

COMMON COUNCIL

February 26, 1991

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 p.m. on February 26, 1991, 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:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Fire Chief Mark Rice
Police Chief Richard Whiting
Asst. Police Chief Robert Mason
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Deputy Clerk Harriett Leigh
Assessor Ann Makarewicz

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Ald. Guinn moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 12, 1991. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

-- Stan Prusik, 30 Eric Street, said he attended the open house for the new Department of Public Works building and complimented the City on the new building.

Mr. Prusik, addressing the recent cable rate increases, said when the rates started increasing he had recommended the Council write to the Federal Cable Commission. He said they may be considering re-regulation and he suggests that everyone write to their State representatives to request the FCC regulate the cable TV system.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following bids were received:

- Firefighters Protective Gear
- 1991 Tree Removal
- 1991 Jamba Farm Lease

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Mayor Chomyszak reported oral correspondence regarding a "support our troops in the Gulf" rally. Chief Whiting said he has been in contact with the rally organizer, Connie Grant, and reported the group is requesting to hold the rally on Saturday, March 2, 1991 from 12 - 2 pm in the West Side Park. He noted Ms. Grant has received permission from the County to use the Court House.

Ald. Guinn moved to approve the "support our troops in the Gulf" rally under the direction of the Police Chief. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Ald. Horovitz moved to receive and file the following reports:

- Police Department monthly report for January 1991
- Civil Service Commission minutes of February 14, 1991

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Personnel Committee meeting of February 5, 1991
- Finance Committee meeting of February 20, 1991

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

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Angelino reported the Kiwanis will be constructing two pavilions at Kurt Beyer Park. Clerk Zakrevsky said prints have been delivered to the Kiwanis, and they plan to construct the large pavilion this year and the small pavilion next year. Mr. Angelino said that the annual Kiwanis Rose Sale, the organization's biggest fund raising event, is coming up and noted the proceeds will go toward building the pavilions at Kurt Beyer Park. Mayor Chomyszak noted the roses, which will be delivered on May 10 and 11, are \$15 per dozen now and will go up to \$18 per dozen as it gets closer to Mother's Day. The Mayor asks residents to support the project.

-- Stan Prusik, 30 Eric Street, said that the Rotary also needs support, noting a Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 3 and tickets can be purchased through any Rotary member.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to reject and rebid the Nomex Fire Coat, Protective Trousers, and Emergency Medical Services Jacket due to specifications not being correct and award the following firefighters protective gear items, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee:

Bell-Herring, Inc. of Newburgh, NY

Firefighters Helmet equal to N770	- \$ 64.60 ea.
Firefighters Helmet equal to N660	- 75.50 ea.
Firefighters Helmet equal to 690	- 109.00 ea.
Firebreaker 16" Knee Boot	- 69.95 ea.
Firebreaker 31" Stormking Boot	- 84.95 ea.

Halpin Fire Equipment, Inc. of Elmira, NY

Standard 31" Stormking Boot	- 68.00 ea.
Standard 16" Knee Boot	- 60.00 ea.

LaFrance Equipment of Elmira, NY

Firefighter 16" Knee Boot	- 56.00 ea.
Firefighter 31" Stormking Boot	- 66.00 ea.

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

-- Ald. Titus moved to award the bid for 1991 Tree Removal to American Arborist of Oneida, NY for \$2,580.75, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, as recommended by the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported the bid for 1991 Jamba Farm Lease is being reviewed by the Water Board for recommendation.

-- Ald. Titus moved the appointment of Mary Coe, 5A Waite Street, to the Board of Assessment Review, a five-year term expiring September 30, 1995. Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #24 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR MAINTENANCE ON ADDING MACHINES

Ald. Titus introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover the annual cost of maintenance on several Monroe adding machines located in the Chamberlain's office; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1991 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 221.19

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1325.4020	Chamberlain - Contracted Services	\$ 221.19

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

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Angelino said the Public Works Committee has discussed the possibility of lumping together the service contracts. Chamberlain Hutton said it is being investigated.

RESOLUTION #25 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover the cost of Natoli Engineering to review plans submitted by Chenango Memorial Hospital; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1991 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990	Contingency	\$ 1,320.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A3620.4020	Codes Enf.- Contracted Services	\$ 1,320.00

and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Common Council, in the absence of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Natoli Engineering for providing such services at a rate of \$55 per hour up to a maximum of twenty-four hours.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Titus asked how many more hours are left for the hospital review. Codes Enforcement Officer Lackos said Mr. Natoli has now completed the hospital review plans and is working on another project.

