

COMMON COUNCIL

April 9, 1991

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 p.m. on April 9, 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
Police Chief Richard Whiting
Asst. Police Chief Robert Mason
Fire Chief Mark Rice
Assessor Ann Makarewicz
Codes Enforcement Officer Gary Lackos
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Asst. Highway Supt. Mark Williams

Ald. Guinn moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 26, 1991. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

-- John Dolan, 104 Pleasant Street, in response to the resignation of Mayor Chomyszak from the Refuse District No. 3 Committee and her request that either he or Mr. Portelli take her place on the Board, said that although he does attend the meetings, he feels it is imperative that the person be a member of the Common Council. He said the person representing the City to the Committee should be someone who has a say in City budget matters.

Mayor Chomyszak said she resigned from the Committee because she feels the Ethics Law is an infringement on her family's privacy.

Mr. Dolan said the County had to adopt the Ethics Law due to its population being over 50,000. He said he feels that anyone that runs for public office should be ready and able to sign the Ethics statement.

The Council concurred that the Finance Committee would review the situation.

-- Stan Prusik, 30 Eric Street, referring to his recommendation several meetings ago that the City send a letter to the FCC stating the displeasure of residents with regard to current cable rates, requested any letters received by the City from residents be forwarded to the FCC. He noted that the FCC is currently receiving so many complaints that the issue is now receiving more attention.

Mr. Prusik asked how many full and part time persons are employed by the City currently and how many were employed in the years 1980, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990. Chamberlain Hutton said the information is available through his office and would find out for Mr. Prusik.

Raymond Ray, Fair Street, asked what could be done about high frequency C.B. radios that are coming across residents television sets and telephone lines. He was told by the telephone company that there are filters you can buy that may help the situation. Ald. Ackley recalled a similar problem several years ago and recommended Mr. Ray contact the FCC. He said the FCC has directional finders that will locate the source of the trouble and noted they usually respond to the situation quickly.

Don Cummings, Griffin Street, asked to have the sign ordinance clarified. He said the Moose Club was not permitted to have a portable sign

advertising an event but the VFW and S&S Appliances both had the same type of sign up.

Codes Enforcement Officer Lackos explained that the VFW was also notified to remove the sign and S&S Appliance was a misunderstanding on his part; he was under the impression the sign was to be a plywood type sign.

Mr. Lackos said the issue of portable signs was discussed last year and that an amendment to the sign ordinance was proposed to Council and tabled for further recommendation.

The Council concurred to refer the matter back to the Public Works Committee for recommendation.

Mayor Chomyszak stated the sign ordinance needs to be re-written. Mr. Cummings said Joseph Biviano has offered his assistance in writing a new ordinance.

BIDS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported four bids were received for a 1991 Police Patrol Vehicle.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported no correspondence was received.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following reports were received:

- Fire Department monthly report for December 1990
- Police Department monthly report for March 1991
- Plumbing Board minutes of March 20, 1991
- Water Board minutes of February 25, 1991
- Parks Commission minutes of March 11, 1991
- Electrical Board minutes of March 21, 1991
- Civil Service Commission minutes of March 14, 1991
- Police Department annual report for 1990

Alderman Horovitz noted the Council is not receiving all the minutes and requested that the departments be notified that the aldermen are to receive all minutes.

-- Police Chief Whiting introduced Police Officers Leon A. Borman, Dale C. Smith, and Craig L. Berry, all of Norwich, NY.

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-- Ald. Guinn asked what hours the street sweeper runs. Highway Supt. Loscavio said the street sweeper is out between 12 am and 6 am.

-- Ald. Horovitz asked when spring cleanup is scheduled for. Highway Supt. Loscavio said spring cleanup is scheduled for the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May. He noted this year the crews will sweep the whole city during a four week period. Highway Supt. Loscavio explained items must be in clear plastic bags or bundled. He said the newspaper and the radio will be notified of the pickup dates as well as what types of items the City will pick up.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Guinn moved the appointment of David R. Robinson to the Maydole Hose Company of the Fire Department. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

Prior to the vote, Chief Rice stated Mr. Robinson is a transfer from another department and has New York State credited Fire Schools and EMT training.

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to award the bid for a 1991 Police Patrol Vehicle to Christman Motor Sales of Norwich, NY with a bid of \$12,762, without trade-in, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, 5-1 (Ald. McNeil).

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Horovitz noted the actual low bidder was Benedict Corp with a bid of \$12,250, but they were unable to provide the vehicle and had to withdraw their bid.

Ald. Angelino noted Public Works recommended keeping the old car, as the trade-in would have been only \$760 and there is a need for the car by various departments.

Police Chief Whiting said the department bid a mid-size vehicle for its fuel efficiency and front wheel drive.

RESOLUTION #42 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR DIVISION OF YOUTH PROGRAM

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover the cost for the Division of Youth Program, through the Christian Neighborhood Center; 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	\$ 543.26

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A7310.4020	Youth Bureau Contracted Services	\$ 543.26

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

RESOLUTION #43 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR TRASH REMOVAL

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required for the cost of trash removal; 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>
1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 500.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.4020	Municipal Building Contracted Services	\$ 500.00

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

RESOLUTION #44 - 1991. AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXTEND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
CHENANGO COUNTY FOR FIRE TRAINING AREA

Ald. Guinn introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich and the County of Chenango currently have a lease agreement dated March 1, 1973, for certain property behind the City's Hale Street Garage Facility for use as a fire training area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango of the State of New York is desirous of extending the term of the current lease for an additional twenty year period; and

WHEREAS, the City's Finance Committee has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized under the direction of the City Attorney to extend the current lease between the City of Norwich and the County of Chenango for certain properties to be used as a fire training area for an additional twenty years commencing on March 1, 1993 and terminating on February 28, 2013, or until such time as the County shall cease using the land for the use and operation of a Chenango County Fire Training Center.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Guinn questioned leasing the land for 20 years.

Fire Chief Rice stated the Fire Department owns the buildings and would like to construct an addition to the main building.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>4/09/91</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	72,740.14	14,710.50	87,450.64
Trust Fund	87,048.23	0.00	87,048.23
W.W.T.P.	21,470.55	0.00	21,470.55
TOTALS	\$181,258.92	\$14,710.50	\$195,969.42

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

-- Ald. Titus moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.