

COMMON COUNCIL

April 8, 1997

Mayor Joseph L. Biviano presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7PM on April 8, 1997, at the Higley Building.

Present:

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

Also:

Director of Finance Brian Haak
Director of H.R. Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Director of C.D. David Wagoner
Jean Hayes, B.I.D. Administrator
Asst. Fire Chief Leroy Burlingame
Historian Patricia Scott
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

New Business -- Mayor Biviano stated that the following items require action by the Common Council this evening.

RESOLUTION #34 - 1997.

REALLOCATING POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CITY CLERK TO GRADE 30

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Finance/City Clerk be reallocated to Grade 30 of the City Non-Unit Compensation Schedule, effective April 12, 1997.

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

RESOLUTION #35 - 1997.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of filling the position of Deputy Director of Finance on a temporary basis, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has recommended that William J. Roberts, 112 Hillview Court, be appointed to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that William J. Roberts, 112 Hillview Court, be and hereby is appointed to the position of Deputy Director of Finance at Grade 30, step two, of the City Non-Unit Compensation Schedule, effective April 7, 1997 through April 11, 1997.

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

RESOLUTION #36 - 1997.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CITY CLERK

Ald. introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Brian R. Haak has submitted his resignation from the position of Director of Finance/City Clerk, effective April 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has recommended that William J. Roberts, 112 Hillview Court, be appointed to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that William J. Roberts, 112 Hillview Court, be and hereby is appointed to the position of Director of Finance/City Clerk at Grade 30, step two, of the City Non-Unit Compensation Schedule, for the remainder of a two year term expiring December 31, 1998; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect April 12, 1997.

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

RESOLUTION #37 - 1997.SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE IF CERTAIN
REAL PROPERTY IS REQUIRED FOR USE BY THE CITY

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City owns certain parcels of real property located at 15 Barnes Street in the City of Norwich and on NYS Route 12 in the Town of North Norwich which property may be required for use by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to determine if the said property is required for use by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Norwich Local Development Corporation has expressed an interest in obtaining said property pursuant to section 1411 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that

1. a public hearing shall be held on the 21st day of April, 1997 at the City Council Chambers in the Higley Building at 5:30 PM to determine if such properties are required for use by the City, and
2. the City Clerk publish such notice of hearing as required by law.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Mayor Biviano explained the properties were declared surplus several years ago and there has been no interest in them until now.

Correspondence -- Ald. Angelino moved to receive and accept with regret a letter of resignation from Mat Thall as Alderman for Ward Five. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino introduced a resolution to the City Council nominating, on behalf of the City Republican Committee, Mr. James Dennis, to represent the residents of Ward Five for the remainder of Mr. Thall's term. He stated that Mr. Dennis is a hard-working, intelligent, seasoned individual, with a solid background in municipal government. Mr. Dennis was the Treasurer for the Norwich School District for eight years; an Alderman from 1980 through 1984; a twelve year member of the Republican Committee, two of which he served as Chairman. He is married, with two children and has been a resident of Norwich for over 45 years. Ald. Angelino asked that the resolution be read and respectively requested the Council to take an affirmative action.

RESOLUTION #38 - 1997.APPOINTMENT OF JAMES H. DENNIS AS ALDERMAN OF
WARD FIVE

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Alderman Mat Thall has resigned from the office of Alderman for Ward Five of the City of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to fill the vacancy pursuant to section 23 of Title II of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, James H. Dennis, residing at 56 Sheldon Street, has been nominated to fill the vacancy and to hold office until the first day of January succeeding the next general election held in the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective on April 26, 1997, James H. Dennis is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of Ward 5 alderman until the first day of January succeeding the next general election held in the City.

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

Agenda for April 15, 1997 -- The following agenda was developed for the April 15, 1997 Common Council meeting.

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 1997 and the work session of April 08, 1997

6) Open Forum

7) Bids

8) Correspondence

- ◆ Request from Norwich Little League to hold annual parade on May 3, 1997 at 9 AM
- ◆ Correspondence from Mang, Craine & Mirabito relative to Municipal Insurance Group
- ◆ Letter of Resignation from James Dennis from the Assessment Board of Review

9) Department, Board and Commission Reports

10) Ward and Committee Reports

- ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of March 4, 1997
- ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of March 25, 1997
- ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of February 27, 1997

11) Old Business

12) New Business

Fire Department

- ◆ Mark McLaughlin, 205 Grayson Drive, Norwich, to the Emergency Squad
- ◆ Norman Nichols, 43 Mitchell Street, to the Emergency Squad

Council Appointment

- ◆ Motion to Appoint John Liptak, 77 Cortland Street, to the Assessment Board of Review, for the remainder of a six year term expiring September 30, 1999.
- ◆ Motion to appoint A. Anthony Abraham to the Assessment Board of Review, for the remainder of a six year term expiring September 30, 2000.

Approval of Bids

- ◆ Motion to award bids for 1997 Surplus Equipment to the highest qualified bidders and rebid H-16 John Deere 3pt hitch V-plow, as recommended by the Public Works and the Finance Committees.
- ◆ Motion to award the bid for 1997 Tree Removal to the lowest qualified bidder as recommended by the Public Works Committee, Central New York Tree Experts, Brookfield, NY for \$10,500 for Item B.

Proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 1997 -- Motion to receive proposed ordinance amending Hawkers, Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance and set a public hearing for May 20, 1997.

Resolutions

- ◆ Res - Auth Consent to the Formation of the Chenango Housing Development Fund Corp
- ◆ Res - Amending Employee Policy Manual Relative to Municipal Office Hours
- ◆ Res - Appointment of Police Officer
- ◆ Res - Appointment of Fire Chief

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

-- Ald. Rabinowitz reported problems with storm drains in Ward Three. DPW Supt. Ivarson stated the crews are working on repairing the drains.

-- Mayor Biviano reported problems with unlicensed vehicles have been referred to the Codes Enforcement Officer.

Adjournment -- Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thall and duly adopted, ayes all.