

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
5:00 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston, Present: Alderpersons, Mike Darne, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne, Lisa Mattia, Don Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Angie Moreau; Police Officer Mike Chapman; Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz

Excused: Alderperson Lynn Burke

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Shampo to approve the minutes from the Reorganizational City Council Meeting April 18, 2023 and Regular City Council Meeting April 18, 2023. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Lantagne to pre-approve the bills for June 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:
 - Officers Mike Chapman and Tyler Parr attended “use of force” training at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.
 - Rhianna Carne will begin the Police Academy in June.
 - Department was busy, took a significant amount of narcotics off the street.
 - Commended Officer Chapman for overseeing the department while she was out of the office.

The sewer lateral at 302 McKinley failed; the estimate to replace the line is \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00. Public Works Coordinator Stachowicz noted the home was built too low to tie into the line properly at the time of the original construction. The homeowner is responsible for repairs of the sewer service lateral from the home to the main lateral. A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to not have the city share the cost of the lateral replacement. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Alderperson Lantagne abstaining from the vote. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Stachowicz stated that 199 feet of chain line perimeter fence at the Riverside fields needs replacing. He noted that the poles will not need replacing. A quote for replacing and installing the fence is \$3,175.00 from Northern Landscape. Alderperson Decker moved to authorize the fence replacement. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Stachowicz informed the Council that eleven porcelain light fixtures at the Heights Park ballfield are broken completely. The power poles should be able to be reused. Alderperson Decker moved to begin looking at replacement costs and budget the expense for 2024. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to amend Ordinance Book Sec. 5.16.070 *Trespassing*. Alderman Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to add Sec. 5.24.050 *Sexting by Minors Prohibited* to the Ordinance book. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to add Sec 5.24.021 *Purchase or Possession of Cigarettes, Nicotine Products or Tobacco Products by Certain Persons Prohibited* to the Ordinance book. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Public Works summer work hours proposal was revisited. A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to make no changes to the current work schedule. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Shampo moved to accept the donation of a playground structure from Emily Payette, to be placed at the Riverside fields. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve the use of Heights Park for the Niagara Knights of Columbus “Duck Race” Event – July 15, 2023. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to issue a temporary liquor license to the Niagara Knights of Columbus for the “Duck Race” Event – July 15, 2023. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Mattia moved to issue a temporary operator license to Mike Darne for the Niagara Knights of Columbus for the “Duck Race” Event – July 15, 2023. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Darne moved to approve a temporary liquor license to Niagara Legion Baseball for a tournament at Memorial field, June 24 and 25, 2023. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve a temporary operator license to Brad Richtig for the Niagara Legion Baseball tournament at Memorial field, June 24 and 25, 2023. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve an operator license for Anthony Phillips. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve an operator license for Holly Learned. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- Utilities clerk and office assistant Jenny Miller has submitted her resignation, effective June 20, 2023 – she is moving from the area.

- Recommend reducing office staffing by eliminating the part-time utility clerk position and absorbing the duties into the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position.
- The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer open position has been posted; several qualified applicants will be scheduled for interviews.
- A database of the cemetery records is being completed.
- The farmer-vendor market dates have been changed; the market will start in July instead of June.
- Testified at the State Joint Finance Committee meeting with Chief Moreau on April 19 and spoke to the Senate in Madison on May 23 to advocate for shared revenue and small community funding, emergency medical services and public safety needs.

Public Works, Water and Sewer Report – Jim Stachowicz

- The spring park maintenance has been completed.
- A water valve at the Riverside soccer field was replaced.
- The fishing pier will be installed soon.
- The engine in the Gravely lawnmower needs to be replaced.
- The generators have been placed at the treatment plant.
- A gate will be placed at the end of Wilson Street, people have been dumping trash and refuse in the woods behind that area.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Administrator Fredrick
 - The spring flowers will be planted May 26.
- Parks – Alderperson Shampo
 - The parks are in good shape.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - Financial reports have been reviewed and look good.
 - The Board of Review met on May 22.

Alderperson Decker moved to set the next meeting date as Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.