

COMMON COUNCIL

Special Meeting
AGENDA
One Court Plaza
August 27, 2024
6:30 PM

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Call To Order

Motions

- ◆ Set Public Hearing for Section 211 Tax Interest changes

Resolutions

- ◆ Declaring Vehicle Surplus and Authorizing Disposal
- ◆ Designating "Preferred Purchaser" of City-Owned Property at 20 Barnes Street
- ◆ Transfer from Contingency for Excessive Trash Clean-Up of Properties

Adjournment

Motions

- ◆ **Set Public Hearing Proposed Local Law (C) for Section 211 Tax Interest changes** – Ald. _____ **moved** to set a public hearing for September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to hear comment for Proposed Local Law (C) of 2024 to changes for Title X11 Section 211 Notice of Receiving Taxes regarding interest. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Proposed Local Law (C) of 2024

Chapter C. Charter

Title XII. Assessment and Taxation

211. Notice of receiving taxes.

After the date of the tax warrant, the Receiver of Taxes shall publish a notice in the official newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks and shall post such notice in three (3) public places, stating:

1. That he has received the warrant for collection of state, county and city taxes; and
2. When the taxes are due and payable; and
3. The penalties for failure to pay the same on time.

During the fiscal year for which they have been levied, taxes may be paid either in full, or in two equal installments, according to the following schedule:

Total Tax: May be paid in full from January 1st through March 31st. (If no payments are made prior to April 1st, total tax is past due and payable in full.)

First Installment: May be paid from January 1st through March 31st. (If not paid prior to April 1st, total tax is past due and payable in full.)

Second Installment: May be paid after payment of First Installment, through July 31st. (If not paid prior to August 1st, second installment is past due.)

Fees Charged: On all tax amounts paid within the month of:

Fee Due:

January 0.0%

February 1.5% 2.0%

March 2.0% 3.0%

April 2.5% 4.0%

May 3.0% 5.0%

~~June~~ June – September ~~11.0%~~ The monthly interest rate will be equal to the prime rate, as determined by the commissioner. The initial determination of the effective prime rate will be based on the 1/1/2025 rate. Subsequent determinations shall be made every five years thereafter.

July 12.0%

August 15.0%

September 16.0%

From October 1st through day prior to Tax Sale: ~~17.5%~~ The interest rate will be equal to the prime rate, as determined by the commissioner. The initial determination of the effective prime rate will be based on the 1/1/2025 rate. Subsequent determinations shall be made every five years thereafter.

From date of tax sale through date of Redemption: ~~17.5% per annum~~ The per annum interest rate will be equal to the prime rate, as determined by the commissioner. The initial determination of the effective prime rate will be based on the 1/1/2025 rate. Subsequent determinations shall be made every five years thereafter.

The fees and interest provided in this section shall be the property of the city in all cases, including but not limited to those where tax sales are not bid in by the city but are purchased by any other party.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2024

DECLARING VEHICLE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL

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

WHEREAS, Ambulance #2394 has have been deemed to be surplus by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

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

2003 Ford E450 Ambulance VIN #1FDXE45F23HA80424

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. _____, and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2024

**DESIGNATING “PREFERRED PURCHASER” OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY
AT 20 BARNES STREET**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 20 Barnes 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 has reviewed proposals for the purchase of the property, and considers the proposal from Shane Lawrence of Norwich, NY to be an acceptable offer based on the purchase amount offered; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates Shane Lawrence of Norwich, NY as the “preferred purchaser” of the City-owned property at 20 Barnes 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 20 Barnes Street to Shane Lawrence.

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

RESOLUTION # - 2024

**TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FOR EXCESSIVE TRASH CLEAN-UP
OF PROPERTIES**

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

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement has experienced an excessive amount of trash and garbage cleanup of several properties; and

WHEREAS, the excessive cleanups have resulted in a deficit in their Contracted Services budget and requires a transfer of \$5,000.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the 2024 budget to cover the cost of the trash and garbage cleanup:

From:

Account Number

A1990.4

Name

Contingency

Amount

\$ 5,000

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A3620.4020	Codes – Contracted Services	\$ 5,000

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