

Work Session

Common Council

June 11, 1996

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
 Police Chief Robert Mason
 Fire Chief Mark Rice
 DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
 Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
 Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
 CD Director David Wagoner
 Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

RESOLUTION #67 - 1996. APPOINTING PERMANENT RELIEF FIRE ASSISTANT

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the ranks of permanent relief fire assistant in the Norwich Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Public Safety Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Michael Ford, RR 2, Norwich, NY be and hereby is appointed as permanent relief fire assistant in the Norwich Fire Department effective June 11, 1996.

Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

State Prison Study -- CD Director David Wagoner gave an update on the investigation he is conducting relative to the location of a prison in Chenango County. He said the City property on Route 12 South would not be a prime location due to its close proximity to Route 12. Mr. Wagoner recommended that the Common Council pass a resolution next week supporting the pursuit of Chenango County as a site for a maximum security prison.

Proposed Senior Citizen Housing -- Relative to a proposed ordinance to reclassify property on O'Hara Drive from (IN) General Industrial to a (PUD) Planned Use Development Zone, Katy Schwan was present to answer questions from the Council. She explained the project consists of 32 one bedroom elderly housing units.

Ald. McNeil asked how much IN property is left in the zone. Ms. Schwan said there is no prime real estate left. She noted there is some property near Norwich Aero Products.

Ms. Schwan indicated that although the County 239 review was negative, the Planning Commission has approved the project.

Ald. McNeil asked the acreage of the property. Ms. Schwan said the property consists of 3 acres.

Mayor Biviano noted there has been no other interest in property.

-- Dick Ingraham, 49 West Main Street, stated that in the City of Norwich there are 100 apartments available. He said he did not feel there is a need for the proposed housing project. Ald. Rabinowitz noted that this project would include handicapped accessible housing and asked Mr. Ingraham if he knew how many of the available apartments are currently handicapped accessible. Mr. Ingraham said he would investigate the matter and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

Borden Avenue Well Field Bids -- Supt. Ivarson reported the bids came in lower than estimated and will be reviewed by the Water Commission and Public Works Committee.

Grass and Weed Ordinance -- Ald. McNeil reported he talked to the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the process being slow to take action. The Mayor noted that unfortunately the procedure is slow as part of the due process. There was discussion relative to the property near McDonalds that is violation of the ordinance.

Condemnation of property -- Mayor Biviano reported that the Code Enforcement Officer, Community Development Director and himself conducted an inspection of the property on the corner of Silver and Mitchell Streets and to follow due process held an emergency hearing to condemn the property. He noted the City Attorney is involved in the matter.

Resignation of Harold Berman -- Mayor Biviano reported the resignation of Harold Berman from the Civil Service Commission at the completion of his term, May 31, 1996.

Fire Department Building Committee -- Mayor Biviano reported the Fire Department Building Committee would like to meet with the Council regarding the possible sites. The Mayor suggested they could meet with the Council after the regular meeting next week.

Storm debris -- Ald. Rabinowitz asked if a citywide pickup could be made of debris from the recent storms.

DPW Update -- Asst. Engineer Allison gave an update on DPW activities: water line installation on Rexford Street, sidewalk installation on Pleasant Street, Elks parking lot, Canasawacta Street sewer line installation, swimming pool opening on June 15, environmental on transportation building, punch list on Pleasant Street, Lackawanna Avenue paving, crack sealing.

Common Council agenda -- The following agenda was developed for the June 18, 1996 Common Council meeting:

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes of May 21, 1996, the special meeting of June 4, 1996, and work session of June 11, 1996
- Public hearings
 - Proposed Ordinances No 1 and 2, Local Laws No 1, 2 and 3
- Open forum
- Bids
 - Borden Ave Well Field - referred to Committee
- Correspondence
 - Letter of notification from Larry Loomis of resignation due to retirement, effective July 6, 1996.
 - Letter of notification from Robert Raphael of resignation due to retirement, effective July 18, 1996.
 - Correspondence from Camp Pharsalia
 - Request from The Childrens Center to close parking lot on Virginia Lane for the first annual Childrens Center Picnic to be held on Tuesday, June 11, 1996, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Pre-approved by telephone poll on June 6, 1996, under the direction of the Police Chief, ayes all.
- Department, Board and Commission reports
 - Police Department monthly report for May 1996
 - Parks Commission minutes of May 13, 1996
 - Youth Board minutes of May 14, 1996
 - Planning Commission minutes of May 6 and 21, 1996

- Civil Service Commission minutes of May 15, 1996
- Ward and Committee reports
 - Public Works Committee meeting of April 25 and May 23, 1996
 - Finance Committee meeting of May 8 and June 5, 1996
 - Personnel Committee meeting of May 7, 1996
 - Public Safety Committee of May 28, 1996
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Appointments - Norwich Fire Department
 - Roger D. Fowlston, RR4, Norwich, to the Ontario Hose Company
 - Receive Ordinance Revising the Schedule of Water Rates and set public hearing
 - Motion to award proposal for sewer and main materials to Vellano Brothers for \$7,128
 - Motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 310D Turbo Backhoe from Five Star Equipment Inc of Kirkwood, NY at a cost of \$40,450.
 - Res-Approve Ordinance setting dog license fees
 - Res-Approve Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance Map
 - Res-Adopt Local Law to Amend the Charter relative to designation of departments
 - Res-Adopt Local Law to Amend the Charter relative to employment of certain individuals
 - Res-Adopt Local Law relative to compensation for the Mayor and Aldermen and allocation in compensation schedule
 - Res-Approving Plans for CHIPS Project on O'Hara Drive
 - Res-Est Policy for Budgetary Transfers for the Water System Improvement Project
 - Res-Est Water Equipment Budget
 - Res-Auth Compensation for Additional Duties Alice Fazio
 - Res-Auth Transfer for Legal Services re: Victory Mkts
 - Res-Approve V&T Ordinance relative to Hayes Street Parking Lot
 - Res-Auth Mayor to sign CSEA Contract
 - Res-Supporting the Pursuit of Chenango County as a site for a maximum security prison
- Payment of Bills
- Adjournment

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