

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
4:45 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Lynn Burke, Mike Darne, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne and Don Shampo; Police Chief Angela Moreau, Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick. Also present: Marinette County Administrator John Lefebvre, Marinette County Board Member Gilbert Engel and Jane Kobish Sequin.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Shampo to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Appearances:

Jane Kobish Sequin, a candidate for Marinette County Circuit Court Judge in the April 7, 2020 election, introduced herself. Ms. Sequin stated her experience and goals for the position.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Decker to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2019 regular City Council meeting, and the special City Council meeting of January 3, 2020. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Shampo to pre-approve the bills for February 2020. Motion carried.

The reports were reviewed. Alderman Lantagne moved to approve the reports as presented. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau:
 - Lexipol training is complete.
 - Municode will be contacted regarding the status of the recodification agreement.
 - A safety walk-through was completed at the Niagara school.
 - Niagara is looking at creating a safety and emergency response partnership with Florence, and possibly Dickinson County.

Marinette County Administrator John Lefebvre announced that Niagara will be the recipient of a grant valued at approximately \$453,000.00.

The funds were from the county's revolving loan fund for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). These funds were passed down from the federal government to the state, and then to the counties.

The city was initially selected for consideration due to the current low to moderate income status of greater than fifty percent of the population.

The grant must be used for improvements along the main corridor (Highway 141). All projects must be complete by the end of 2021.

County Administrator Lefebvre noted that the County Board recognized the need and benefits for the grant award. The vote to select Niagara was unanimous.

The application will be prepared by Administrator Fredrick and submitted to the county for review and final completion.

Mayor Bousley thanked Marinette County Board Member Gilbert Engel for being instrumental in introducing the city representatives to the grant opportunity.

A motion was made by Alderman Shampo to approve the borrowing of funds from the Stephenson National Bank and Trust. This will be a four year, non-revolving loan not to exceed \$150,000.00. The terms state that the loan is interest only, payable every six months for the first two years, and then principal and interest due every six months for the final two years. The rate is fixed at 4.25%, with no prepayment penalty. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Burke moved to approve a three percent increase for the part-time office assistant, as she has completed her probationary period. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to approve Kathy Spade as an election poll worker for the 2020-2021 election cycle. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shampo moved to approve a temporary liquor license for St. Anthony's Church fish fry, March 6, 2020 and April 3, 2020. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker made a motion to approve a temporary operator's license for Bob Burton for St. Anthony's Church fish fry, March 6, 2020 and April 3, 2020. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Darne moved to approve a temporary liquor license for the "Purse and Pour" fundraiser at St. Anthony's Church on April 23, 2020. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne to approve a temporary operator's license for Doris Bray for the "Purse and Pour" fundraiser at St. Anthony's Church on April 23, 2020. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Utility bills were mailed January 10, 2020. The 20 day payment terms were noted on the bills.
- December property tax collections received by the county were significantly lower than past years. This will be offset in January.
- The annual audit is scheduled for January 27 – 29, 2020.
- Mr. Fred Rouse contacted Administrator Fredrick and expressed his desire to meet with the "Main Street Makeover" group. He will consider the possibility of participating in additional beautification projects for the city.
- Mr. Korey Johnson of Johnson Automotive has agreed to the parcel lease terms, as discussed at the December 18, 2019 council meeting.
- The fire hall lights will be upgraded by Brooks Electric.

Alderman Decker moved to accept the Administrative report as presented. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Rugg provided the water and sewer report:

- The Rural Development reimbursement of \$35,000.00 for lift station repair supplies was received.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:

The road salt supply is running low.

The Public Works crew is working on reducing the snow banks.

Alderman Decker made a motion to set the next regular City Council meeting for Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Alderman Lantagne opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Shampo and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.