

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

August 10, 1999

Common Council President Patrick McNeil presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on August 10, 1999, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. Sharon Jeffer
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Fire Chief Gary Lynk
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
EMO A. Jones
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Special Events Fee – Ald. Biviano moved to waive enforcement of the special events fee under Section 48-5C of the Vendors Ordinance for a period of 90 days through November 9, 1999. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, the Council discussed the intent of the ordinance and the need to clarify it with regard to special events.

Correspondence – Ald. Thornton moved to approve a request from the Chenango County Agricultural Society to use Weiler Park bleachers from August 11 - 12, 1999 for the Neal McCoy concert at the Chenango County Fairgrounds. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Biviano stated that the Agricultural Society would have the liability for the bleachers at the event. Ald. Thornton said the Ag Society apologizes for it's late request and they guarantee that the bleachers will be returned in the same condition as when they were picked up. He noted the organization is in the process of purchasing their own bleachers.

Vacation Time Buyout – Ald. Biviano moved to authorize the buyback of unused vacation time for certain department heads, as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION # 56 - 1999.

ENACTING A ONE WEEK SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON
CLOTHING IN THE CITY OF NORWICH

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has adopted a one-week tax exemption from the state portion of sales and use tax on clothing and footwear purchases of less than \$500 per item; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has made certain recommendations; now, therefore

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Norwich as follows:

Section One. Receipts from sales of and consideration given or contracted to be given for purchases of clothing and footwear exempt from state sales and compensating use taxes pursuant to paragraph 30-a of subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law shall also be exempt from sales and compensating use taxes imposed in this jurisdiction.

Section Two. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall apply to sales made and uses occurring during the period commencing September 1, 1999, and ending September 7, 1999, although made or occurring under prior contract.

Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Development of Agenda for August 17, 1999

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 1999 and the work session of August 10, 1999.
- 5) Public Hearing
- ◆
- 6) Open Forum

- 7) Bids – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- 8) Correspondence
 - ◆ Letter from President Clinton recognizing water project under USDA
 - ◆ Request from Peggy Finnegan to hold the annual Colorscape Chenango Festival on September 11 and 12, 1999 in the East and West Parks
 - ◆ Request from Smith Norwich to close Olendorf Place from 11 AM to 7 PM on August 22, 1999 to hold a customer appreciation picnic
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Community Development/Planning monthly report for July, 1999
 - ◆ Emergency Management Office monthly report for July, 1999
 - ◆ Fire Department/Codes monthly report for July, 1999
 - ◆ Historian monthly report for July, 1999
 - ◆ Human Resources monthly report for July, 1999
 - ◆ Public Works/Water Department monthly report for June, 1999
 - ◆ Records Management monthly report for July, 1999
 - ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of June 17, 1999
 - ◆ Fire Council minutes of June 14 and July 12, 1999
 - ◆ Parks Commission minutes of July 12, 1999
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of July 9, 1999
 - ◆ Water Commission minutes of July 21, 1999
- 10) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of July 6 and 13, 1999
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of July 27, 1999
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of July 22, 1999

11) Old Business

12) New Business

Appointments

Award of Bids

- ◆ Fire - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Motions

- ◆ Receive Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 1999 and set a public hearing for August 31, 1999 (early retirement incentive)
- ◆ To Authorize the City Engineer to proceed with asbestos abatement and bidding process under the Police Station project.

Resolutions

- ◆ Res - Auth Agreement for US Justice Department Police Grant Award
- ◆ Res - Auth Acquisition of Properties Relative to Prentice Street Extension Project
- ◆ Res - Auth Compensation for Additional Duties for Carl Ivarson
- ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Police Department Software
- ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Sewer System at Filter Plant
- ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Pool Portion of Spill Prevention Report
- ◆ Res - Auth Sale of Property from Tax Auction
- ◆

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

Ward Six Concerns – Ald. Biviano reported concern relative to a Ross Avenue property on the tax auction list and requested the Public Works Committee review the matter.

Executive Session – Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss union contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go out of executive session at 7:26 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Chain of Command – Ald. Biviano moved that communications concerning a chain of command should be reviewed by the Mayor, Director of Human Resources and City Attorney prior to distribution. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. Rabinowitz moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.