

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

April 9, 2002

Mayor Marylou Stewart presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on April 9, 2002, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

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

Also:

Community Development/Clerk Joseph Serbin
Director of Finance William Roberts
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Fire Chief John Tighe
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Open Forum

No one wished to be heard.

Development of Agenda for April 16, 2002

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Presentation by Norwich Volunteer Firefighters
- 5) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2002 and the work session of April 9, 2002
- 6) Public Hearings
 - ◆ Ordinance Amending Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance
 - ◆ Ordinance Amending Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance
 - ◆ Ordinance Amending Nuisances Ordinance
 - ◆ Declare City Owned Real Property as Surplus
- 7) Open Forum
- 8) Bids -- Lee Avenue Sewer Line Replacement
- 9) Correspondence
 - ◆ Request from American Legion to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2002, at 9 AM.
- 10) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Public Works/Water System monthly report for March, 2002
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for March, 2002
 - ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of February 15, 2002
 - ◆ Electrical Board minutes of March 12, 2002
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of , 2002
 - ◆ Plumbing Board minutes of March 21, 2002
 - ◆ Water Commission minutes of March 20, 2002
- 11) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of March 25, 2002
- 12) Old Business
- 13) New Business

Appointments - Mayoral

- ◆ Housing Authority - Anthony Caezza, 13 Brown Avenue
- ◆ Planning Commission - John Hawkins, Hayes Street, as Alternate member
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals - re-appointment of Judy Wright, 40 Borden Avenue

Appointments - Mayor with Council Approval

- ◆ Board of Ethics - re-appointment of James Lanfair, 87 Mitchell Street

Motions

- ◆ Receive Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance
- ◆ Adopt Street Cut Rules
- ◆ Accept Law Enforcement Grant
- ◆ Amend Ambulance Transport Fees
- ◆ Auth Study of Chenango Lake through Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program

Resolutions

- ◆ Res - Approve Ordinance Amending Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance
- ◆ Res - Approve Ordinance Amending Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance
- ◆ Res - Ordinance Amending Nuisances Ordinance
- ◆ Res - Declare City Owned Real Property as Surplus
- ◆ Res - Declaration of Non Significance Relative to the Museum District Zoning
- ◆ Res - Designating Ward Three Polling Place
- ◆ Res - Appointment of Community Development Assistant
- ◆ Res - Appointment of DPW Lead Operator

- ◆ Res - Eliminate position of DPW Working Foreman

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

Addition to the Agenda

- ◆ Correspondence -- Ald. Clark reported a request has been received from McLaughlins Department Street to replace the awning on the front of the building.

Committee Chair Reports

- Finance Committee -- Ald. Clark reported that in addition to the items on the agenda, the Finance Committee discussed the police car bid over Ebay and fencing for the impoundment yard.
- Personnel Committee -- Ald. Thornton reported that the Personnel Committee recommended that the Community Development Assistant/Administrative Assistant position be filled and also discussed an FMLA situation, upcoming union negotiations, disability insurance and the duties of the Engineering Department.
- Public Safety Committee -- Ald. Jeffer reported that based on the discussion at the last Council meeting, the Committee has requested the Dept. of Criminal Justice conduct a study of the Police Department. She said the Committee also discussed a traffic concern, fine increases for various ordinances and recommendations made by the Traffic Commission.
- Public Works Committee -- Ald. Biviano reported the Committee discussed fencing for the impoundment yard, placing the surplus revenues (approx. \$2900) from selling the police car on Ebay in a police account, the Streetscape project and a draft street cut policy. Ald. Biviano said the Committee is requesting that the B.I.D. Administrator attend the Public Works Committee meetings. He also noted that the April and May Public Works Committee meetings will be held at City Court.

NYSEG Franchise Agreement -- Ald. Biviano reported, relative to concerns regarding assessments, that there is a side agreement to the NYSEG franchise agreement that prohibits them from arguing their assessments. He suggested that a letter be sent to NYSEG asking them to honor their agreement.

Special Common Council Budget Work Session-- Mayor Stewart said the Council would hold a special work session to relative to budget preparation at a date to be determined.

Committee meetings schedule -- The Council discussed changing meeting times for the Committees and concurred to review the matter further.

Executive Session -- Ald Thornton moved to go into executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Jeffer moved to go out of executive session at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – There being no further discussion, the Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.