

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
March 22, 2023
Immediately Following the 4:45 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston, following the 4:45 p.m. Planning Commission meeting. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Mike Darne, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne, Lisa Mattia, Don Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Angie Moreau; Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Burke to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting February 22, 2023. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke and seconded by Alderperson Darne to pre-approve the bills for April 2023. Motion carried.

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau
 - Two rear seat cameras were purchased with funds from the Safer Communities grant.
 - Met with new City Attorney Greg Seibold to review new prospective ordinances.
 - Looking at police officer candidate applications.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke to approve the decision of the Planning Commission to allow the construction of outdoor volleyball courts on parcels 261-00559.000 and 261-00461.002, as requested by Claire Valeski. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve the decision of the Planning Commission to allow the construction of a concession/food building and bar with Class B liquor license on parcels 261-00559.000 and 261-00461.002, as requested by Claire Valeski doing business as Sand Lot, LLC. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Alderperson Shampo moved to begin the loan application process through United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA – RD) for \$600,000.00 to finance equipment replacement for multiple units. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

A proposal for amending the Public Works Department summer work hours schedule to (4) four – (10) ten-hour days during the period following Memorial Day through August was presented by

Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz. A motion was made by Alderperson Mattia to revisit the discussion in April. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to hire Tailor Annear as summer help for the Public Works Department. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to issue an operator license to Tanya Neuens. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to issue an operator license to Claire Valeski. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The annual financial audit was completed. Auditor Scott Sternhagen of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP will make a formal presentation at an upcoming council meeting. His observations include:
 - The General Fund is stable.
 - The Water Fund broke even, but another rate increase is needed due to the rate of return being low. There is no room in the current budget for capital improvements.
 - The Sewer Fund is not generating enough cash, the auditor recommends a ten percent increase mid-year.
 - As a reminder, water and sewer expenses are paid through user fees and are not taxpayer funded.

Public Works, Water and Sewer Report – Jim Stachowicz

- Additional road salt was ordered.
- Some sewers were jetted due to backups. Occupants have been flushing paper towels or baby wipes.
- The generators purchased through ARPA funds have been delivered but not installed.
- Lift stations were vacuumed out.
- A water main break was repaired on Forest Alley, with an estimated 300,000 gallons of water lost.
- Looking at quotes for used plow truck, street sweeper and jet machine.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Alderperson Burke
 - The Christmas décor is still frozen in the ground and will be removed as soon as possible.
 - Flowers for spring planting have been ordered.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - Financial reports have been reviewed and are in good standing.

The following items were struck from the agenda:

22. Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) (if applicable)
23. Reconvene To Open Session (if applicable)
24. Action On Closed Session Discussion (if any)

Aldersperson Burke moved to set the next meeting date as Tuesday, April 18, 2023, immediately following the annual Reorganizational Meeting which will be held at 5:00 p.m. Aldersperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.