

COMMON COUNCIL

January 2, 1996

Mayor Biviano presided at the organizational meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on January 2, 1996, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Mat Thall
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Director of Finance/Clerk Brian Haak
Fire Chief Mark Rice
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Rules of Procedure -- Ald. McNeil moved to adopt the 1995 Rules of Procedure for 1996. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Committee Appointments -- Mayor Biviano made the following Committee appointments:

Finance: Aldermen Rabinowitz, Angelino and Thall

Personnel: Aldermen McNeil, Carnrike and Thall

Public Works: Aldermen Angelino, Rabinowitz and Schermerhorn

Public Safety: Aldermen Carnrike, McNeil and Schermerhorn
Russell Mosher - Advisory member

Outside Resources: Alderman Rabinowitz

-- Ald. McNeil moved to appoint Rita Czyzycki as an advisory member of the Personnel Committee. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

The Mayor and all advisory members shall be consulting members of all committees, being notified of all committee sessions and being able to participate in discussion.

All committee members, including advisory members, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Meetings of the committees may be called by the chairman, the Mayor or any two members of the committee.

Chairmanships of each committee shall flow from the order of appointment.

Council President -- Ald. Rabinowitz nominated Ald. Angelino for President of the Common Council for 1996. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Acting Mayor -- Ald. Carnrike nominated Ald. McNeil for Acting Mayor for 1996. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

Acting City Judge -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved the appointment of Joseph G. Brillinger, 36 Waite Street, as Acting City Judge, a six-year term expiring December 31, 2002. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Public Health Officer -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved the appointment of Dr. Richard Hosbach, 60 West Main Street, as Public Health Officer, a four-year term expiring December 31, 1999. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Fire Chief -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved the appointment of Mark Rice to a one-year term as Fire Chief, expiring December 31, 1996. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

First Assistant Chief -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved the appointment of Graydon Titus to a one-year term as First Assistant Fire Chief, expiring December 31, 1996. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

Second Assistant Chief -- Ald. McNeil moved the appointment of Stanley Brightman to a one-year term as Second Assistant Fire Chief, expiring December 31, 1996. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Director of Disaster Preparedness -- Ald. Carnrike moved the appointment of Timothy Ashcraft, Norwich, to as Director of Disaster Preparedness, a one-year term expiring December 31, 1996. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Appointments by the Council

Traffic Commission -- Ald. Carnrike moved the following appointments to the Traffic Commission:

-- Bernard Merritt, 10 Hayward Avenue, re-appointment as Chairman, a two-year term expiring December 31, 1997.

-- Robert Burdick, 29 Beebe Avenue, appointment to the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1996.

-- George Cleveland, 17 Columbia Street, re-appointment to the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1996.

-- Roland Guinn, 135 East Main Street, re-appointment to the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1997.

-- Robyn King, 115 North Broad Street, re-appointment to the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1997.

-- Philip Giltner, 19 Hayes Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

-- Thomas Knapp, 14 Locust Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Appointments by the Mayor with Approval of the Council

Board of Ethics -- Ald. Angelino moved the following appointment to the Board of Ethics:

-- James Lanfair, 87 Mitchell Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Parks Commission -- Ald. Angelino moved the following appointments to the Parks Commission:

-- Patrick McNeil, 31 Plymouth Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

-- Francis Hailey, 25 Hayes Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

-- Richard Runyon, 16 Hillview Drive, re-appointment to the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1997.

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

Street Tree Committee -- Ald. Angelino moved the following appointment to the Street Tree Committee:

-- Richard Bates, 50 Locust Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Appointments by the Mayor

Mayor Biviano requested that the following mayoral appointments be approved by the Common Council.

B.I.D. -- Ald. Angelino moved the mayoral appointment of Peter Kwasnik, Sherburne, NY as Mayor's representative to the B.I.D. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

Electrical Board -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved the following mayoral appointment to the Electrical Board:

-- Raymond F. Doing, RD #1, Norwich, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Planning Commission -- Ald. Angelino moved the following mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission:

-- Joseph McBride, 8 Sharon Drive, re-appointment to a three-year term, expiring December 31, 1998.

-- Charlotte O'Dea, 5 Chirlin Drive, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Plumbing Board -- Ald. Angelino moved the following mayoral appointment to the Plumbing Board:

-- John Tumminia, Norwich, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Water Commission -- Ald. Angelino moved the following mayoral appointments to the Water Commission:

-- Robert T. Edmunds, 80 Elm Street, appointment to a two-year term as Chairperson, expiring December 31, 1997.

-- Roland Guinn, 135 East Main Street, appointment to the remainder of a three-year term, expiring December 31, 1996.

-- Robert Rabinowitz, 22 Hillview Drive, appointment to the remainder of a three-year term, expiring December 31, 1996.

-- George Carnrike, 28 Jones Avenue, appointment to the remainder of a three-year term, expiring December 31, 1997.

-- David Wagoner, 44 Locust Street, appointment to the remainder of a three year term, expiring December 31, 1997.

-- Bartolo Natoli, 40 Sunset Drive, appointment to a three-year term, expiring December 31, 1998.

-- Joseph Serafini, 26 Prospect Street, appointment to a three year term, expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Youth Board -- Ald. Angelino moved the following mayoral appointments to the Youth Board:

-- Jamie Mullen, 10 Hayes Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

-- Jeff Abbott, Mitchell Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved the following mayoral appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

-- Robert T. Edmunds, 80 Elm Street, re-appointment as Chairman, a two-year term, expiring December 31, 1997.

-- Mark St. Denny, 56 Hillview Drive, re-appointment to a three-year term, expiring December 31, 1998.

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

Official Newspaper and Depository -- Ald. McNeil moved to designate the following through December 31, 1996:

Official Newspaper - Norwich Evening Sun

Official Depository for city general funds - NBT Bank and Binghamton Savings Bank

Official Depository for water and sewer funds - NBT Bank and Binghamton Savings Bank

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

Fire Oversight Committee -- Mayor Biviano appointed a Fire Oversight Committee to study the structure of the Norwich Fire Department consisting of past fire chiefs, the present fire chief and Jim Wright as Secretary. The Mayor suggested the Fire Oversight Committee meet with the Common Council after the next Council meeting.

Council Committee Meeting Schedule -- The Common Council scheduled the Committee meetings as follows: Personnel Committee shall meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm; Finance Committee shall meet on the Wednesday following the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm; Public Safety Committee shall meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm; Public Works Committee shall meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

Adjournment -- Ald. Angelino moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.