \$1,318,750 was received by the Common Council on October 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budget was held on October 28, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2009 Wastewater Fund Budget for the City of Norwich in the amount of \$1,318,750, as received on October 21, 2008, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #97-2008 ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2009 SPECIAL GRANTS FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS

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

WHEREAS, tentative fiscal year 2009 budgets for the Special Grants Fund in the amount of \$789,670 and the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$1,158,668 were received by the Common Council on October 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such budgets was held on October 28, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2009 Special Grants Fund Budget for the City of Norwich as received by the Common Council on October 21, 2008 in the amount of \$789,670, be and hereby is adopted; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2009 Debt Service Fund Budget for the City of Norwich as received by the Common Council on October 21, 2008 in the amount of \$1,158,668, be and hereby is adopted.

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

RESOLUTION #98-2008 AWARDING BID - FUEL CARD SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, a bid for a fuel card system has been received and was opened on October 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, and the Public Safety/Public Works and Finance/Personnel Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for a fuel card system be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, Mirabito Energy Products, of Binghamton, NY, in the following schedule:

		Rack	Margin	Total
Gasoline	1)	2.6040	.0725	2.6765
	2)	2.2723	.0675	2.3398
Diesel	1)	2.8749	.0675	2.9424
	2)	3.2035	.1125	3.3160

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

RESOLUTION #992008 AWARDING BID – UNIFORM SUPPLY AND LAUNDERING

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

WHEREAS, bids for uniform supply and laundering have been received and were opened on October 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, and the Public Safety/Public Works and Finance/Personnel Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for uniform supply and laundering be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, AmeriPride, of Syracuse, NY, in the following schedule:

Item	Amount
A	6.35
B	12.00
C	2.75
D	69.30

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

RESOLUTION #100-2008**DECLARING SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL**

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

WHEREAS, certain obsolete fire alarm boxes and a 1992 Ford ambulance have been deemed to be surplus by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Finance/Personnel Committee has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following items, as presented to the Common Council, be and hereby are declared surplus:

All Obsolete Fire Alarm Boxes formerly used throughout the City
1992 Ford Ambulance, VIN #1FDKE30MXNHA08514

and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to dispose of such equipment as is provided for by law.

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

Discussion: Ald. Jeffrey asked about the status of the old fire truck. Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo responded that it has been stripped of all useful equipment and is in the impound lot, but is still be used for some pieces. When that process is complete, it will be scrapped.

RESOLUTION #101-2008**ACCEPTING RECORDS MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR SCANNER AND
AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION & TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has been awarded a New York State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant ("LGRMIF grant") in the amount of \$9,400.00 for the purchase of a wide-format scanner which will significantly enhance the efficiency of codes, zoning, planning and other administrative operations; and

WHEREAS, the LGRMIF grant award represents supplemental revenue which is not included in the 2008 General Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, a State bid price has been quoted by Electronic Business Products, Inc. of Vestal, New York for a Lanier LW Model 324 wide-format scanner in the amount of \$10,753.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are required in addition to the LGRMIF grant award for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Finance/Personnel Committee has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said LGRMIF grant award be and hereby is accepted; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the State bid quote from Electronic Business Products, Inc. for a Lanier LW Model 324 wide-format scanner in the amount of \$10,753.00 be and hereby is approved; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the unbudgeted revenue from the LGRMIF grant in the amount of \$9,400.00 be and hereby is appropriated to account number A8020.2100, Planning Department - Equipment, in the 2008 General Fund Budget; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 2008 General Fund Budget:

<u>From:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR24-878	Capital Reserves - Office Equipment	\$ 1,353.00

<u>To:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A8020.2100	Planning - Equipment	\$ 1,353.00

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

RESOLUTION #102-2008 AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION WITH NORWICH BIDMA TO THE COUNCIL OF THE ARTS FOR A DECENTRALIZATION GRANT

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich desires to sponsor and support artistic ventures for the benefit of the community;
and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Council of the Arts has informed the of City of its eligibility for a Decentralization Grant to fund worthy artistic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich Band has requested \$3,790 dollars from the City to cover costs associated with conducting the 2009 summer concert series; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has budgeted \$1,500 for support of the City Band's 2009 summer concert series, leaving an unbudgeted remainder of \$2,290; and

WHEREAS, the Norwich Business Improvement District Management Association (BIDMA) has authorized submission of a Decentralization Grant application jointly with the City of Norwich in the amount of \$1,500 to fund the 2009 "Music in the Park" lunch time concert series; and

WHEREAS, the grant application to the Chenango County Council of the Arts for the above-described artistic ventures is classified as a Type 2 action under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), thereby requiring no determination of significance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City of Norwich Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to apply for a 2009 Decentralization Grant through the Chenango County Council of the Arts in the amount of \$3,790 to fund the Norwich City Band 2009 summer concert series and the Norwich BIDMA's 2009 "Music in the Park" lunchtime concert series.

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

Discussion: Mayor Maiurano stated that such summer entertainment is another addition to the high quality of life in Norwich.

Payment of Bills

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** that the November 2008 bills be paid after proper audit and certification as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>10/21/08</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 86,476.27	\$ 65,841.03	\$152,317.30
Sewer Fund	6,449.02	27,552.83	34,001.85
Water Fund	16,749.21	6,522.35	23,271.56
Trust	17,209.27	-	17,209.27
B.I.D.	-	-	-
Debt Service	5,180.64	-	5,180.64
Reserves	-	-	-
Unemployment	-	-	-
Community Development	27,568.33	-	27,568.33
Economic Development	327.00	-	327.00
Capital Projects	11,554.45	-	11,554.45
TOTALS	171,514.19	\$ 99,916.21	\$271,430.40

Seconded by Ald. Laughlin and duly adopted ayes all.

Executive Session

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to enter executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss labor contract negotiations and the sale or lease of property where price may be affected. Seconded by Ald. Carey, duly approved ayes all. Since no actions would be taken, the Council retired to the fire house for the executive session.

Ald. Jeffrey **moved** to exit executive session at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, duly approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Carey **moved** to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, accepted ayes all.