RESOLUTION #26 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR UNISYS COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Ald. Titus introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover the 1991 computer maintenance contract for the Unisys B39 system; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1991 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 5,222.51

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1325.4020	Chamberlain - Contracted Services	\$ 3,487.71
A1440.4020	Engineer - Contracted Services	844.00
A3620.4020	Code Enforcement - Contracted Services	445.40
A7310.4020	Youth Bureau - Contracted Services	445.40
		\$ 5,222.51

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

RESOLUTION #27 - 1991. APPOINTMENTS OF LEON A. BORMAN, DALE C. SMITH, AND CRAIG L. BERRY AS POLICE OFFICERS

Ald. Titus introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, vacancies exist in the ranks of police officer in the Norwich Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointments of Leon A. Borman, Dale C. Smith, and Craig L. Berry, all of Norwich, NY, to such positions, such candidates being available for appointment from a Civil Service list; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Leon A. Borman of Norwich, Dale C. Smith of Norwich, and Craig L. Berry of Norwich, be and hereby are granted permanent appointments as police officers in the Norwich Police Department, effective March 17, 1991.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Chief Whiting said the appointments will fill the allotment of officers in the department. He noted all are Norwich natives and two of the officers have already received training.

RESOLUTION #28 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR RE-DATA COLLECTION PROJECT

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover the payroll of Data Collectors for the Re-Data Collection Project being conducted by the Assessor of the City of Norwich; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1991 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1355.4020	Assessor - Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00

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

-- Prior to the vote, Chamberlain Hutton explained that it was originally requested to transfer \$13,000, but, since it is not known exactly what amount will be used, he suggests \$5,000 be transferred from contracted services to line items now, \$5,000 next month, and then the remainder. Ald. Titus asked what rate is being paid to the data collectors. Assessor Makarewicz said the workers are being paid \$4.82 per hour.

RESOLUTION #29 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR IBM SYSTEM COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover the 1991 computer mainframe maintenance contract for the IBM System 36 system; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the 1991 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 384.50
A1990	Contingency	<u>384.50</u>
		\$ 769.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A8020.4020	Planning - Contracted Services	\$ 192.25
A1430.4020	Personnel and Civil Service - Con. Ser.	192.25
A1210.4020	Mayor - Contracted Services	192.25
A1410.4020	Clerk - Contracted Services	<u>192.25</u>
		\$ 769.00

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

RESOLUTION #30 - 1991. REQUESTING REJECTION OF GOVERNOR CUOMO'S 1991-92 STATE REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has recommended drastic cuts in state aid, and

WHEREAS, these cuts amount to nothing more than a shift of the state deficit to local property taxes, and

WHEREAS, local governments must provide essential public services and cannot abandon the health and safety of their residents, and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of such reductions will cause significant reductions in services plus potential large tax increases; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we call upon Senator Libous and Assemblyman Rappleyea to stand up for our taxpayers by rejecting the Governor's proposal, and return state revenue sharing to its 1990-91 level.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Mayor Chomyszak reported she just spent three days in Albany with other officials and there was a great deal of discussion regarding the State cuts proposed by the Governor. The Mayor said the proposed cut for the City of Norwich would amount to 50% less than aid received last year. She said the proposed cuts will have a disastrous effect on

small cities and villages. Mayor Chomyszak said the City must go on record as being against Governor Cuomo's proposed budget.

-- Mayor Chomyszak addressed the Council with regard to a possible freeze on new capital projects spending and non-essential hiring.

Ald. Angelino reported Public Works will not be hiring summer crews this year and noted that 10 Camp Pharsalia crews will be available.

Ald. Angelino said he would like to see more efficiency with regard to overtime in the City and requested the departments submit plans to reduce overtime. He said planning for a new city hall should continue.

Ald. Guinn said he feels departments have been keeping spending low and that he does not feel that the City should commit to not looking at any projects that may come up.

Ald. McNeil said he feels things are presently run quite efficiently due to the Committee system currently in place. Ald. Angelino concurred, noting the Committee system requires everything be reviewed by a Committee and a recommendation made.

The Council concurred that Committees would be extra cautious with recommendations and a "freeze" would be deferred until the Finance Committee reviews figures with Chamberlain Hutton.

Chamberlain Hutton advised that the City should be in neutral until the budget is passed on April 1.

-- Ald. Guinn reported Chenango Memorial Hospital would like to set up an appointment for the Council to walk through the renovation project. He said that Frank Mirabito, Hospital representative, said he has been working closely with the Codes Enforcement Office and he compliments Mr. Lackos on doing a great job. He noted a new driveway entrance has been approved by the Department of Transportation.

Ald. Angelino said Public Works has discussed the hospital parking lot and noted there are several concerns regarding storm sewers.

-- Mayor Chomyszak reported that on March 20 at 7 pm the Chenango County 2020 Commission will be meeting in the Council chambers. She said in other areas where the commission has met, the host municipality has given a presentation of the area to them. She said she would like to do the same and will request the Planning Commission and City Historian make presentations on behalf of the City of Norwich.

-- Ald. Guinn noted to Council there will be a mock Council meeting on May 1 for Youth in Government.

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

General Fund	132,098.99	57,465.92	189,564.91
Trust Fund	96,973.75	0.00	96,973.75
W.W.T.P.	1,233.33	4,004.49	5,237.82
Special Grants	1,613.02	15,772.64	17,385.66
Community Development	106,803.00	0.00	106,803.00
Capital Projects	8,991.45	16,392.65	25,384.10
TOTALS	\$347,713.54	\$93,635.70	\$441,349.24

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

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to go into executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

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