

COMMON COUNCIL

November 24, 1998

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 7 PM on November 24, 1998, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael  
Ald. Thomas Anderson  
Ald. Patrick McNeil  
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz  
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton  
Ald. Sharon Jeffer  
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Director of Finance/Clerk William Roberts  
Police Chief Joseph Angelino  
Firefighter Gary Cate  
Asst. Fire Chief Leroy Burlingame  
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 1999 Budget – A draft of the proposed 1999 budget was presented by the Finance Committee. Ald. McNeil proposed changes to the draft. The Common Council reviewed the changes which would result in a \$27,600 reduction in the budget. After some discussion the changes were amended to reflect a \$25,750 reduction in the budget.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to amend the document to reflect the \$25,750 reduction and present the document as the proposed 1999 budget. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to receive the proposed 1999 Budget and set a public hearing for December 8, 1998. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0. Copy attached.

Proposed Ordinance No. 9 of 1998 – Ald. McNeil moved to receive a proposed ordinance amending the water and sewer use rates in the City of Norwich and set a public hearing for December 8, 1998. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. (9)  
OF 1998

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER USE  
RATES IN THE CITY OF NORWICH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The water use rate is hereby established as follows:

Per Quarter

|                                       |             |                |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Minimum Charge up to 1,000 cubic feet | { \$22.01 } | <u>\$23.99</u> |
| Additional Charge per 100 cubic feet  |             |                |
| 1,000 to 13,000 cubic feet            | { 1.80 }    | <u>1.96</u>    |
| 13,000 to 50,000 cubic feet           | { 1.69 }    | <u>1.86</u>    |
| 50,000 and over                       | { 1.46 }    | <u>1.64</u>    |

Fire Service

|                  |        |
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| 1 ½ inch service | 60.00  |
| 6 inch service   | 110.00 |
| 8 inch service   | 190.00 |
| 12 inch service  | 220.00 |

Hydrant Charge

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Per Each Hydrant | 55.00 |
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Section 2. The sewer use rate is hereby established at { \$2.40 } \$2.45 per 100 cubic feet.

Section 3. Quarterly bills not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the succeeding month will be considered past due and a five percent (5%) late fee will be applied to the balance.

Section 4. Monthly bills not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the succeeding month will be considered past due and a three point two five percent (3.25%) late fee will be applied to the balance.

Section 5. The Common Council may, from time to time as necessary, adopt formal policies under which service to both quarterly and monthly account may be terminated for non-payment.

New material is underlined; deleted material is {bracketed}

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 1999, shall be reflected in the billing of April 1, 1999, and shall amend previous ordinances establishing rates for such services.

Revenue options – Ald. McNeil stated the City needs to look into ways to increase revenue. There was discussion relative to the reduced revenue sharing by the State and the proposed elimination of sales tax on clothing in December of 1999. Ald. Biviano requested a resolution be drafted requesting that State Representatives restore state aid to the amount it was.

Adjournment –Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8 PM. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.