

COMMON COUNCIL

November 8, 1993

Mayor Chomyszak presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:30 pm on November 8, 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 Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Barbara Schermerhorn

Ald. Angelino moved to dispense with the normal agenda and move to the New Business. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Angelino moved to appoint Barbara Schermerhorn as Alderwoman for Ward Four for the remainder of a four year term expiring December 31, 1993. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

Clerk Zakrevsky swore Ms. Schermerhorn in as Alderwoman for Ward Four. Ald. Schermerhorn then took her seat on the Council.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go into executive session at 6:45 pm to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. McNeil moved to go out of executive session at 7:20 pm. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to recess until 8 pm for a Personnel Committee meeting. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Chamberlain Hutton explained that the Finance Committee held a work session regarding general goals and would like to know what the Council as a whole would like to see in terms of a tax rate.

Ald. McNeil said he would like to see no increase in the tax rate and noted a decrease would be better. Ald. Angelino stated that a decrease in the tax rate would mean that services would have to be cut. He indicated that to continue the street repairs in 1994 an increase in the tax rate would be needed. Ald. Rabinowitz noted that the City is trying to attract people and businesses to the City of Norwich; if we look like we are deteriorating, they aren't going to come; but, if we look like a success, we can attract them to the City and it will ultimately reduce the tax burdens.

Joseph Biviano asked if Community Development funds could be used for sidewalk and street repairs. CD Director Zakrevsky said that most of the monies are required to go into a revolving loan fund. He noted that CD funds were used for the parking lot on Virginia Lane whereby, vacant buildings in that area would be more developable and aid in job creation. Mr. Zakrevsky indicated that CD funds could possibly be used through the Senior Citizen Emergency and Housing funds for sidewalk repairs for eligible homeowners.

Ald. Carnrike stated that if services are not going to be cut, the City needs to look at duplication of services.

Ald. Angelino indicated that the department heads will be striving for more efficiency.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 8:50 pm to discuss the purchase of property where the price may be affected. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all. Seconded by Ald. Angelino and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to adjourn at 9:36 pm. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.