

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

December 12, 2000

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on December 12, 2000, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. Gary Clark
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. Sharon Jeffer

Absent

Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Community Development/Clerk Joseph Serbin
Director of Finance William Roberts
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Asst. Police Murray Roach
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
EMO A. Jones
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Award of Bid – Eight bids were received on November 29, 2000 for Asbestos Abatement at the Fire Department Building. Mayor Raphael stated that the lowest bidder, DONA Tech, Inc., has requested to be released from their bid obligation due to an error in the bid calculation. He indicated that the company is prepared to go forward with the project as agreed, however, to do so would cause a great deal of hardship.

-- Ald. Jeffer moved to accept the request from DONA Tech, Inc. of Broadalbin, NY, to withdraw its bid for Asbestos Abatement at the Norwich Fire Department due to an error in calculation, such release being in the best interest of the City of Norwich, as recommended by the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to award the bid for Asbestos Abatement at the Norwich Fire Department to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, USA Remediation Services of Sauquoit, NY, in the amount of \$27,000 for base bid and \$6.00 per square foot for Unit Price #1, as recommended by the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

Prior to the vote, Ald. Thornton questioned the \$6 per square foot cost. Asst. Engineer Allison explained that the price is for lead paint removal, if required. He stated that there has been no lead paint discovered as yet. Mr. Allison also noted that the asbestos abatement was included in the project as a foreseen cost.

Mayor Raphael reported that Joseph McBride has notified the City that he would not be accepting another appointment as City Attorney. The Mayor introduced Patrick Flanagan and noted that he would be appointed as City Attorney at the Organizational meeting on January 2.

Development of Agenda for December 19, 2000

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2000 and the work session of December 12, 2000
- 5) Public Hearing
 - ◆ Ordinance To Amend the Peace and Good Order Ordinance Relative to Closing Hour of Parks
 - ◆ Transfer of Property Located on the Northwest Corner of East Main Street at the Intersection of Park Street to the LDC
- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Bids
- 8) Correspondence
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Clerk/Community Development/Planning monthly report for November, 2000
 - ◆ Fire Department/Codes monthly report for November, 2000
 - ◆ Historian monthly report for November, 2000
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for November, 2000
 - ◆ Records Management monthly report for November, 2000
 - ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of October 26, 2000
 - ◆ Parks Commission minutes of November 13, 2000
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of November 17, 2000
 - ◆ Plumbing Board minutes of November 16, 2000
 - ◆ Water Commission minutes of November 15, 2000
 - ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of November 27, 2000
- 10) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Finance Committee meeting of November 7 and December 5, 2000
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of November 28, 2000
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of November 30, 2000
- 11) Old Business

- ◆ Resolution #106-2000, Receive Museum District Plan and Set a Public Hearing. Tabled on October 17, 2000.

12) New Business

Motions

Accident Report Copy Fee – Motion to approve establishing an administrative fee of \$15 per copy for Accident Reports

Resolutions

- ◆ Res – Approve Ordinance No. 6 of 2000, Amending the Peace and Good Order
- ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Elections Contracted Services
- ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Surveying Services Relative to Water Line Extension on York Street
- ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Video Camera for the Water System
- ◆ Res – Auth Submission of Records Management Grant Applications
- ◆ Res – Auth Amendment To Delaware Engineering Water System Improve Project Contract
- ◆ Res – Auth Agreement with Dorfman-Robbie, P.C. for Audit Services
- ◆ Res -- Determining that Certain City Owned Real Property at the Intersection of Park and East Main Street is not required for use by the City and Authorizing Transfer to the LDC
- ◆ Res – Designating the Common Council as Lead Agency For the Review Process Relative to the Museum District
- ◆ Res – City/County Tax Levy for 2001

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

-- Ald. Rabinowitz questioned the status of the museum district plan. CD Director Serbin said the district was expanded to include properties on both sides of the street

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Ald. Rabinowitz reported the Finance Committee made several recommendations regarding pending resolutions.
- Personnel Committee – HR Director DeForest reported for Ald. McNeil that the Personnel Committee held an executive session relative to the personal history of a particular individual and no action was taken.
- Public Safety Committee – Mayor Raphael reported the December Public Safety Committee meeting has been cancelled.
- Public Works Committee – Mayor Raphael reported the December Public Works Committee meeting has been cancelled.

Executive Session – Ald. Jeffer moved to go into executive session at 7:12 PM to discuss the possible sale or lease of property where the price may be affected. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go out of executive session at 7:17 PM. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all

Adjournment – Ald. Jeffer moved to adjourn at 7:17 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.