

COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA

Held at
One Court Plaza
November 21, 2023
6:30 PM

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Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2023.

Open Forum

Correspondence

- ◆ Chenango Blues Association 2024 Thursday Concert Series
- ◆ Street Tree Removal at 18 Maydole St.

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Civil Service Minutes – October
- ◆ Maydole Hose Minutes – October
- ◆ Ontario Hose Minutes – September, November
- ◆ Finance Report – September, October
- ◆ Human Resources Report – October
- ◆ Fire Department Report - October

Ward Reports

Motions

- ◆ Receive & Set Public Hearing for Proposed Nuisance Ordinance

Resolutions

- ◆ Designating “Preferred Purchaser” of City-Owned Property at 6-8 Natoli Avenue
- ◆ Designating “Preferred Purchaser” of City-Owned Property at 1 State Street
- ◆ Authorizing Transfer for Well 4 Pump and Motor Inspection
- ◆ Authorizing Creation of Additional Captain and Firefighter Positions in the Fire Department

Payment of Bills

Executive Session – the employment history of a particular individual.

Adjournment

Correspondence

Chenango Blues Association 2024 Thursday Concert Series – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request for special event status from the Chenango Blues Association for their free 2024 Concert in the Park series of concerts held in East Park every Thursday in July and August as well as the closing of East Park Place from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Street Tree Removal – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from Terry Swartz of 18 Maydole for a Street Tree removal. If the tree is determined not to be rotted by the DPW, the owner will be allowed to remove the tree at his own expense. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Motions

- ◆ **Receive & Set Public Hearing for Proposed Nuisance Ordinance** – Ald. _____ **moved** to receive the proposed Nuisance Ordinance and set a Public Hearing for December 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved/failed, _____. (Copy to follow next week)

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2023 DESIGNATING “PREFERRED PURCHASER” OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 6-8 NATOLI AVENUE

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 6-8 Natoli Avenue through property tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is considered by the Common Council to be surplus and its continued ownership by the City unnecessary to a useful public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposals for the purchase of the property, and considers the proposal from Frank Maiurano of Guilford, NY to be an acceptable offer based on the purchase amount offered, the significant investments to be made in the property’s rehabilitation, and the proposed use; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates Frank Maiurano of Guilford, NY as the “preferred purchaser” of the City-owned property at 6-8 Natoli Avenue; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to negotiate and enter into a contract for the sale of the City-owned property at 6-8 Natoli Avenue to Frank Maiurano.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2023 DESIGNATING “PREFERRED PURCHASER” OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1 STATE STREET

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 1 State Street through property tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is considered by the Common Council to be surplus and its continued ownership by the City unnecessary to a useful public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council considers the proposal from NYSEG to be an acceptable offer based on the purchase amount offered and the proposed use for a gas regulator station; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) as the “preferred purchaser” of the City-owned property at 1 State Street; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to negotiate and enter into a contract for the sale of the City-owned property at 1 State Street to NYSEG.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2023

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR WELL 4 PUMP AND MOTOR INSPECTION

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

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent is recommending the inspection of the Well 4 pump and motor; and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the removal and inspection of the motor will be \$28,000; and

WHEREAS, if the motor cannot be fixed the cost of new motor is \$47,000; and

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

RESOLVED, that a transfer of up to \$75,400 for the inspection of Well 4 pump and motor and possible replacement of the motor; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers up to the following amount in the 2023 Budget:

From:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>
HR28	Reserves – Water Equipment	\$75,400

To:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>
F8320.2100	Water Source of Supply - Equipment	\$75,400

Seconded by Ald. _____, and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2023

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ADDITIONAL CAPTAIN AND FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the contract with the Local #1404 City of Norwich Firefighters Association was approved on October 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the contract includes the addition of a fourth shift at the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a fourth shift requires two additional Captains and one additional Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees agreed with said recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that due to contract negotiations with Local #1404 City of Norwich Firefighters Association that two (2) additional Captain positions and one additional Firefighter position be and hereby is authorized to be created in the City of Norwich Fire Department subject to any action necessary from the Norwich Civil Service Commission.

Seconded by Ald. _____, and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

Payment of Bills

Ald. _____ **moved** to pay the November bills after proper audit and certification.

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>0/0/2023</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$549,435.67	\$60,657.85	\$610,093.52
Sewer Fund	28,308.16	4,251.13	32,559.29
Water Fund	21,264.82	6,806.90	28,071.72
Trust	31,860.85	-	31,860.85
Debt Service	53,800.00		53,800.00
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants	11,3020.00	-	11,320.00
Capital Projects	1,948,030.80	-	1,948,030.80
TOTALS	\$2,644,020.30	\$71,715.88	\$2,715,736.18

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted _____.