

COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA

Held at
One Court Plaza
September 17, 2024
6:30 PM

You are encouraged to view the meeting via the City's Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/NorwichNewYork/>

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law (C) regarding Tax Interest Rates

Open Forum

Correspondence

- ◆ NHS Homecoming Parade

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Park Minutes – August
- ◆ Maydole Hose Minutes – June
- ◆ Youth Bureau Minutes – September
- ◆ Traffic Minutes – September
- ◆ Police Department Report - August

Mayoral Appointment

Civil Service Commission

- ◆ *Charleen Sastri, 77 Pleasant Street, re-appointed to a six-year term expiring May 31, 2030.*

Ward Reports

Resolutions

- ◆ Adopting Proposed Local Law No. (C) of 2024 To Amend Chapter C: Title XII Assessment and Taxation of The City of Norwich
- ◆ Appointment of Police Officer
- ◆ Appointment of Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness

Payment of Bills

Executive Session – For contract negotiations

Adjournment

Correspondence

- ◆ NHS Homecoming Parade – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from the NYS Pep Club for Police assistance for their Homecoming parade on Friday, October 11, 2024 at _____ p.m. The parade will begin at the Middle School, proceed down Midland Dr. to Marconi and continue on to the football field. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2024

ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. (C) OF 2024 TO AMEND CHAPTER C: TITLE XII ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

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

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Local Law No. (C) of 2024 on August 27, 2024, to amend Chapter C: Title XII Assessment And Taxation Of The City Of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 12, 2024, in connection with said proposed local law now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Local Law No. (C) of 2024 to amend Chapter C: Title XII Assessment and Taxation of The City of Norwich, as presented to the Common Council on August 27, 2024, be and hereby is adopted, and is hereby designated as Local Law No. 3 of 2024.

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

Local Law (3) 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.

RESOLUTION # - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, vacancies exist in the Norwich Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has made a recommendation to appoint Grant Wessels of Baldwinsville, New York to the position of Police Officer as a lateral transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Grant Wessels of Baldwinsville, NY, be and hereby is granted a permanent appointment as Police Officer in the City of Norwich Police Department as a lateral transfer effective September 23, 2024 at the rate of \$ ____; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment is contingent upon the appointee's moving his residence into the designated distance within 30 days of hire; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment is subject to any action as may be necessary by the Norwich Civil Service Commission.

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

RESOLUTION # - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy of Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness exists; and

WHEREAS, William Edwards of Norwich, NY has been recommended for the position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that William Edwards of Norwich, NY, be and hereby is appointed to the part-time permanent position of Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness effective September 23, 2024 at the annual rate of \$9,743 per year.

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

Payment of Bills

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

	Prepaid	0/0/2024	Grand Total
General Fund	\$167,346.38	\$47,862.99	\$215,209.37
Water Fund	15,603.68	17,858.78	33,462.46
Sewer Fund	15,226.27	11,647.07	26,873.34
Trust	43,768.60	-	43,768.60
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants	5,085.26	-	5,085.26
Capital Projects	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$247,030.19	\$77,368.84	\$324,399.03

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted _____.