

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

September 14, 1999

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on September 14, 1999, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. Thomas Anderson
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Sharon Jeffer

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Fire Chief Gary Lynk
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
CD Director David Wagoner
CD Assistant Katy Schwan
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Mayor Raphael noted that action on bids for Police Department Headquarters has been deferred to the September 21, 1999 Common Council meeting.

Mayoral Appointment – Mayor Raphael reported the appointment of Marge Angelino, 14 York Street, to the Housing Authority for the remainder of a five year term expiring June 25, 2004.

Correspondence – The Mayor reported correspondence was received from the Susquehanna Regional EMS Council, Inc., relative to a public hearing on September 23, 1999, beginning at 7 PM for the purpose of determination of public need for a new ground ambulance service, Royal Ambulance Service, Inc., whose proposed service area is Chenango County. Mayor Raphael noted that Director of Finance Roberts will be preparing comments to submit and will also be attending the hearing. Council members may attend or relay comments to Director Roberts.

Ald. McNeil stated that it is his recollection at the time the City was discussing the option of a paid ambulance service, Dan Gray of Gray's Ambulance Service offered to contract with the City for the service indicating that the one ambulance service would be needed to provide the service to the City. Ald. McNeil asked that the matter be researched.

Halloween "Trick or Treat" – Ald. Anderson moved to set Halloween "Trick or Treat" for October 30, 1999 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Finance Committee minutes – Ald. McNeil stated that an arrangement should be made to have a person take the minutes of the Finance Committee and noted that the Director of Finance should not be taking minutes and running the meeting. He requested that the Director of Finance and the Human Resource Director look into the matter.

Proposed Ordinance Amendment – CD Director Wagoner noted that he distributed a memo on August 31 relative to the proposed ordinance on the agenda for next week. He noted that it was recommended that a section 3.01 (g) be added to the proposed ordinance and requested that the Council review the item and consider including it with the ordinance. Ald. McNeil moved to add section 3.01 (g) to the proposed ordinance. Second by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Development of Agenda for September 21, 1999

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 1999, the special meeting of August 31, 1999 and the work session of September 14, 1999
- 5) Public Hearing
- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Bids
 - ◆ 1999 Borden Avenue Skating Facility - Parking Lot Program
 - ◆ Police Department Headquarters
 - ◆ Asbestos Abatement Work at Norwich Police Department Headquarters
- 8) Correspondence
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Community Development/Planning monthly report for August, 1999
 - ◆ Emergency Management Office monthly report for August, 1999
 - ◆ Fire Department/Codes monthly report for August, 1999
 - ◆ Public Works Department monthly water system reports for July and August, 1999
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for August, 1999
 - ◆ Electrical Board minutes of August 10, 1999
 - ◆ Parks Commission minutes of August 8, 1999

- ◆ Plumbing Board minutes of June 17, 1999
 - ◆ Water Commission minutes of August 18, 1999
 - ◆ Youth Board minutes of July, 1999
- 10) Ward and Committee Reports
- ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of August 24, 1999
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of August 26, 1999

11) Old Business

12) New Business

Appointments

- ◆ Mayoral – Kay Zaia, 43 Rexford Street, to the Planning Commission as an alternate for the remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 2000.
- ◆ Fire Department - Timothy J. Harter, 10 Hickory Street, transfer from the Explorer Post to the George L. Rider Hook & Ladder Company.

Award of Bids

- ◆ Borden Avenue Skating Facility - Parking Lot Program
- ◆ Police Department Headquarters
- ◆ Asbestos Abatement Work at Norwich Police Department Headquarters

Receive Ordinance – Receive Proposed Ordinance To Amend the Sign Ordinance of the City of Norwich and set a public hearing for October 19, 1999.

Motions

- ◆ Approving payment of the water tank demolition completion under the 1995 Water System Upgrade Project, as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- ◆ Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Delaware Engineering for the remainder of engineering services under the 1999 Water Distribution and Filtration Upgrade Project.
- ◆ Authorizing the Fire Chief to sign an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Chenango County Health Department for the installation of smoke detectors in conjunction with a grant received by the County under the NYS Prevention of Fire-Related Injuries Project - Smoke Alarm Distribution and Installation program.

Resolutions

- ◆ Res - Authorize Transfer for Water and Wastewater Equipment Purchase
- ◆ Res - Replace Fire Assistant Position with Fire Fighter Position

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

Executive Session – Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go into executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all. Mayor Raphael noted that there may be a vote taken after the executive session.

Ald. McNeil moved to go out of executive session at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Authorizing Agreement – Ald. McNeil moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a memorandum of agreement as ratified by the CSEA DPW union. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Ald. Anderson and duly adopted, ayes all.