

COMMON COUNCIL

January 14, 1997

President of the Common Council Charles Angelino presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on January 14, 1997, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Mat Thall
Ald. Charles Angelino

Absent:

Ald. Robert Rabinowitz

Also:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Director of Finance/Clerk Brian Haak
Director of Human Resources Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
CD Director David Wagoner
Historian Patricia Scott
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Paramedic Training – Discussion was held relative to paramedic training for firefighters. Firefighter Wayne Law explained that currently there is one firefighter attending paramedic training in Binghamton. He noted that because the class is held three days a week, it falls on days the firefighter has to work. The firefighter must take time off as vacation or holiday to attend the class. The department feels the firefighter should not have to charge vacation and holiday time to attend the class and requested what steps were required to discuss the matter. The Council concurred that the matter would require review by all the Committees and indicated the first step would be for Firefighter Law to meet with the Public Safety Committee.

Gas Engine for Well No. 3 – DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson reported that recent rate changes have warranted discussions with NYSEG and Empire Gas relative the well house on Borden Avenue. He is recommending that a natural gas engine be installed at Well No. 3 and a resolution be prepared for the next Council meeting. Supt. Ivarson said the cost would include the maintenance on the engine. He noted the engine would have a silencer and would be easy to control. Supt. Ivarson said a proposal has been received from Delaware Engineering in the amount of \$16,000 for the engineering on the project.

Surplus Equipment – DPW Supt. Ivarson reported the department has several items to be declared surplus including 1989 and 1990 pickup trucks. He indicated that all departments have been asked if they have any surplus equipment for disposition in February.

Agenda – The following agenda was developed for the January 21, 1997 Common Council meeting:

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of December 17, 1996, January 6 and 14, 1997
- 5) Public Hearing
 - ♦ Proposed Ordinance Relative to Water and Sewer Use Rates
- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Bids - No Bids Received
- 8) Correspondence
 - ♦ Letter from Barbara Smith relative to City Parking Lots near Hayes Office Products and Baker Building - referred to the Traffic Commission for recommendation
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ♦ Youth Board minutes of December 10, 1996
 - ♦ Electrical Board minutes of September 26, 1996

- ♦ Police Department monthly report for November, 1996
- ♦ Parks Commission minutes of December 9, 1996
- 10) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ♦ Personnel Committee meeting of December 3, 1996
 - ♦ Finance Committee meeting of January 8, 1997

11) Old Business

12) New Business

Appointments

- ♦ James Kandora, 21 Hayward Avenue, re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, a three-year term expiring December 31, 1999.

Motions

- ♦ Amend minutes of March 19, 1996
- ♦ Amend minutes of June 18, 1996
- ♦ Appointment of Municipal Cooperation Committee

Resolutions

- ♦ Approve Ordinance Amending Water and Sewer Use Rates
- ♦ Authorizing Submission of SARA Grant
- ♦ Appointment of Police Officer
- ♦ Noting Appreciation to Robert Wightman
- ♦ Noting Appreciation to Paul Mirabito
- ♦ Authorizing Mayor to Sign SPCA Contract
- ♦ City/County Tax Levy for 1997
- ♦ Approve Corrections to the Tax Roll
- ♦ Authorizing Budget Amendment and Establishing SARA Budget
- ♦ Approve Utility Work Agreement for Route 23 Bridge Reconstruction
- ♦ Approve Utility Work Agreement for Route 10A Bridge Reconstruction
- ♦ Authorizing Stipend for Board of Assessment Review members
- ♦ Authorizing Independent Contractor
- ♦ Authorizing Budget Transfers (May be several resolutions)

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

Executive Session – Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:40 PM to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Ald. Carnrike and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Thall moved to go out of executive session at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn.