

COMMON COUNCIL

December 23, 1991

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on December 23, 1991, 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 Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Police Chief Richard Whiting
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio

Ald. Horovitz moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of December 10, 1991. Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

-- Neil Beebe, 59 West Main Street, said, regarding several employee layoffs, that he feels that the Council should acknowledge their departure with regrets.

Mayor Chomyszak stated that it is always unfortunate when people are let go, however, she does not feel it is necessary to publicly announce the names of employees being layed-off.

-- Jim Wright, 15 Elm Street, asked if city employees will be receiving different salaries than in 1991.

Mayor Chomyszak said a five percent increase for non-unit employees including department heads was approved by resolution on December 10, 1991.

BIDS:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported bids were received for a six inch fire service meter assembly for the Water Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Ald. McNeil moved to receive and refer to the City Attorney a letter from James Fertig regarding cable television listings. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Ald. Angelino moved to receive and file the following reports:

- Plumbing Board meeting of November 20, 1991
- Police Department monthly report for November 1991
- Traffic Commission minutes of December 11, 1991

-- Mayor Chomyszak reported that Plumbing Board member John Tumminia is moving out of the City leaving no master plumbers in the city.

Clerk Zakrevsky noted there was an attempt to change the Plumbing Ordinance regarding residency requirements, but state law would not allow it.

-- Ald. Angelino directed the Clerk to look into what commissioners and Board members don't reside in the City and report the information to the

Mayor. He also requested the City Attorney be asked if a post office box is recognized.

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

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Personnel Committee meetings of December 3 and 9, 1991
- Public Works Committee meeting of November 14, 1991
- Finance Committee meeting of December 18, 1991

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

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Titus moved to award the bid for six inch fire service meter assembly to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Vellano Brothers of Latham, NY for \$4,690.50, as recommended by the Water Board.

RESOLUTION #139 - 1991. CITY-COUNTY TAX LEVY FOR 1992

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the taxes levied by Chenango County for collection by the City of Norwich during 1992 total \$ 1,989,139.69, and the assessments for Refuse District #3 for 1992 total \$ 125,363.34, making a total County levy of \$ 2,114,503.03; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Norwich for the year 1992 has been duly adopted and the amount to be raised by taxes is \$ 1,000,871.34 and the amount of special assessments and other total \$ 13,010.35, for a total City levy of \$ 1,013,881.69; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said taxes totaling \$ 3,128,384.72 are hereby levied against the real property of the City of Norwich. The City Chamberlain is hereby directed to extend said tax against the property listed in the assessment roll of the City of Norwich and proceed to collect same in the manner prescribed in the Charter of the City of Norwich. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and issue to the Chamberlain the tax warrant for the collection of the above-mentioned taxes.

Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, 5-0 on a roll call vote.

-- There was discussion regarding the landfill closure and relative charges. Ald. Angelino noted that the County still owes the City \$16,000 for work performed by the city at the landfill. Clerk Zakrevsky said the matter was discussed at the last Refuse District No. Three meeting and members indicated that the County had referred the matter of the city's payment to their attorney who recommended holding the payment until the closing of the landfill was complete. Ald. Angelino requested the City Attorney look into the matter.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>12/23/91</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	122,993.74	36,027.40	159,021.14
Trust Fund	84,033.49	0.00	84,033.49
B.I.D.	2,195.19	0.00	2,195.19
Community Development	0.00	2,110.00	2,110.00
Capital Projects	34,018.72	1,362.00	35,380.72
TOTALS	243,241.14	39,499.40	282,740.54

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

-- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session. Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

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