

COMMON COUNCIL

October 21, 2003

Mayor Marylou Stewart presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 PM on October 21, 2003, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Marylou Stewart
Ald. Gary Clark
Ald. James Cushman
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. Sharon Jeffer
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Attorney Patrick Flanagan
Clerk / Director of Finance Brian Molinaro
Fire Chief John Tighe
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Asst. Police Chief Murray Roach
Public Works Supt. Carl Ivarson
Historian Patricia Scott
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

Absent:

Supervisor L. Natoli
Supervisor J. McNeil

-- Ald. Jeffer moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2003 and the work session of October 14, 2003. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

Nancy Adsit, Norwich, relayed a request from a resident for a street sign to be placed on Brown Avenue. The matter was referred to DPW Supt. Ivarson.

Mary Coe, 5A Waite Street, said there were many corner curbs that need to be cut throughout the City.

Edward Morano, 21 Miller Street, indicated his concern regarding property taxes and recommended that with the changes in administration, the fiscal responsibility continue.

BIDS:

Bids were received for Commercial Uniform and Laundry Service and have been forwarded to the Public Works Committee for review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Liquor License Renewals -- Ald. Jeffer moved to receive and file notification of intent to renew liquor license from the following:

- ◆ Robert Kohls, d/b/a/ Gray Fox Tavern, 17 Lackawanna Avenue
- ◆ Andrew Nicastri, d/b/a/ Nina's Pizzeria and Restaurant, 32 South Broad Street

Seconded by Ald. Cushman and duly adopted, ayes all.

Turkey Trot Race -- Ald. Jeffer moved to approve a request from YMCA to hold the annual Turkey Trot race on November 23, 2003 at 12:30 PM under the direction of the Police Chief, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Holiday Parade -- Ald. Jeffer moved to approve a request to hold the annual "A Christmas to Remember Parade of Lights" on Saturday, November 29, 2003 beginning at 6:30 PM under the direction of the Police and Fire Chiefs, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Hay Wagon Ride - Ald. Jeffer moved to approve a request from Valley Heights Christian Academy to allow a Hay Wagon Ride on October 24, 2003 from 7 PM - 9 PM under the direction of the Police Chief, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Curb Cut - Ald. Thornton moved to approve a request from Kathleen Campbell for a curb cut solely on the owner's property at 25 Berry Street under the direction of the City Engineer. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

DEPARTMENT, BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

- ◆ Fire Department monthly report for September, 2003
- ◆ Historian monthly report for September, 2003

- ◆ Police Department monthly report for September, 2003
- ◆ Public Works/Water System monthly report for September, 2003
- ◆ Records Management monthly report for September, 2003
- ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for September, 2003
- ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of August 28, 2003
- ◆ Parks Commission minutes of September 8, 2003
- ◆ Planning Commission minutes of October 10, 2003
- ◆ Traffic Commission minutes of October 8, 2003
- ◆ Youth Board minutes of October 14, 2003

-- Ald. Biviano moved to receive and file the department, board and commission reports. Seconded by Ald. Clark and duly adopted, ayes all.

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ◆ Finance Committee meeting of September 29, 2003 and October 8, 2003
- ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of July 28, 2003
- ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of September 30, 2003
- ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of September 25, 2003

Ward One -- Ald. Clark reported the Finance Committee would be holding it's final budget review meeting.

Ward Four -- Ald. Thornton referred a matter regarding a satellite dish mounted on a tree in Ward Five.

Ward Five -- Ald. Jeffer reported matters in Ward Five have been referred to the appropriate departments.

Ward Six -- Ald. Biviano reported that several items have not been resolved in Ward Six including the steps at Becky's Bar and a grass problem on Delaware Square.

-- Ald. Clark moved to receive and file the reports. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPCA Contract -- Ald. Jeffer moved to authorize the Mayor, under the direction of the City Attorney, to sign an Agreement with the SPCA for Animal Shelter Services from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, such agreement to include a fee of \$75 for each dog or \$100 for a mother dog and puppies under four weeks of age that are presented to the SPCA, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Homeland Security -- Ald. Jeffer moved to accept the proposal from Creative Electronics for cross-band radios and reprogramming in the amount of \$6,302.60, as recommended by the Emergency Management Officer and Finance Committee. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Norwich 2004 Festival -- Ald. Thornton moved to authorize the submission of a grant application for funding assistance relative to the Norwich 2004 Festival, being hosted by the City of Norwich in 2004. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION # 65 - 2003. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

Ald. Thornton introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the estimated cost of professional legal services relative to the Chenango Lake lawsuit through December 31, 2003; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 2003 Water Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F909	Water Fund - Fund Balance	\$ 20,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F8310.4020	Water Fund - Contracted Services	\$ 20,000.00

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

RESOLUTION # 66 - 2003. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
EQUIPMENT REPAIR

Ald. Thornton introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of repairing the 1981 Front-End Loader in the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Finance Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 2003 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR26.9950	Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 20,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5110.4040	Street Maintenance - Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00

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

RESOLUTION # 67 - 2003. AUTHORIZING EASEMENT TO NYSEG AT EAST MAIN
STREET PARKING LOT

Ald. Thornton introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, NYSEG has requested permission to locate a lighting control panel onto City owned property at the East Main Street Parking Lot in order to provide service to the BID street lighting project; and

WHEREAS; an easement to NYSEG is required to affect such action; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign an easement to allow NYSEG to locate a lighting control panel onto City owned property at the East Main Street Parking Lot.

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

RESOLUTION # 68 - 2003 DECLARING EXCESS EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, various equipment and other materials have been deemed to be surplus by various departments and no longer needed by the City; and

WHEREAS, a list of such items has been presented to the Common Council; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following list of excess equipment and other materials, as presented to the Common Council, be and hereby is declared surplus:

No.	Description	Make	Model	Serial No.
01-1	1985 pickup truck (dpw)	Chevrolet	S10	1GCBS14E1F2168760
02-1	1992 sedan (finance)	Chevrolet	Corsica	1GILT53T6NH291953
03-1	1989 ambulance (fd)	Ford	Type III	

and, further be it

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

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

Payment of Bills -- Ald. Thornton moved to pay the bills after proper audit and certification as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>10/21/03</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	124,332.90	42,535.28	166,868.18
Sewer Fund	12,592.23	3,650.97	16,243.20
Water Fund	21,619.32	15,542.33	37,161.65
Trust	33,714.98	0.00	33,714.98
B.I.D.	2,401.13	0.00	2,401.13
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unemployment	0.00	0.00	0.00
C.D.	369,915.54	39.54	369,955.08
EDZ/LDC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Projects	25,405.04	29.24	25,434.28

TOTALS

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment –Ald. Thornton moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Ald. Cushman and duly adopted, ayes all.