

COMMON COUNCIL

October 23, 1990

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 p.m. on October 23, 1990, at the Higley Building.

Present:

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

Also:

Clerk/CD Director Jody Zakrevsky
Attorney James Cushman
DPW Director Neil Beebe
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Fire Chief Mark Rice
Assessor Ann Makarewicz
Police Chief Gary Follett
Codes Enforcement Officer Gary Lackos
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Parks Comm. Chair Muriel True
Supervisor John Dolan

Ald. Horovitz moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 9, 1990. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

-- Mayor Chomyszak introduced Parks Commission Chair Muriel True to update the Council on the Beyer Pool/Park Renovation Bids.

Mrs. True reported the Parks Commission held a special meeting last evening to review the information provided by Mr. Suozzo regarding the Beyer Pool/Park Renovation Bids.

Mrs. True said the Parks Commission requests that the bid be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, that the pavilion be eliminated and that the City obtain a five-year bond anticipation note to finance the balance of the project not covered by the EQBA grant. She noted that the cost of the bond would not be any greater than if the City continued to save \$25,000 per year for the pool.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to award the bid to Surface Systems, Inc., of Guilderland, NY, the lowest bidder meeting specifications with a bid of \$374,369, with the overage, no frills. Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote.

BIDS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported four bids were received for Planting of Trees on South Broad Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- No Correspondence was received.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following were received:

- Electrical Board minutes of September 20, 1990
- Plumbing Board minutes of September 19 and 28, 1990
- Fire Department monthly reports for July and August, 1990

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Personnel Committee meeting of October 2, 1990
- Public Safety Committee meeting of October 16, 1990
- Finance Committee meeting of October 17, 1990

-- Ald. Horovitz noted when the Codes Enforcement Office is involved in several major projects in the City, as it is currently, the Council had approved the hiring of additional help.

Ald. Horovitz asked Codes Enforcement Officer Lackos if he is receiving copies of correspondence regarding Catholic Charities, which Mr. Lackos responded he is. Mr. Lackos noted a denial of their request for a permit has been mailed to Catholic Charities.

-- Ald. Titus asked if a catch basis will be installed on South Broad Street in front of the Mini Mall. CD Director Zakrevsky said it is not part of the existing contract, but will be done under a separate contract.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Titus moved to remove Resolution No. 90-1990 from the table. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Attorney Cushman said he looked into the matter and could find no alternative for the City other than to pay the taxes.

-- Ald. McNeil moved for a vote, and Resolution No. 90-1990 was duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino reported the Public Works Committee is looking at a 10% decrease in its budgets and hopes other departments will do the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Angelino moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Aaron Dean, 18 Griffin Street, as Chairman of the Board of Ethics Committee, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1990. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to approve the following appointments to the Fire Department:

Eric Conant, 52 Fair Street, to the Ontario Hose Company
Clifford Miner, RD #4, Norwich, to the Ontario Hose Company
Steven Hendrickson, RD #2, Norwich, to the Alert Hose Company

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

RESOLUTION #92 - 1990. AUTHORIZING EASEMENT TO NYSEG AT BORDEN AVENUE
PROPERTY

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Norwich Housing Authority has requested NYSEG install a gas line extension for Borden Town Apartments on Borden Avenue; and

WHEREAS, such request would require NYSEG to extend its facilities across City property; and

WHEREAS, an easement to NYSEG is required to affect such extension; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign an easement to NYSEG to enable extension of a gas line at the City's property on Borden Avenue.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Angelino asked where the easement would be crossing Magistro Drive. DPW Director Beebe said the line will run just South of Pires Flower Shop and under Magistro Drive to Bordentown Circle.

RESOLUTION #93 - 1990. DESIGNATING CITY AUDIT FIRM FOR 1990, 1991, AND 1992 FISCAL YEARS

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has solicited proposals for single audit services in accordance with federal regulations for the 1990, 1991, and 1992 fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee, at its October 17, 1990 meeting, has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement with Deloitte and Touche of Rochester, under the direction of the City Attorney, for single audit services as follows: 1990 fiscal year at a cost of \$12,000 for 300 hours, 1991 fiscal year at a cost of \$12,500 for 300 hours, and 1992 fiscal year at a cost of \$13,000 for 300 hours.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. McNeil asked if the firm has previously done work for the City. Chamberlain Hutton said they have not worked for the City, but noted they have worked for the County and several businesses in the area.

RESOLUTION #94 - 1990. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR MATERIAL AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES IN THE WATER FUND BUDGET

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to meet the material and maintenance expenditures in the Water Fund; now, therefore be it

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

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F9010.8	Employee Benefits-Retirement	\$ 3,455.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F8330-4060	Treatment - Material & Supplies	\$ 2,255.00
F8340-4130	Distribution - Maintenance	1,200.00

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

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Titus questioned why there are so many transfers from the Water Fund's retirement budget.

Water Commissioner Knapp said there was a severe leak from the filter plant to the reservoir and much more chlorine was used, causing a shortage in the chlorine supply.

Ald. Titus suggested the next time there is a leak, shoring should be looked at for safety reasons.

RESOLUTION #95 - 1990. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR WASTE WATER FUND EXPENSES

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, additional funds are required for expenditures necessary to comply with the New York State Labor Department safety and health inspection; now, therefore be it

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

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G9730.6	1990 Waste Water Treatment Facility Bond Debt Service	\$ 4,539.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G8130-2100	Treatment and Disposal - Equipment	\$ 4,539.00

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

-- Ald. Titus moved to award the bid for Planting of Trees on South Broad Street to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications. Schichtel's Nurseries, Inc. of Orchard Park, NY with a bid of \$3,328. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

CD Director Zakrevsky said the trees are expected to be planted in late November.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>11/13/90</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	472,019.40	42,030.90	514,050.30
Trust Fund	87,493.58	226.07	87,719.65
B.I.D.	93,320.00	0.00	93,320.00
W.W.T.P.	72,336.13	11,616.51	83,952.64
Small Cities	192,000.00	0.00	192,000.00
Community Development	21,533.00	0.00	21,533.00
Special Grants	150,821.26	100.00	150,921.26
Capital Projects	8,712.58	2,457.27	11,169.85
Reserves	752,815.00	3,099.03	755,914.03
TOTALS	\$1,851,050.95	\$59,529.78	\$1,910,580.73

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

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to go into executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss possible pending litigation. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

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