

COMMON COUNCIL

October 26, 1993

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on October 26, 1993, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Marjorie Chomyszak
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Historian Patricia Scott
Asst. Fire Chief T. Christophersen
Police Chief Richard Whiting
Asst. Police Chief Robert Mason

Ald. Carnrike moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 12, 1993. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

No one wished to be heard.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported no bids were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Ald. Angelino moved to approve the following requests under the direction of the Police Chief. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

- Request from Norwich Merchants Association to hold the annual Santa Claus Parade on November 26, 1993 at 10 am.
- Request from Norwich Merchants Association to designate free downtown parking during the holiday season from November 1, 1993 through January 1, 1994.
- Request from the Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold the annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 1993 at 10:15 am.

There was discussion regarding the November 1 date to commence free parking. Ald. McNeil noted that in past years the Merchants Association requested free parking beginning December 1, but because the shopping season is longer now, the Association wanted to extend free parking to accommodate the shoppers.

-- Mayor Chomyszak reported she received information from the Federal Cable Commission regarding new regulations and options available to the City. The correspondence was referred to the City Attorney for review.

-- Clerk Zakrevsky reported a request from Gary Brightman to barricade part of the sidewalk at 43-45 North Broad Street during the facade renovation of the Bluebird Building. Ald. Carnrike noted that there would be about eight feet of sidewalk left for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Zakrevsky said the project would take a couple of months to complete. Ald. Angelino moved to approve the request under the direction of the City Engineer. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all with Ald. Carnrike abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

- Ald. McNeil moved to receive and file the following reports:
 - Traffic Commission minutes of October 13, 1993
 - Water Board minutes of September 27, October 5 and 11, 1993
 - Parks Commission minutes of October 11, 1993
 - Fire Department monthly reports for June through September 1993
 - Civil Service Commission minutes of October 14, 1993

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

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance Committee meetings of October 9 and 13, 1993
- Public Works Committee meeting of October 14, 1993
- Ald. Carnrike reported, with regard to the street recycling project, there is concern that areas near the railroad tracks may need more asphalt. The matter was referred to the Highway Superintendent. Ald. Carnrike also reported questions regarding leaf pickup. Ald. Angelino said leaf pickup would be conducted from November 1 - 5 and only clear bags would be accepted. He requested the Highway Department notify the press of the event.
- Ald. Angelino reported concern regarding a catch basin on Hale Street and directed the Highway Department look into the matter.
- Ald. McNeil moved to receive and file the reports. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to approve the appointment of Lynn C. Micklas of McDonough, NY as an associate member to the Emergency Squad of the Norwich Fire Department. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #106 - 1993. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR LEGAL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH RE-ASSESSMENT CASES

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover legal fees associated with re-assessment cases; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 629.85

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1420.4020	Attorney - Contracted Services	\$ 629.85

Seconded by Ald. Carnrike.

Ald. Angelino asked if there has been a date set for the City to meet with the school and the towns regarding the Victory Markets reassessments. Mayor Chomyszak said no date has been scheduled as yet.

- Ald. Angelino moved to table the resolution until after a meeting is held with the school and towns. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

RESOLUTION #107 - 1993. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR STREET CLEANING PERSONAL SERVICES

Ald. Carnrike introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to cover the cost of Street Cleaning; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5110.1010	Street Maintenance - Personal Services	\$ 126.08

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A8170.1010	Street Cleaning - Personal Services	\$ 126.08

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. McNeil requested that if Highway Supt. Loscavio cannot be present at the Council meeting, Asst. Highway Supt. Williams should be there to represent the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION #108 - 1993. AMENDING VEHICLE & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE HUBBARD AVENUE, NORTH FRONT STREET AND VIRGINIA LANE AS STOP STREETS

Ald. McNeil 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 designating Hubbard Avenue, North Front Street and Virginia Lane as Stop Streets; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 90-72, Streets Designated, of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich be and hereby is amended as follows:

FRONT STREET NORTH is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Hubbard Avenue.

HUBBARD AVENUE is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Front Street.

HUBBARD AVENUE is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of American Avenue.

VIRGINIA LANE is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of North Front Street.

Underlined material is new.

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Angelino asked when North Front Street would be changed to Virginia Lane. Clerk Zakrevsky said the street name can be changed after Virginia Lane becomes a dedicated street.

RESOLUTION #109 - 1993. AMENDING VEHICLE & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE HUBBARD AVENUE AS A ONE WAY STREET

Ald. Rabinowitz 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 designating Hubbard Avenue as a one way street; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 90-65, One-Way Streets, of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich be and hereby is amended as follows:

HUBBARD AVENUE - north, from the its intersection with North Front Street to its intersection with American Avenue.

Underlined material is new.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

RESOLUTION #110 - 1993. SUPPORTING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW LEVEL DEBT AND TO EXTEND EXCLUSION OF SEWER DEBT FROM DEBT LIMIT

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, local governments, like individuals, must sometimes borrow money in order to finance the purchase of equipment or property or to undertake necessary capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the state constitution currently requires larger debt service in the early years of a bond repayment; and

WHEREAS, declining debt service payments result in current taxpayers paying for an unfair proportion of the costs of municipal assets that equally benefit subsequent generations of taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Proposal Number One on November 2nd would authorize local governments to repay their obligations on a level debt service basis, similar to a mortgage payment; and

WHEREAS, local governments are often mandated to construct or reconstruct sewage facilities, at enormous expense to local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the exclusion of sewage facility debt from constitutional debt limits will expire on January 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Proposal Number Two on November 2nd would extend the sewer debt exclusion through January 1, 2004; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich supports the approval by the voters of New York State of Proposal Number One and Proposal Number Two on November 2nd; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the residents of the City of Norwich are urged to vote in favor of Proposal Number One and Proposal Number Two on November 2, 1993.

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

-- Prior to the vote, Mayor Chomyszak noted that NYCOM recommends municipalities support the Proposals.

-- Ald. Angelino noted again that leaf pickup in the City of Norwich will be held from November 1 through November 5, 1993 and that only clear bags will be picked up.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>10/26/93</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	148,905.56	20,299.25	169,204.81
Trust Fund	99,231.40	200.00	99,431.40
B.I.D.	327.28	0.00	327.28
W.W.T.P.	0.00	35,914.15	35,914.15
Community Development	1,294.70	2,250.76	3,545.46
Capital Projects	26,236.86	1,847.71	28,084.57
TOTALS	\$275,995.80	\$60,511.87	\$336,507.67

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

-- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

-- Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.