

COMMON COUNCIL

March 2, 1993

Common Council President Charles Angelino presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on March 2, 1993, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Ald. Charles Angelino
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Stephen Tooker
Ald. Sam Symonds

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Asst. Police Chief Robert Mason
Engineer James Suozzo
Highway Supt. Joe Loscavio
Historian Patricia Scott

Ald. Symonds moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 23, 1993. Seconded by Ald. Tooker and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

No one wished to be heard.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported no bids were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported no correspondence was received.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

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

- Fire Dept. monthly reports for September, October & November 1992
- Parks Commission minutes of February 8, 1993

With reference to the Parks Commission minutes, there was discussion regarding a hockey program. Ald. Angelino explained that there previously was a hockey program but interest has declined over the past several years. He noted that hockey was the only outside winter recreational program in the City and now that the weather is more agreeable for it and interest is high, he would like to see the program start up again. Ald. Angelino also suggested the possibility of a cross country skiing program at Rotary Park.

Engineer Suozzo stated that the location of the current hockey rink is not ideal due to poor ice conditions caused from water run off and that another location is being looked at, possibly at Weiler Park. Clerk Zakrevsky noted that his office is looking into applying for a state grant to build a new rink.

There was also discussion regarding the gazebo in East Side Park. Ald. McNeil said that several groups are making donations towards the repair of the gazebo which he noted should be completed this spring.

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

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Public Works Committee meeting of February 11, 1993
- Finance Committee meeting of February 17 and 23, 1993

-- Ald. Tooker asked why snow was being cleared from parking spaces on North Broad Street. He noted that it was done during the night and residents have complained about the noise. Engineer Suozzo explained that the snow was cleared in anticipation of another snow storm as space would be needed to put the new snow. He noted that night is the safest time to work because traffic is light and vehicles are off the streets with the No Parking on City Streets After 2 am ordinance in force.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz complimented the Department of Public Works on getting the intersections cleared of snow so quickly for better visibility.

-- There was discussion regarding the process of placing cold patch in pot holes and it's effectiveness. The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee for recommendation.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. McNeil moved to appoint Robert Rabinowitz as Deputy Acting Mayor. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #25 - 1993. AMENDING VEHICLE & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE NO PARKING ON BROWN AVENUE

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 90-4 of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich, the Common Council has been granted the authority to make, promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing and designating parking, parking spaces, safety and loading zones, one-way streets and streets for through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission has made certain recommendations concerning no parking on the north side of Brown Avenue from Brown Street to the railroad tracks from 6 pm to 6 am; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 90-63, No Parking, of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich be and hereby is amended as follows:

BROWN AVENUE, north side, from Brown Street to {D.L.& W.} railroad tracks {after} from 6 pm to 6 am.

{Bracketed} material is deleted.

Underlined material is new.

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

--- Prior to the vote, Ald. Carnrike asked if the area in front of the Brown Avenue bowling alley was included. Asst. Police Chief Mason explained that the south side of the street in front of the bowling alley was included. He noted the purpose of the ordinance was to clarify a previous ordinance from 1948 which stated there was no parking after 6 pm.

RESOLUTION #26 - 1993. AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 ASSESSMENT CASE

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a certain assessment review action has been filed against the City of Norwich pursuant to Article 7 of the State Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has negotiated a tentative settlement of such case; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby approve the recommendation of the City Attorney to settle the following case having been brought against the City of Norwich pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, subject to final details of the tentative settlement being worked out by the City Attorney and the attorney for the petitioner:

-- Norwich Center Associates; Judith Seiden
Maple Street, Norwich, New York
Tax Map No. 136.56-2-2.1.

Seconded by Ald. Symonds.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to table the resolution until after discussion can be held in executive session. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>3/02/93</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	95,663.48	21,201.41	116,864.89
Trust Fund	92,043.55	822.18	92,865.73
Community Development	0.00	200.00	200.00
TOTALS	\$187,707.03	\$22,223.59	\$209,930.62

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

-- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss pending litigation with a possible vote afterwards. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to go out of executive session at 7:37 pm. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to take Resolution No. 26-1993 from the table. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. McNeil moved for a vote, seconded by Ald. Symonds and the resolution was duly adopted, all ayes on a roll call vote.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.