

COMMON COUNCIL

August 15, 2000

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 PM on August 15, 2000, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. Gary Clark
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. Sharon Jeffer
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Attorney Joseph McBride
Director of Finance William Roberts
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Fire Chief John Tighe
Public Works Supt. Carl Ivarson
EMO A. Jones
Historian Patricia Scott
Asst. Fire Chief Leroy Burlingame
Supervisor James McNeil
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Absent:

Supervisor L. Natoli

-- Ald. Biviano moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2000 and the work session of August 8, 2000. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

No one wished to be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Curb Cut at 47 East Main Street – Ald. Thornton moved to approve a request from John Elia for a curb cut at 47 East Main Street, under the direction of the City Engineer and providing that the curb cut be made solely on the property of John Elia. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Feast of St. Bartholomew – Ald. Biviano moved to approve a request from St. Bartholomew's Church to hold the annual procession for the Feast of St. Bartholomew on August 27, 2000 at 11 AM, under the direction of the Police Chief. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

CWS Purchase of Property – Ald. Jeffer moved to receive and file correspondence from John McHale of CWS relative to the purchase of City property and direct the Community Development Director to send the appropriate letter of response. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Colorscape Chenango Designated Special Event Area – Ald. Biviano moved that the following area be designated as the special event area for the 2000 Colorscape Chenango Festival from September 8 through 10, 2000: East and West Parks, West Main Street from Broad to Court Street, East Park Place and West Park Place. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

DEPARTMENT, BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

- ◆ Community Development/Planning/Clerk monthly report for July, 2000
- ◆ Fire Department/Codes monthly report for June and July, 2000
- ◆ Historian monthly report for July, 2000
- ◆ Public Works Department/Water System monthly report for July
- ◆ Records Management monthly report for July, 2000
- ◆ Electrical Board minutes of July 11, 2000
- ◆ Parks Commission minutes of July 10, 2000
- ◆ Planning Commission minutes of July 14, 2000
- ◆ Plumbing Board minutes of July 20, 2000
- ◆ Water Commission minutes of July 19, 2000
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of July 24, 2000

-- Ald. Biviano moved to receive and file the department, board and commission reports. Seconded by Ald. Clark and duly adopted, ayes all.

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of July 25, 2000
- ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of July 27, 2000

Cortland Street Reconstruction – Ald. McNeil questioned why the area of Cortland Street from Guernsey to Canasawacta Street is not being dug up. Supt. Ivarson explained that new sewer lines were installed in that area in 1981, and the area will be resurfaced with the rest of the street.

Sunset Drive Repairs – Ald. Rabinowitz asked if new storm drains would be installed on Sunset Drive. Supt. Ivarson stated there was a resolution on the agenda this evening authorizing the work.

Ward Six Concerns – Ald. Biviano reported that he has referred various concerns to the appropriate department heads.

-- Ald. Biviano moved to receive and file the reports with a clarification relative to the Public Works Committee meeting as follows: the right of way on East Main Street is just that and should be treated in the same manner as it has always been treated, as a right of way and not a parking lot. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

OLD BUSINESS

Francis Avenue/School Renovation – Ald. Biviano moved that the public information forum relative to the school’s renovation project and the opening of Francis Avenue, scheduled for September 12, be rescheduled for August 22, 2000 at 7 PM in the Common Council Chambers. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Computer Systems Development – Ald. McNeil moved to approve the expenditure of \$ 2,000 from available funds in Capital Projects Account H25-909 for Computer Systems Development. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

RESOLUTION # 81 - 2000. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR EQUIPMENT FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of equipment for the new police officers; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 2000 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR21-878	Police Equipment Reserve	\$ 4,500.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A3120.2100	Police Department – Equipment	\$ 4,500.00

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

RESOLUTION # 82 - 2000. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR COLD WATER METERS

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2000, the Common Council awarded a bid to EJP of Round Lake, NY, in the amount of \$74,762.75 for Cold Water Meters, relative to upgrading system flow measurement efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Finance Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 2000 Water Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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HR30-878 Water System Improvements Reserves \$ 74,762.75

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F8340.2100	Water Distribution – Equipment	\$ 74,762.75

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

RESOLUTION # 83 - 2000. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR WATER SYSTEM VEHICLE

Ald. Thornton introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of overhauling the former police patrol vehicle that was transferred to the Water System; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 2000 Water and Sewer Fund Budgets:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR28-878	Water Equipment Reserve	1,200.00
HR42-878	Sewer Equipment Reserve	<u>1,200.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,400.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F8340.4040	Water Distribution - Maintenance & Repairs	1,200.00
G8130.4040	Sewer Treatment & Disposal – Maintenance and Repairs	<u>1,200.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,400.00

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

RESOLUTION # 84 - 2000. AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY PURCHASES FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT RENOVATION PROJECT

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has undertaken a municipal housing renovation project which includes the renovation of the Fire Department at its present site located at 31 East Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of certain real property parcels is required to accommodate the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Finance Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the appropriate documents under the direction of the City Attorney to effect the purchase of real property in the City of Norwich under the Fire Department Renovation project from the following property owners at a consideration not to exceed the amounts indicated:

From Property Owner: At Consideration Not to Exceed:

Jessie Johnson, re: 40 Lackawanna Avenue	\$ 29,000.00
John & Mishelle Duell, re: 42 Lackawanna Avenue	\$ 30,000.00

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

RESOLUTION # 85 - 2000. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DELAWARE
ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO
SUNSET DRIVE REPAIRS

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, as a result of damage from the storm of May, 2000, extensive repairs are required for Sunset Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Finance Committees have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to enter into an agreement with Delaware Engineering for design engineering and the preparation of bid specifications relative to Sunset Drive street repairs at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

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

RESOLUTION # 86 - 2000. REPLACE POSITION OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II
WITH MECHANIC

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Public Works Committees have made certain recommendations relative to replacing one position of Motor Equipment Operator II with that of Mechanic; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Motor Equipment Operator II, currently held by Leonard Mills, be replaced with that of Mechanic; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that Leonard Mills of Norwich, NY, be and hereby is promoted to the full-time position of Mechanic, effective August 16, 2000.

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

Payment of Bills -- Ald. McNeil moved to pay the bills after proper audit and certification as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>8/15/00</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	78,227.53	70,469.17	148,696.70
Sewer Fund	8,950.13	2,971.39	11,921.52
Water Fund	6,552.89	6,603.51	13,156.40
Trust	38,530.81	50.00	38,580.81
B.I.D.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service	117,994.92	0.00	117,994.92
Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unemployment	0.00	0.00	0.00
C.D.	31,475.74	6,311.45	37,787.19
EDZ/LDC	10,175.67	0.00	10,175.67
Capital Projects	522,083.99	5,462.90	527,546.89
TOTALS	\$813,991.68	\$91,868.42	\$905,860.10

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

Executive Session – Ald. Jeffer moved to go into executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. McNeil moved to go out of executive session at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Firefighters Contract – Ald. McNeil moved to ratify the contract with the City of Norwich Firefighters Association Local 1404, International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO, CIC, for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2002. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

Executive Session – Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 8:25 PM to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Thornton moved to go out of executive session at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Ald. Clark and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment –Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.