

COMMON COUNCIL

Special Meeting

October 2, 2012

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on October 2, 2012, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Robert McCracken
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Lawrence
Ald. Paul Laughlin
Ald. Thomas LoPiccolo

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Code Enforcement Office/Fire Marshall Jason

Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Human Resource Director Deborah DeForest
EMO A. Jones
Shawn Magrath, Media Representative

Absent:

Ald. Terry Bresina
Supervisor James McNeil
Supervisor Robert Jeffrey

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 6:02 p.m.

Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Maiurano announced his re-appointment of Joanne Baker, 4211 State Highway 23, to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term expiring May 31, 2018.

Update - 17.5 King Street Director of Finance William Roberts presented a draft resolution to appropriate additional funds for the demolition of 17.5 King Street. Code Enforcement Office Jason Lawrence presented an asbestos-finding report and explained that all building materials were tested and asbestos was found in caulking at windows, doors, and some siding. Two methods of removal were considered, and the lowest-cost method, including monitoring of the site, will cost an additional \$17,535. It is hoped that demolition will be completed in one day. Mayor Maiurano noted that some of this cost will be recouped by the City when the lot is sold. Ald. McCracken asked how the site would be left. J. Lawrence replied that all debris will be removed, including the concrete basement, and the hole will be backfilled so that the site will be flat and clean. No trees will be removed.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #85-2012

**AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT FOR FULL
REMEDICATION OF 17.5 KING STREET PROPERTY**

Ald. Schermerhorn introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2012, Council Resolution #83-2012 authorized an initial expenditure for testing and monitoring services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 related to the demolition and clearance of the structure on City-owned tax foreclosure property located at 17.5 King Street, for which the final testing portion has since been completed at a cost of \$2,185.00; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution indicated the uninhabitable, unsafe and extensively deteriorated condition of the structure, confirming that the necessary remediation of the site is an appropriate component of neighborhood rehabilitation and removal of blight; and

WHEREAS, additional cost estimates were forthcoming with regard to the overall full remediation of the property site, to include demolition, clearance, removal and disposal; and

WHEREAS, updated cost estimates for the full remediation of the property site have been prepared as follows:
1.) Preliminary Testing of the Site plus Air Monitoring and Sampling during demolition by Atlantic Environmental

Consulting LLC of Endwell, NY, for \$3,535.00; 2.) Demolition by Burrell's Excavating, Inc. of Norwich, NY, for \$9,500.00; and 3.) Removal, Trucking, and Tipping Fees for disposal by Ricelli Enterprises Inc. of Syracuse, NY, for \$6,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the above estimated costs total \$19,535.00, requiring a supplemental expenditures authorization of \$17,535.00 in addition to the initial authorization of \$2,000.00; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in addition to the \$2,000.00 amount authorized by Resolution #83-2012 on September 18, 2012, a supplemental amount not to exceed \$17,535.00, for the full remediation of the property location at 17.5 King Street, be and hereby is authorized for payment under the Community Development Small Cities Fund, account number CD52-07-8666.4020.

Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo, and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #86-2012 **AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT ASSISTANCE AT 13 BURR AVENUE**

Ald. Laughlin introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich administers an Emergency Home Repair Program designed to provide grants and/or loans to income-qualifying homeowners for the purpose of making emergency home repairs; and

WHEREAS, an application for assistance was received from Angelina D. Curnalia for the purpose of funding the replacement of the roof at her residence at 13 Burr Avenue; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the applicant is income-eligible for one hundred percent grant assistance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has solicited and received two price quotations based on a work scope prepared by City staff; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 77.44% of the City funds to be expended on the repair work for this Emergency Home Repair Program project will be reimbursed to the City from the current USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation grant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is appropriately classified as a Type 2 action under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Norwich be and hereby is authorized to prepare necessary documents related to the issuance of City Emergency Home Repair Program grant assistance to the applicant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to make payments to the contractor for direct repair costs of up to \$4,899.00 (four thousand, eight hundred ninety-nine dollars and no cents) and other minor amounts for necessary change orders that may be approved by the City, and payments to the lead testing firm for lead assessment and lead clearance costs.

Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #86-2012 **AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT ASSISTANCE AT 33 MAYDOLE STREET**

Ald. LoPiccolo introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich administers an Emergency Home Repair Program designed to provide grants and/or loans to income-qualifying homeowners for the purpose of making emergency home repairs; and

WHEREAS, an application for assistance was received from Sheryl A. Foulds for the purpose of funding bathtub and vanity replacement, ceiling repairs, and rear door replacement at her residence at 33 Maydole Street; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the applicant is income-eligible for one hundred percent grant assistance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has solicited and received two price quotations based on a work scope prepared by City staff; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 77.44% of the City funds to be expended on the repair work for this Emergency Home Repair Program project will be reimbursed to the City from the current USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation grant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is appropriately classified as a Type 2 action under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Norwich be and hereby is authorized to prepare necessary documents related to the issuance of City Emergency Home Repair Program grant assistance to the applicant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to make payments to the contractor for direct repair costs of up to \$4,994.00 (four thousand, nine hundred ninety-four dollars and no cents) and other minor amounts for necessary change orders that may be approved by the City, and payments to the lead-testing firm for lead assessment and lead-clearance costs.

Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

Discussion: Mayor Maiurano noted that the Emergency Home Repair Grant/Loan Program has been of great help to City residents and when this round is completed the City will probably apply for a second grant.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, accepted ayes all.