

COMMON COUNCIL

March 27, 1990

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 p.m. on March 27, 1990, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Marjorie Chomyszak
Ald. Hartley Ackley
Ald. Herbert Horovitz
Ald. Roland Guinn
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

CD Director/Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
DPW Director Neil Beebe
Police Chief Gary Follett
Asst. Fire Chief Timothy Ashcraft
Codes Enforcement Officer Gary Lackos

Ald. Horovitz moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 13, 1990 with the following amendment - Codes Enforcement Officer Lackos should have been included with those also present. Seconded by Ald. Guinn and duly adopted, ayes all.

PUBLIC HEARING:

-- Mayor Chomyszak opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. regarding Ordinance No. 4 of 1990, an ordinance to amend an ordinance establishing certain sewer use rates in the City of Norwich.

Richard Ingraham, West Main Street, said he does not believe it is fair that City residents, who already pay for water and sewer, should pay again for sewage disposal for their campers.

Ald. Horovitz explained the charge is not for handling the sewage, it for having a person available at the plant to provide a service to campers. He noted the fee is not being charged to make a profit, but to cover the cost of the additional employee time.

Thomas Knapp, member of the Water Board, said the new plant is a sophisticated system that cannot be left unsupervised.

Stan Prusik, 30 Eric Street, stated that the campers are asking for additional services which will cost the City more money, and they should bear the cost.

Mr. Knapp said the permits can be obtained from the Chamberlain's office. He said the camper will be given a receipt. He noted the permit will go with the camper vehicle rather than the person. He said the registration number will be the identification number.

-- There being no further discussion, Mayor Chomyszak closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

OPEN FORUM: —

-- Mr. Prusik asked how many applications for Assessor have been received since the salary for the position was upgraded. Mayor Chomyszak said the matter would be brought up under new business.

BIDS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported 10 bids were received for the Demolition of the Sheldon Street Building.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Ald. Angelino moved to approve the following under the direction of the Police Chief:

A request to hold the annual March of Dimes WALKAMERICA on May 5, 1990.
A request to allow the "Binghamton Morris Men" to perform at the Court-house square on April 21, 1990 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Prior to the vote, Ald. Horovitz requested the "Morris Men" provide the City with proof of insurance.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following reports were received:

- Fire Department monthly reports for January & February 1990
- Electrical Board minutes of February 15, 1990
- Plumbing Board minutes of February 23, 1990
- Parks Commission minutes of March 19, 1990
- Codes Enforcement monthly report for February 1990
- Finance Committee meeting of March 21, 1990

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-- Ald. Guinn expressed appreciation from Ward 5 for the removal of the building on Sheldon Street.

-- Ald. Angelino asked when the lights would be repaired behind Brightman's Hardware Store. DPW Director Beebe said he is waiting for a proposal from NYSEG.

-- Ald. Horovitz asked if a tree could be added to the tree removal list. DPW Director Beebe said he would look into the matter.

-- Police Chief Follett reported a helicopter ambulance from Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA has asked to land at Weiler Park to simulate loading a patient. He said Weiler Park was chosen because of its close proximity to the hospital. The Chief said the simulation will take place on Friday, March 30 at 3 p.m.

-- DPW Director Beebe reported the tree removal will be completed within a day or two. He also reported there has been discussion with the Highway Superintendent regarding moving the date for spring pick up.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #23 - 1990. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH JAMES SUOZZO FOR DESIGN OF KURT BEYER POOL RECONSTRUCTION

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission has reviewed the need to immediately begin designs for the reconstruction of the Kurt Beyer Pool; and

WHEREAS, initial work on the filtration system must begin immediately as to allow certain improvements to be completed before the opening of the pool for the 1990 season; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has received an Environmental Quality Bond Act grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for various improvements to Rotary and Beyer Pool Parks, and

WHEREAS, James Suozzo, P.E., has advised the City that he has the technical capacity to undertake the project immediately; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with James Suozzo for professional services associated with the design, bidding and inspection of the Kurt Beyer Pool reconstruction project in Beyer Pool Park and other improvements in Beyer Pool and Rotary Parks in the City of Norwich at a fee not to exceed \$31,000.00.

