

COMMON COUNCIL

March 8, 1994

Mayor Biviano presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on March 8, 1994, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Sam Symonds

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Attorney James Cushman
Asst. Police Chief Gardner Miles
Asst. Fire Chief Graydon Titus
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Historian Patricia Scott
Water Board Chair Albert Sullivan

Absent:

Ald. Angelino

Ald. Symonds moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 22, 1994 and the special meeting of February 28, 1994. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

-- David Gale, 9 Davis Street, thanked those responsible for obtaining the services of Camp Pharsalia for snow shovelling. He offered to cook for the crew when they are working for the city. Mr. Gale stated that the Highway Department is doing a good job and we need to have patience with the pot holes. With regard to the City retaining William Roberts for consulting services, Mr. Gale feels the City is in need of this service. He noted that he hopes the City will utilize Mr. Roberts to the fullest extent. Mr. Gale asked the City to assist in getting business into the building on the end of American Avenue.

The Mayor indicated the City would like to utilize the services of Camp Pharsalia as much as possible. He said the EDZ application was a major project and during the process some projects were neglected. He also noted that the Community Development office is currently short staffed.

Clerk Zakrevsky noted that three of the EDZ subcommittees will remain active; the Incentives, Marketing and Human Resources Committees.

Ald. Carnrike asked, regarding concerns from residents that too much snow is being piled on Borden Avenue, that anyone with property near the City that would allow the crews to pile snow on, please let us know.

-- Ray Maginsky, 154 East Main Street, on behalf of the residents of East Main Street, thanked Ald. Symonds, Highway Supt. Loscavio and the DPW crews for the excellent job done removing the snow from East Main Street.

Mr. Maginsky also stated that the Chenango River, from Rexford Street to East Main Street, had been dredged last summer and with the cooperation of the DEC, it is anticipated that the project will continue down to Hale Street. He indicated that an application for funding has been made to Assemblyman Rappleyea's office in Albany. Mr. Maginsky noted that it is hoped that the City receives enough funds to construct a dike.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported bids for a Police Patrol Vehicle were received and referred to the Public Safety Committee for recommendation and bids for Jamba Farm Lease were received and would be taken up under New Business.

Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following correspondence was received:

- Resignation of James Hoffman as Deputy City Chamberlain effective February 28, 1994.
- Letter from Senior Advocates of Chenango County concerning a previous request for funding.
- Mayor Biviano read a proclamation extending thanks to all employees who were involved the preparation of the Economic Development Zone application.
- Ald. McNeil moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Hoffman. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.
- Ald. McNeil moved to receive and file the correspondence from Senior Advocates and the Mayoral Proclamation. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. McNeil noted that the Personnel Committee had discussed the request from Senior Advocates several months ago and a letter was to be to the group.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

- Ald. McNeil moved to receive and file the following reports:
 - Parks Commission minutes of February 14, 1994
 - Civil Service Commission minutes of February 9, 1994
 - Water Board minutes of January 31, 1994

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

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-- Ald. Carnrike reported that upon receiving many complaints from residents during the previous snow storm, he took out a DPW plow truck to help with the snow plowing and learned first hand what a difficult job it is to plow properly when there are vehicles in the streets. He commended the crews for the great job they have done under difficult circumstances. He also noted that he does appreciate the comments from the public.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz said, regarding snow removal, that there are still a few troublesome intersections.

-- Mayor Biviano noted the Highway Superintendent worked 148 hours during the past two weeks and he deserves a lot of credit.

-- Ald. Symonds said he seconds the residents of Ward Five with thanks for the fine job the highway crews did removing snow from East Main Street and hopes they will be able to open up more streets before another snow storm arrives.

- Finance Committee meeting of February 21, 1994
- Public Safety Committee meeting of January 18, 1994

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

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Symonds moved to remove Resolution No. 36 of 1994 from the table. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Symonds noted that this is the 1993 close-out for the Fire Department and includes the final payment on the Fire Fighters Contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. McNeil moved to award the bid for Jamba Farm Lease to William IZARD of South New Berlin, NY for \$1,900 per year, the highest bidder meeting specifications as recommended by the Water Board. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to award the bid for 1994 Tree Removal to Goodell Tree Service of Vestal, NY for \$3,765, the lowest bidder meeting specifications as recommended by the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Mayor Biviano reported that the equalization rate for the City of Norwich has increased to 85.7% due to the efforts of our Assessor.

RESOLUTION #38 - 1994. AWARDING BIDS FOR 1994 WATER AND SEWER MAIN MATERIALS FOR PLEASANT STREET REHABILITATION

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of Pleasant Street in 1994 will include the replacement by the Water System of water mains, fixtures and sanitary sewer mains; and

WHEREAS, bids have been received for water and sanitary main materials for Pleasant Street; and

WHEREAS, the Water Board has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bids of Vellano Brothers, Inc. of Latham, NY for Water and Temporary Water Main Materials in the amount of \$54,204.29 and for Sanitary Main and Lateral Materials in the amount of \$6,937.05 be and hereby are approved.

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

RESOLUTION #39 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR YOUTH COUNCIL TRIPS

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of winter youth council trips; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1994 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 300.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A7140.4020	Playground and Recreation Contracted Services	\$ 300.00

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

RESOLUTION #40 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR STREETS CRACK SEALING

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of additional crack sealing of the streets; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1994 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5110.1010	Street Maintenance Personal Services	\$ 7,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5110.4020	Street Maintenance Contracted Services	\$ 7,000.00

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

-- Prior to the vote, Highway Supt. Loscavio said this would allow all the streets to be crack sealed, a care and preventative maintenance program that should help prolong the life of the street.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to approve an emergency transfer request in the amount of \$8,000 from Parks Personal Service to Snow and Ice Materials and Supplies for the purchase of rock salt and that a resolution be prepared for the next Council meeting. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>03/08/94</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	99,387.86	13,524.25	112,912.11
Trust Fund	92,365.61	0.00	92,365.61
Community Development	23,090.00	572.00	23,662.00
Capital Projects	34,777.45	3,790.32	38,567.77
TOTALS	\$249,620.92	\$17,886.57	\$267,507.49

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

-- Ald. Symonds moved to go into executive session at 7:40 pm to discuss the purchase of property where the price may be affected. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to go out of executive session at 8 pm. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.