

COMMON COUNCIL

October 9, 1990

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 p.m. on October 9, 1990, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Marjorie Chomyszak
Ald. Hartley Ackley
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Herbert Horovitz
Ald. Kenneth Titus
Ald. Roland Guinn
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

CD Director/Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Attorney James Cushman
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
DPW Director Neil Beebe
Asst. Police Chief Richard Whiting
Fire Chief Mark Rice
Codes Enforcement Officer Gary Lackos
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Members of Refuse District No. 3

Ald. Guinn moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 25, 1990 with the following corrections and amend the minutes of July 24, 1990:

Page 3, Resolution #84-1990. Amount for Personal Services should be \$2,500 rather than \$2,000.

Page 4, Resolution #86-1990, last paragraph, the transfer is in the 1990 Wastewater Fund Budget rather than 1990 Water Fund Budget.

Amendment to the minutes of July 24, 1990. Page 3, Resolution #62-1990, seventh paragraph - delete with the option to purchase.

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

OPEN FORUM:

-- Stan Prusik, 30 Eric Street, suggested the City cover the meters on the east and north side of East Side Park with bags during the reconstruction of the County Office Building and test permit parking.

Mr. Prusik asked if the \$3,000 bill for work performed in Gordon Park, which was not budgeted, was approved before the work was done. DPW Director Beebe said the work was authorized.

BIDS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported bids were received for Beyer Pool/Park Renovation. Mr. Zakrevsky noted Supply and Planting of Trees on South Broad Street would be re-bid as no bids were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Request from Norwich High School to hold Home Coming Parade on October 12, 1990 at 5:30 pm.

Request from Empty Arms and Catholic Charities to use the East Side Park and Gazebo to hold First Annual Gathering to Remember on October 28, 1990 from 1 - 2 pm.

Request from YMCA to hold annual Turkey Trot Road Race on November 18, 1990 at 1:30 pm.

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

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following reports were received:

Parks Commission minutes of September 10, 1990
Board of Water Commissioners minutes of August 27, 1990
Fire Department monthly reports for April, May and June 1990
Police Department monthly report for September 1990

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-- Public Works Committee meeting of September 13, 1990

-- Ald. McNeil reported a curb cut request for 42 Guernsey Street and moved the request be approved under the direction of the City Engineer. Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino reported the YMCA is requesting the City donate to the YMCA Camp the bleacher at Flanagan Field that is being disposed of and moved the request be approved. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Horovitz moved to receive and file the reports. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Horovitz asked why the City is applying blacktop to the sidewalk on South Broad Street. Highway Supt. Loscavio said a temporary patch has been applied in front of the NYSEG building for safety reasons until the owner replaces the sidewalk. Ald. Horovitz said there should be restrictions on materials used for sidewalks in the downtown. The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee for review.

-- Ald. Guinn noted the "No Parking" sign on East Main Street that he asked be looked at is still there. Asst. Chief Whiting said the sign question is on the agenda for the Traffic Commission meeting of October 10.

-- Ald. Horovitz requested the parking space between the NYSEG driveway and Hayes Street be looked at by the Traffic Commission. He noted the view of a vehicle exiting the driveway is obstructed when a vehicle is parked in that space.

-- Mayor Chomyszak noted to Council the Assessment Board of Review is still two members short. Ald. Angelino suggested raising the salary for the position to make it more attractive. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

-- Ald. Angelino, referring to a public hearing set by the Civil Service Commission for 8 am on October 11, 1990, said he does not feel a public hearing should be scheduled in the morning. Civil Service Commissioner John Dolan said the Commission meets at 8 am and has been scheduling public hearings at that time for several years.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #90 - 1990. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR TAXES ON BENEDICT PROPERTY

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, property taxes are due on the former Benedict Property; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1990 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A9010.8	Retirement	\$ 5,700.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1950	Taxes and Assessment	\$ 5,700.00

Seconded by Ald. Titus.

Mayor Chomyszak explained that the Benedict property could not be tax exempt when the City took it over because the Benedict Corp. paid rent until May 1990. Ald. Horovitz said what the Benedict Corp. paid was credited toward the purchase price and should not have been considered rent. Ald. McNeil asked if the City received a monthly rent check from the Benedict Corporation. Chamberlain Hutton said when the purchase was transacted, an amount was deducted from the total price for the rent to date. The Council requested Attorney Cushman look into the matter.

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to table Resolution #90-1990. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted ayes all.

RESOLUTION #91 - 1990. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich awarded bids for the purchase of Centrex telephone units on August 28, 1990; and

WHEREAS, funds are required for the purchase and installation of the telephone units; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer from the 1990 Office Equipment Reserve Fund Budget to the 1990 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR24-1325.2	Office Equipment Reserve	\$ 6,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1325.2100	Chamberlain Equipment	\$ 6,000.00

Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote.

-- Mayor Chomyszak announced that she has designated October 30, 1990 as "Trick or Treat Night" in the City of Norwich.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>10/09/90</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	202,575.24	43,498.65	246,073.89
Trust Fund	88,622.71	0.00	88,622.71
W.W.T.P.	127,729.82	0.00	127,729.82
Capital Projects	23,572.37	25,409.75	48,982.12
TOTALS	442,500.14	68,908.40	511,408.54

-- After a ten minute recess, Mayor Chomyszak introduced Refuse District No. 3 Chairperson Nancy Adsit who updated the Council on the landfill closure.

Mrs. Adsit said a new consent order has been received extending the date of mandatory closure to June 1, 1993, providing no violations are discovered. Mrs. Adsit noted the County will be taking over the landfill on January 1, 1991 and the concern of District No. 3 members is that the County will not close the landfill until 1993 and potential grant funding will be lost. Mrs. Adsit said she has contacted State Senators Seward and Libous and will also be contacting NYS DEC Commissioner Jorling regarding the situation.

Mrs. Adsit asked that the City and the District form an agreement regarding the closure before the County takes over the landfill. Ald. Guinn suggested a draft agreement be prepared by the District for Council to examine.

The Council concurred a Committee be formed consisting of Mayor Chomyszak, Chamberlain Hutton, DPW Director Beebe, Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio, Supervisor Adsit, and Supervisor Kelly.

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to go into executive session at 9:30 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

-- Ald. Titus moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.