

COMMON COUNCIL
Special Meeting

January 26, 2000

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 7 PM on January 26, 2000, 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/City Clerk William Roberts
Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
CD Asst. Katy Schwan
John Tighe
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Mayor Raphael stated he received a press release relative to H. William Smith, Jr., President of Smith Norwich, Inc. being honored by TIME Magazine and the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Mr. Smith was named a recipient of the 2000 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award. Congratulations to Mr. Smith.

RESOLUTION No. # 12 - 2000. REALLOCATING POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF TO GRADE 30

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

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

RESOLVED, that the position of Fire Chief be reallocated to Grade 30 of the City Non-Unit Compensation Schedule, effective January 27, 2000.

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

RESOLUTION No. # 13 - 2000. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of Fire Chief in the City of Norwich Fire Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that John M. Tighe of Horseheads, NY, be and hereby is granted a provisional appointment to the position of Fire Chief in the City of Norwich Fire Department at Grade 30, entry level, of the City's Non-Unit Compensation Schedule; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on February 7, 2000.

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

Mayor Raphael introduced John Tighe to the members of the Common Council. Mr. Tighe was welcomed on board.

Planning Session: Community Development Office

Due to vacancies in the positions of CD Director and Secretary II, the Council discussed the role of the Community Development office and the positions within the department. The role of CD Assistant is to perform the day to day planning and community development technical support. The Secretary II position has been one of administrative support to the CD office as well as to other city departments. The position of Community Development Director was discussed in detail concerning the relation it has to community development, economic development and the LDC. The Council agreed that the position of CD Director should be a public relations position with that person looking for businesses, working with companies and being involved in helping rebuild the downtown. Ald. Anderson said he attended a meeting of the Chenango County Area Corp and noted that currently the city representative on that board is through the LDC. The Council discussed city representation on the both the Area Corp and LDC boards and concurred that minutes should be provided and specifics are needed as to where and when the boards meet. Ald. Biviano also noted that the MCC should be meeting monthly and there should be a city representative attending those meetings. Ald. McNeil said the CD Director should represent the City on all such boards related to City/County economic development.

Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:15 PM to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all. Ald. Anderson moved to go out of executive session at 9:35 PM. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

The Council determined that the CD Assistant and Secretary II positions would remain the same, however, further discussion was needed relative to the position of Community Development Director. HR Director DeForest was directed to proceed with filling the position of Secretary II in the CD office.

Adjournment – Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.