Seconded by Ald. Guinn and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Horovitz said Mr. Suozzo is already working on several projects for the City, and questioned whether he could handle another. Ald. Angelino noted Mr. Suozzo has hired additional staff to cover the work load. Ald. Angelino also noted that Mr. Suozzo's performance to date has been very good.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #24 - 1990. APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SEWER USE RATES

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 1990 on March 13, 1990, such ordinance amending an ordinance establishing certain sewer use rates in the City of Norwich, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on March 27, 1990, relative to such ordinance; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 4 of 1990 relative to amending an ordinance establishing certain sewer use rates in the City of Norwich, as presented to the Common Council on March 13, 1990, be and hereby is approved.

Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote.

-- The Mayor reported she has met with Judge Sullivan and a representative from the State Court system regarding hiring a court bailiff. She said Judge Sullivan and Police Chief Follett have conducted interviews and have recommended Mr. Leonard Murphy, a retired Oneonta police officer, for position. Mayor Chomyszak noted Mr. Murphy is certified. She said the position is part time and it is not expected that the salary will go over the \$9,000 that is State reimbursable.

Ald. Guinn moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract to hire a court bailiff. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #25 - 1990. AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOND ACT GRANT APPLICATION

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has applied for state grant assistance for the reconstruction of Beyer Pool Park and Rotary Park through the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act, and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has been informed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation that a matching grant of \$197,840 has been reserved from the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act Program for the acquisition and development of Beyer Pool/Rotary Natural Park; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the acceptance of the grant and to act in connection with the grant provisions as may be required.

Seconded by Ald. Guinn and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Angelino commended the Community Development Office for an exceptional job in preparing the grant application.

RESOLUTION #26 - 1990. APPOINTING ANN MAKAREWICZ AS CITY ASSESSOR

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of City Assessor, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has advertised, interviewed and has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ann Makarewicz of Newburgh, NY, be and hereby is appointed as City Assessor effective on April 2, 1990 to the remainder of a six-year term expiring September 30, 1995.

Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Mayor Chomyszak explained that by increasing the grade for Assessor it has been possible to obtain a qualified candidate for the position.

-- Ald. Guinn moved to re-appoint James Nolan to five-year term with the Housing Authority expiring June 20, 1995. Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to award the bid for demolition of 36-38 Sheldon Street to Burrell's Excavating of Norwich, the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, with a bid of \$5,900. Seconded by Ald. Guinn and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Horovitz reported he received a letter from the Police Benevolent Association requesting the City to prohibit the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in Weiler Park, due to problems in the Park during ball games associated with alcohol consumption. The matter was referred to the Parks Commission for recommendation.

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to pay the following bills after proper audit and certification:

	<u>Mar-Prepaid</u>	<u>3/13/90</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	586,744.62	206,970.91	793,715.53
Trust Fund	86,944.72	0.00	86,944.72
WWTP	6,924.68	4,824.64	10,849.32
Capital Projects	0.00	14,099.60	14,099.60
Reserves	0.00	6,075.24	6,075.24
TOTALS	679,714.02	231,970.39	911,684.41

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

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to go into executive session at 8 p.m. to discuss negotiations, pending litigation and arbitration. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Guinn moved to go out of executive session. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #27 - 1990. APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF NORWICH POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City of Norwich Police Benevolent Association have reached agreement on a new labor agreement for 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Police Benevolent Association has ratified such agreement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby approve an Agreement with the Norwich Police Benevolent Association for the period of January 1, 1989 through December 31, 1990.

Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote with the Mayor voting aye, and one abstention - Ald. Angelino.

-- Prior to the vote, Mayor Chomyszak explained she has a proposed contract with the Police Benevolent Association which she requests the approval of Council to sign. She noted the proposed contract has been reviewed by both the PBA and the City's attorneys.

-- Ald. Guinn moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, ayes all.