

COMMON COUNCIL

January 4, 1999

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at an organizational meeting of the Common Council held at 7 PM on January 4, 1999, in the Common Council Chambers 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
H.R. Director Deborah DeForest
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
CD Director David Wagoner
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Fire Chief Gary Lynk
Joseph McBride
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Rules of Procedure – Ald. Jeffer moved to adopt the 1998 Rules of Procedure for 1999. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Common Council Committees – Mayor Raphael made the Common Council Committee appointments as follows:

Finance – Ald. Rabinowitz, McNeil, Thornton
Personnel – Ald. McNeil, Thornton, Jeffer
Public Safety – Ald. Biviano, Jeffer, Anderson
Public Works – Ald. Rabinowitz, Biviano, Anderson

The Mayor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Mayor and all Advisory members shall be notified of all committee sessions.

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.

The Committee meetings schedule shall be as follows: Finance shall meet on the first Tuesday of the month; Personnel shall meet on the Monday before the first Tuesday; Public Safety shall meet on the Wednesday after the first Tuesday; Public Works shall meet on the fourth Thursday.

Council President – Ald. Biviano nominated Patrick McNeil as President of the Common Council for 1999. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Acting Mayor – Ald. Biviano nominated Robert Rabinowitz as Acting Mayor for 1999. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

City Attorney – Ald. McNeil moved the appointment of Joseph McBride, 92 South Broad Street, as City Attorney for a two year term expiring December 31, 2000. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

Director of Finance/City Clerk – Ald. Rabinowitz moved the re-appointment of William J. Roberts, 112 Hillview Court, as Director of Finance and City Clerk for a two year term expiring December 31, 2000. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

Community Development Director – Ald. Biviano moved the re-appointment of David Wagoner, Norwich, NY, as Director of Community Development for a two year term expiring December 31, 2000. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 5-0 with Ald. Anderson abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.

Youth Bureau Director – Ald. Biviano moved the re-appointment of Robert Mason, Norwich, NY, as Youth Bureau Director for a two year term expiring December 31, 2000. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

Appointments by the Mayor

Electrical Board

- ♦ Raymond F. Doing, South Plymouth, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Planning Commission

- ◆ James Currie, 31-33 Eric Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
- ◆ Charlotte O'Dea, 5 Chirlin Drive, re-appointment to three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Plumbing Board

- ◆ John Tumminia, Norwich, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Youth Board

- ◆ The Mayor noted that appointments to the Youth Board will be made at the next meeting.

Zoning Board

- ◆ Judy Wright, 40 Borden Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
- ◆ Bartolo Natoli, 40 Sunset Drive, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
- ◆ David True, 168 North Broad Street, appointment as an Alternate member, to the remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 1999.

Appointments by the Mayor with the Approval of the Council

Board of Ethics – Ald. McNeil moved the following mayoral appointments to the Board of Ethics. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

- ◆ James Lanfair, 87 Mitchell Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Parks Commission – Ald. Rabinowitz moved the following mayoral appointments to the Parks Commission. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

- ◆ Patrick McNeil, 31 Plymouth Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
- ◆ Francis Hailey, 25 Hayes Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Street Tree Committee – Ald. Biviano moved the following mayoral appointment to the Street Tree Committee. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

- ◆ Richard Bates, 50 Locust Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Water Commission – Ald. Rabinowitz moved the following mayoral appointments to the Water Commission. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

- ◆ A. Anthony Abraham, 118 South Broad Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
- ◆ Anthony Caezza, 13 Brown Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Appointments by the Council

Traffic Commission – Ald. McNeil moved the following appointments to the Traffic Commission. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

- ◆ Thomas Knapp, 14 Locust Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
- ◆ Philip Giltner, 19 Hayes Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.

Official Newspaper – Ald. McNeil moved to designate The Evening Sun as the official newspaper of the City of Norwich. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Official Depository – Ald. Biviano moved to designate NBT Bank and Binghamton Savings Bank as the official depositories of City general, water and sewer funds. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Swear In of Officials – The City Attorney, Director of Finance/City Clerk, Community Development Director and Youth Bureau Director were sworn in by Mayor Raphael.

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