

COMMON COUNCIL

September 22, 1992

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on September 22, 1992, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Marjorie Chomyszak
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil 7:10 pm
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. David Symonds
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Police Chief Richard Whiting
Fire Chief Timothy Ashcraft
Historian Patricia Scott

Ald. Symonds moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 8, 1992 and the special meeting of September 1, 1992. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Chomyszak opened the hearing at 7:03 pm for proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 1992, an ordinance amending the garbage and rubbish ordinance of the City of Norwich which would require all garbage and refuse be kept in a metal or durable plastic, nonleakable, tightly covered container designed to prevent the attraction of animals.

Bill Scoggins, Oxford, asked if clear plastic bags would still be required. He explained that he owns a clear plastic bag manufacturing plant and is concerned about the affect the ordinance could have on his business.

Mayor Chomyszak said the intent is not to eliminate using plastic bags but to keep trash not readily available to animals.

Ald. Symonds said he feels that most residents, for the sake of keeping the trash can clean, would continue to use the plastic bags.

Ald. Rabinowitz said the use of clear plastic bags was at the request of the County Refuse District. He noted the City is requiring sealed containers in a effort to prevent animal problems.

Thomas Knapp, 14 Locust Street, asked for a brief summary of the differences between the old and the new ordinance.

Mayor Chomyszak read the old ordinance and noted the major difference between the ordinances is that the old ordinance states the container must be metal and the new ordinance states that the container may be metal or plastic and must be tightly covered. She also noted that outdated requirements regarding manure piles and chicken yards have been deleted.

Mr. Knapp explained that he has a plastic container with a lid but he cut a hole in the bottom of the container to make removal of the bag easier. He asked if this would be a violation. Mayor Chomyszak said it would be allowed as long as the lid could still be secured tightly.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Chomyszak closed the hearing at 7:12 pm.

OPEN FORUM:

-- Joe Portelli, 11 Division Street, asked if pea stones could be placed under the playground equipment at Bruchhausen Park. Mayor Chomyszak said that it is on the schedule for this fall. She noted that the installation of pea stones is being budgeted for all the parks next year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported a request from the YMCA to hold the annual Halloween parade and "Night of Fun" beginning at 2 pm on Saturday, October 31, 1992.

Ald. McNeil moved to approve the request under the direction of the Police Chief. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, 3-2 (Aldermen Carnrike and Angelino).

Ald. Angelino stated he was opposed to the time of day designated for the events. He said he has received many calls from residents opposed to holding the Halloween events during daylight hours. Ald. Carnrike concurred.

Ald. Rabinowitz said, noting that his ward is where most of the trouble occurred last year, that he received only one call from someone opposed to the plans.

Mayor Chomyszak noted that the festivities this year will be held according to the recommendations of the Task Force on Halloween and other alternatives may be looked at later.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

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

- Traffic Commission minutes of September 9, 1992
- Water Board minutes of August 24, 1992

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

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Finance Committee meeting of September 8, 1992

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

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Mayor Chomyszak designated Halloween "Trick or Treating" on Saturday, October 31, 1992 from 4 pm to 7 pm, as recommended by the Halloween Task Force.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to appoint Dewayne Brasiel, 32 Pleasant Street, to the Ontario Hose Company of the Norwich Fire Department. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Fire Chief Ashcraft reported that the Public Safety Committee approved Mr. Brasiel's application to the department last evening. He said that the background check was favorable and that the department approved his application on September 14, 1992. He noted that Mr. Brasiel has had no previous training.

RESOLUTION #115 - 1992. APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDING GARBAGE AND RUBBISH ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 1992 on August 25, 1992, such ordinance requiring all garbage and refuse be kept in a metal or durable plastic, nonleakable, tightly covered container designed to prevent the attraction of animals; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on September 22, 1992, relative to such ordinance; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 4 of 1992, relative to amending the garbage and rubbish ordinance of the City of Norwich, as presented to the Common Council on August 25, 1992, be and hereby is approved.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all (5-0) on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Clerk Zakrevsky reported his office is looking into purchasing bulk garbage containers at discount rates. He said prices range from \$9 to \$50 for 32 gallon containers. Ald. Symonds asked what the bulk purchase ranges were. Clerk Zakrevsky said the prices were for purchasing quantities ranging from 200 to 500. He also reported that Brightman's Hardware would sell standard Rubbermaid containers for their cost. The matter of type and style of containers was referred to the Public Works Committee for recommendation.

Thomas Knapp, 14 Locust Street, said he recalled that when the City purchased bags in bulk several years ago, the State Auditors were critical of the action. Chamberlain Hutton said it may relate to a sales tax issue and he is looking into the matter.

Ald. Angelino asked what effect the new ordinance would have on curbside pickup. Mayor Chomyszak said curbside pickup is still required by the haulers. Ald. Angelino stated that garbage at the curb is unsightly and he is opposed to curbside pickup. Ald. Rabinowitz explained that curbside pickup began in an effort to defray the added time and cost of the recycling program required by the County. He noted backyard pickup is available for an additional fee.

Clerk Zakrevsky reported regarding surplus city-owned real estate, that four properties have been recommended for disposal by the Public Works Committee at this time. He said the properties are located at the corner of Natoli Ave. and Steer's Lane, Canasawacta Street (rear), Rexford Street across from Kiwanis Park, and Calvary Drive in the Town of Norwich and noted that most of the properties are landlocked. Mr. Zakrevsky noted that in addition to these properties, the Kiwanis Club is looking at other city surplus properties as a site for their affordable housing project. Ald. Angelino stated the Public Works Committee recommends that all unused City property be disposed of.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to advertise a request for sealed bids for the sale of the four surplus city-owned properties. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>09/22/92</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	101,666.53	20,017.08	121,683.61
Trust Fund	89,674.65	0.00	89,674.65
B.I.D.	125.00	0.00	125.00
Capital/Pool	0.00	2,541.29	2,541.29
Community Development	0.00	326.75	326.75
TOTALS	191,466.18	22,885.12	214,351.30

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

-- Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.