

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Immediately Following the 5:00 P.M. Budget Hearing
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Lynn Burke, Dan Decker, Larry Kuchinski, Glenn Lantagne and Don Shampo; Police Chief Angela Moreau, Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick. Excused: Alderman Mike Darne

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Shampo to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to pre-approve the bills for December 2019. Motion carried.

The reports were reviewed.

- Mayor Bousley commended Police Chief Moreau for the letter of appreciation received on her behalf from the Wisconsin Department of Justice for her “complete and thorough” records with no deficiencies found during a recent audit.
- Police Chief Moreau noted that 32 violation notices have been issued in October for blight-related issues.

Alderman Burke moved to approve the reports as presented. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no reports from department heads or elected officials.

Alderman Decker moved to keep 2020 garbage pick-up annual fees the same as 2019 fees: \$177.14 for residential and \$331.38 for commercial charges. Alderman Kuchinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker, and seconded by Alderman Shampo, to begin the process of applying for a four-year non-revolving loan of up to \$150,000.00 with the Stephenson National Bank & Trust. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting “AYE”. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to utilize the State Debt Collection Service through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to collect delinquent fines and citations. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bousley stated that he and Public Works Coordinator Rugg met with Korey Johnson, owner of Johnson Automotive, concerning overflow parking at his business on Main Street. Police Chief Moreau is looking at means of legally removing vehicles at the business that have been abandoned and not picked up. Alderman Shampo made a motion to pursue an appraisal of City property on

Tyler Road, and offer it to Mr. Johnson for sale or lease. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick presented a report prepared by the business *Options for Independent Living*, following a site assessment at City Hall on October 28, 2019. The assessment was done to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Title III. Modifications were recommended and will be completed in order of priority. Alderman Decker moved to acknowledge the report and take action on the recommendations. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and Assistant Fire Chief David Dunlap as a recipient of the "First Responder of the Year" runner-up award from State Representative Jeff Mursau. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Shampo to include Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as paid holidays for Public Works and Water Department employees hired after 2014. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with Aldermen Burke, Decker, Kuchinski and Shampo voting "AYE" and Alderman Lantagne voting "NAY". Motion carried on a vote of 4 – 1 in favor of approving the holiday pay.

Alderman Kuchinski moved to approve an operator's license to Sunchi Hancock. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Fredrick presented the Administrative Report:

- Administrator Fredrick completed and submitted the first phase of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for interest relief for the Public Trust Fund loan. The application is a multi-step process, with an award in 2021.
- A grant application was submitted to the Wisconsin Election Commission for aid in covering election computer security costs. An award of \$600.00 was received.
- Approximately \$6,300.00 was submitted to Marinette County for delinquent water utility bills to be placed on the tax rolls. Over \$70,000.00 was placed on the rolls last year.

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

Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg provided the water and sewer Report:

- A storm drain is being run from Hemlock Street to the river.
- The water line at Clark and Mill Streets is being worked on.
- The City is attempting to determine where water on Vine Street is originating.

Alderman Shampo moved to accept the water and sewer report as presented. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no Committee Reports:

Alderman Decker made a motion to set the next regular City Council meeting for Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 4:45 p.m. Alderman Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.