

COMMON COUNCIL

August 9, 1994

Mayor Biviano presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on August 9, 1994, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Sam Symonds
Ald. Charles Angelino

Absent:

Ald. Patrick McNeil

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Asst. Police Chief Gardner Miles
Engineer James Suozzo
Asst. Highway Supt. Mark Williams
Fire Chief Timothy Ashcraft
Asst. Fire Chief Tim Christophersen
Asst. Fire Chief Graydon Titus
W. Roberts, Directional Resources

Ald. Symonds moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of July 26, 1994. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Carnrike noted that the Personnel Committee minutes received and filed at the July 26, 1994 Council meeting were incorrect and the corrected minutes would be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

-- Mary Coe, 5A Waite Street, asked the status of the property on Silver Street posted by the Codes Enforcement Officer and noted it appears to her that people are living there. Mayor Biviano said people are allowed into the building to make repairs. The matter was referred to the Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mrs. Coe asked that the City consider not building a new fire station due to the present economy of the area. Mayor Biviano explained that he has only asked for a plan at this time and the Council will not take any action until every aspect has been looked into. Ald. Carnrike said the Council is addressing the City's housing needs as well as the long term housing needs of the whole emergency response system. Ald. Rabinowitz noted that long range planning is a step by step process addressing first the fire needs, followed by the police and the court. Ald. Angelino noted that renovating the current building was looked into and it was found to be more expensive than it would be to build new. Engineer Suozzo explained that renovating is expensive due to codes requirements. Mayor Biviano stated that at this time, he has asked only that a plan be put in place.

Mrs. Coe asked if there has been anything done regarding a payment plan for senior citizens to pay their taxes. Chamberlain Hutton said the Finance Committee discussed payment plan options for all taxpayers.

-- Audrey Reid, Fair Street, informed the Council of a situation at a residence on Fair Street which includes junk cars and trash. In addition, she said the obscene language that can be heard from the residence makes it unpleasant to be outside in her own yard. She noted that she has lived in the neighborhood for 12 years and asked if anything can be done about the situation. Attorney Cushman indicated that the person has been summoned into court.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported no bids were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Ald. Angelino moved to approve, under the direction of the Police Chief, a request from the YMCA to hold the annual Turkey Trot Race on November 20, 1994 beginning at 1 pm. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to approve, under the direction of the Police Chief, a request to hold the annual Francis Avenue Street Party on August 28, 1994 from 8 am to 8 pm. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to receive and file the Plumbing Board minutes of July 20, 1994. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to receive and file the Electrical Board minutes of July 21, 1994. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to receive and file the Civil Service Commission minutes of July 14, 1994. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-- Ald. Carnrike reported concerns regarding open rubbish. Engineer Suozzo said the matter will be discussed by the Public Works Committee on Thursday. Ald. Carnrike also reported complaints regarding flowers which Clerk Zakrevsky explained was addressed by the Parks Commission last evening.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz reported that he, too, has received complaints regarding open rubbish. He also reported concern from residents regarding manholes on North Broad Street. Asst. Highway Supt. Williams said the manholes are in the process of being repaired.

-- Ald. Schermerhorn reported a matter regarding a tree on Waite Street has been referred to Asst. Highway Supt. Williams.

-- Ald. Symonds reported that residents of the Sheldon Street Extension have requested water and sewer service if an extension of the lines should occur.

Ald. Symonds also reported several residents from Natoli Avenue were present relative to the clean up of the city owned railroad right of way property and the procedure for leasing a portion of the lot. Ald. Angelino said there would be no leasing of property until the entire area is cleaned up. After some discussion, it was decided that the Finance Committee would develop a policy for leasing the property. The residents were also concerned about any long term plans for the property. Ald. Symonds said different options have been discussed with nothing decided at this time.

-- Mayor Biviano referred a matter regarding trees on Gold and Prospect Streets to the City Engineer. He also requested that action be taken relative to a garbage situation on Hubbard Avenue.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to receive and file the Finance Committee minutes of July 26, 1994. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Carnrike noted that the Public Safety Committee minutes would not be ready to be received until the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Mayor Biviano proclaimed his intent to issue Executive Order No. 1 of 1994 as follows:

Whereas, as Mayor of the City of Norwich, I have the authority to create certain advisory boards and commissions by executive order; and

Whereas, after consultation with the City Community Development Director, I believe it is in the best interest of the City to provide needed assistance for economic development, expediting the City's review of development proposals, and streamlining review procedures by various City agencies; now therefor be it

Resolved, that tomorrow, August 10, 1994, I will submit and file with the City Clerk, Executive Order No. 1 of 1994, authorizing and creating an Economic Advisory Council which shall be comprised of five individuals which shall work with the Community Development Director in recommending policy changes to enhance economic development activities for the City of Norwich.

-- Mayor Biviano said the Council would consist of Ray Lauenstein, Matt Cooney, Pete Smith, Ed Nelson and Anthony Caezza, who would serve as Chairman.

RESOLUTION #106 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR CITY WIDE MAILING

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of a city-wide mailing to property owners regarding public information meetings relative to the 1996 assessment revaluation process; 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>
A9010.8	Retirement	\$ 700.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1355.4011	Assessment - Postage	\$ 700.00

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

RESOLUTION #107 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR LEGAL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ASSESSMENT CASES

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of legal fees associated with assessment cases; 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	\$ 1,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1420.4020	Attorney - Contracted Service	\$ 1,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #108 - 1994. ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET AND
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR WATER AND SEWER MAIN
REPLACEMENT ON PLEASANT STREET

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of Pleasant Street will include the replacement of water and sewer mains with the necessary valves and fittings; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following capital projects budget for Main Replacement be and hereby is established:

Budget Source:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H37-5031	Capital Project Transfer Account	\$ 57,554.23

Budget Use:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H3708340.4	Capital Project Main Replacement	\$ 57,554.23

and, further be it

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

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR31-9950.9	Water Main Replacement Reserve	\$ 1,400.28
F9950.8330	Water Main Replacement	50,000.00
G9950.8120	Sewer Main Replacement	6,153.95
		<u>\$ 57,554.23</u>

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H37-5031	Capital Project Transfer Account	\$ 57,554.23

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote (5-0).

-- Prior to the vote, Engineer Suozzo stated that bid documents will be out by mid September for the sewer lines. He explained that most of the construction will take place next year.

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

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>08/09/94</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	89,635.37	515,535.10	605,170.47
W.W.T.P.	101,639.03	0.00	101,639.03
Reserves	3,635.00	0.00	3,635.00
Community Development	4,343.48	0.00	4,343.48
Capital Projects	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
TOTALS	\$ 199,252.88	\$ 520,186.79	\$ 719,439.67

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

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss a personnel matter, the purchase of property where the price may be affected and pending litigation. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Symonds moved to go out of executive session. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

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

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Executive Session

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Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Sam Symonds
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky

During an executive session of the Common Council on August 9, 1994, the following action was taken:

RESOLUTION #109 - 1994. AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO HIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Ald. Carnrike introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract for specialized services at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote - (5-0).