

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 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 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, Police Officer Mike Chapman

Also present: Clint Schewe, Amy Schewe, Laura Valley, Tony McCarthy, Kylie Dunn, Brent Johnson, Tierney Gratton, Shelby DeForge, Randy Dessert

Laura Valley, an Emergency Medical Technician with the Niagara Area Emergency Unit, introduced Clint Schewe, who recently performed the lifesaving measure of an abdominal thrust maneuver for a city resident at a local business. Mayor Johnston presented a “Lifesaving Award” to Mr. Schewe and commended him for his willingness to take immediate action.

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

Public Appearances: None.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Shampo to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting June 28, 2023. Motion carried.

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

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau:
 - Working with the National Night Out committee and community partners to finalize the August 1, 2023 event.
 - Officer candidate Rhianna Carne is receiving very good reports from the Police Academy.
 - LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) training was completed.
 - Officer Chapman submitted a grant application to We Energies for a new computer.
 - Officer Parr participated in a drug interdiction.

Shelby DeForge proposed a “Wine Walk” fundraising event to be held in Niagara, with the tentative date of Sunday, October 8, 2023. Funds generated would be allocated to the replacement of outdoor commercial-grade tree lights at the large pine tree at Heights Park. Administrator Fredrick confirmed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol Division that this event is allowable, with specific regulations. Mrs. DeForge asked if the City’s Beautification or Park Committee would sponsor the walk to be able to allocate the funds directly to the City. Alderperson Shampo moved to

permit the event, with Mrs. DeForge to provide information regarding names and addresses of host sites for operator licenses. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tony McCarthy, President of the Soccer Association for Youth (SAY) League, approached the Council with a proposal to have the League assume labor and costs for field maintenance, portable toilets, parking lot and other upkeep items at the Riverside Fields. SAY would work with other leagues, such as the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Adult Soccer League and Northern Stars to coordinate schedules and field use. SAY will present a proposal for a twenty (20) year lease, for \$1.00 per year, with the City attorney to review it. The City will have the authority to revoke the lease at any time if field conditions are not maintained. Alderperson Shampo moved to continue forward with the proposal, and Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke to purchase a used snow plow/dump truck from Packer City International Trucks, Inc. for \$59,719.50 including fees, utilizing grant funds from USDA – Rural Development, pending approval from USDA – Rural Development. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to remove “Tracy Coppens” from signature cards at Nicolet National Bank and Add “Laura Valley” to accounts *Beautification #0136; Rural Development #6328, City Regular Checking #6080; Money Market #9808, CDBG #4591, Memorial Park #6251; Main Street Makeover #1728 and Sewer Reserve #1595*. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to remove “Tracy Coppens” from signature card at Forward Financial Credit Union and Add “Laura Valley” to *Main Street Makeover #7910*. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Burke moved to Cancel City of *Niagara Credit Card #7300* “Tracy Coppens” and Reissue to “Laura Valley” with a Card Limit of \$500.00. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to allow the Department of Corrections to use City Hall office space on a six-month trial basis. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to issue a temporary liquor license for a Niagara Historical Society event at St. Anthony Church on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to issue temporary operator license to Bryan DeForge for a Niagara Historical Society event at St. Anthony Church on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to allow the temporary closure of Brook Street for the Niagara Historical Society at St. Anthony Church on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 10:45 am – 3:30 pm. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- Marinette County will be razing properties at 1700 River Street and 217 Maple Street. The property at 217 Birch Street will be listed for sale by the county.
- The Public Service Commission approved the water department increase. It will go into effect September 2, 2023 reflected on the November 2023 bill.
- Met with Cedar Corporation and also Ayres and Associates regarding grant funding opportunities and assistance.

Public Works, Water and Sewer Report – Jim Stachowicz

- Riverside soccer fields parking lot was extended.
- Fire hydrants were flushed.
- Surveillance Camera signs were installed at the compost site and Riverside fields parking lot.
- The new treatment plant generators were installed.
- Brooks Electric is scheduled to do repairs at the rifle range.
- A gate was placed at the end of Wilson Street to prevent access to the area, which had resulted in the dumping of debris.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
 - Fall-themed banners will be ordered to place along the highway.
- Parks – Alderperson Shampo
 - The parks are in good shape.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - Financial reports have been reviewed and look good.

Alderperson Burke moved to set the next meeting date as Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.