

COMMON COUNCIL

November 24, 1992

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on November 24, 1992, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Marjorie Chomyszak
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Stephen Tooker
Ald. David Symonds
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Fire Chief Timothy Ashcraft
Asst. Fire Chief James Wallen
Police Chief Richard Whiting
Engineer James Suozzo
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Historian Patricia Scott

Ald. Symonds moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of November 10, 1992. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

-- David Gale, 9 Davis Street, asked if the Charter Commission was now dissolved as stated in the minutes of the last Common Council meeting. Mayor Chomyszak explained that the Commission was automatically dissolved after the election.

Mr. Gale asked if the Commission had a budget. Mayor Chomyszak said the Commission spent approximately \$100.

Mr. Gale asked who appoints the Commission and if the same people would be re-appointed. Mayor Chomyszak said it is a mayoral appointment and at this time she has not contemplated re-appointing the commission. Ald. Angelino said that once the Public Safety Committee and the Planning Commission have looked at the Charter, a commission may be re-appointed. Ald. Tooker stated that one set of eyes looked at the Charter and suggested that another set of eyes may give it more diversity. He noted that 90% of the Charter needs revising.

Mr. Gale asked if the Planning Commission report would be available to the public. Ald. Angelino said it would be available to the public and noted that anyone can attend the meetings.

Ald. Symonds reiterated that the whole Charter needs restructuring and what we are doing now is getting several bodies looking at it. He stated it is not an issue that is going to be dropped.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported bids were received for mineral crushed rock salt and a 1993 Mini Van (cargo) and would be taken up under New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following correspondence was received:

- Request from the Chenango County Aids Task Force to hold a Service of Hope and Remembrance on December 1, 1992 at 7:10 pm.
- Mayoral Proclamation declaring December 1, 1992 as World Aids Day.
- Letter from Robert Edmunds regarding design of proposed water filtration plant.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to approve the Chenango County Aids Task Force Service of Hope and Remembrance under the direction of the Police Chief and to receive and file the mayoral proclamation and the letter from Mr. Edmunds. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

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

- Water Board minutes of October 26, 1992
- Police Department monthly report for October, 1992
- Traffic Commission minutes of November 12, 1992

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

Ald. Tooker suggested, after reading the Traffic Commission minutes of November 12, 1992 in which no business could be conducted for lack of a quorum, that the Chairs of Commissions should survey members prior to the meeting to insure there will be a quorum. Traffic Commission member Knapp noted that it was very rare that the Commission not have a quorum. He explained that the low attendance was due to rescheduling the meeting which would have normally fallen on Veterans Day.

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

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance Committee meeting of November 7, 1992
- Personnel Committee meeting of November 10, 1992

Ald. McNeil withdrew the Personnel Committee report until the next meeting.

-- Ald. Symonds reported from Ward Five that a letter will be mailed to the residents of Ward Five updating them on the clean up at the Mirabito Fuel Company site.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported that the bids for Sale of Surplus Real Estate have been reviewed by the Finance and Public Works Committees and recommendations made. He stated a resolution would be prepared for the next Council meeting.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to receive the proposed 1993 General, Water, Waste Water, Unemployment Insurance, and Special Grants budgets and set public hearings for December 8, 1992 at 7 pm. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Rabinowitz noted there are certain items that may require amendments in the future and all would result in reductions. He explained that there is a process for amending budgets after they are approved.

Ald. Symonds commended the Chamberlain, his office and all the department heads on the preparation of the budget and keeping the tax rate the same as last year.

Ald. Angelino stated the City has done an exceptional job with regard to overtime and noted that it is now at a level we can live with.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Symonds moved to award the bid for a 1993 Mini Van (cargo) to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications as recommended by the

Water Board; Smith Norwich with a bid of \$13,354.60 including trade in. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Angelino asked how many four-wheel drive vehicles the Water System has. Ald. Carnrike said the Water System has been changing over to all-wheel vehicles. He explained that with different shifts and the trips to the reservoir it is a good investment that all the Water System vehicles be all-wheel drive.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to award the bid for Mineral Crushed Rock Salt to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications as recommended by the Chairman of the Public Works Committee and City Engineer, Cargill Incorporated of Lansing NY with a bid of \$38.05 per ton delivered and \$33.00 per ton if picked up at mine. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #133 - 1992. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR MODIFICATION OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, an engineering design has been proposed by Delaware Engineering, PC to correct and modify certain deficiencies in the Waste Water Treatment Facility Electrical System; and

WHEREAS, a capital project account has been established by the Common Council for the overall modifications of the treatment system; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the balance of the Waste Water Treatment Facility project; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1992 Waste Water Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H19-599	Waste Water Treatment Plant Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 5,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H19-8134.402A	Waste Water Treatment Plant Contractual for Modification Design	\$ 5,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #134 - 1992. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR UNMARKED POLICE VEHICLE

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of an unmarked police vehicle; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1992 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990	Contingency	\$ 9,700.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A3120.2100	Police Department - Equipment	\$ 9,700.00

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

RESOLUTION #135 - 1992. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has made certain recommendations regarding the payment of taxes on the Hayes Street parking lot; and

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of such payment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1992 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990	Contingency	\$ 11,900.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1950	Taxes and Assessments	\$ 11,900.00

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

-- Ald. Tooker asked if letters of appreciation were sent to the people who served on the Charter Commission. Mayor Chomyszak said letters did go out to all the members.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>11/24/92</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	248,912.73	149,083.96	397,996.69
Trust Fund	89,651.73	0.00	89,651.73
B.I.D.	93.42	0.00	93.42
W.W.T.P.	0.00	9,508.92	9,508.92
Urban Renewal	17.75	0.00	17.75
Capital Projects	0.00	7,068.45	7,068.45
TOTALS	338,675.63	165,661.32	504,336.95

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

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.