

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2022
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 5:04 p.m., immediately following the Budget Hearing by Mayor Joe Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne, Lisa Mattia; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Angie Moreau; Public Works Lead Person Jim Stachowicz

Excused: Alderpersons Mike Darne and Don Shampo

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

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke and seconded by Alderperson Mattia to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting October 26, 2022. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Burke to pre-approve the bills for December 2022. Motion carried.

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Moreau:
 - The interview room is completed.
 - Cameras have been installed on the front, side and back of the outside of the building.
- Mayor Johnston:
 - There are still concerns regarding garbage collection.

Alderperson Decker moved to increase residential garbage rates to \$211.49; an increase of \$9.59 annually. Commercial rates increased to \$373.95 from \$356.14, reflecting the GFL contractual increase of five percent. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to forward an application for a conditional use permit for 1333 River Street to the Planning Commission for review. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Burke moved to amend the City Council payment policy to add a \$20.00 stipend per council or committee member (elected or appointed) participant for all special (non-regular) meetings of the council and/or committees. Sec 2.12.090 and Sec 2.20.030 (g) of the Municipal Code shall be amended to reflect this. Elected officials will be deducted the amount of their monthly stipend upon the absence of their third or more meeting in a calendar year. The Board of Review stipend will remain at \$25.00 per member attending the meeting. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- Property tax bills are currently being prepared by Marinette County.
- \$2,521.44 of delinquent utility bills have been placed on the tax rolls. Utility Clerk Jenny Miller was commended for her diligence in reducing this amount.
- Blight charges of \$1,765.50 have been placed on the tax rolls.
- The city was not awarded the grant from the Department of the Interior for the water tower. The funds were allocated to 17 western states.
- A grant is being prepared with the National League of Cities for river bank stabilization.
- The annual financial audit is scheduled for March 6, 2023.

Public Works, Water and Sewer Report – Jim Stachowicz

- The snow plows are ready.
- The winter salt delivery may be delayed due to the unavailability of truckers.
- Winter salt has been ordered.
- The two new employees are doing well.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Alderperson Burke
 - The Christmas decorations are up. The city crew is commended for their assistance.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - Financial reports have been reviewed and they look good.

A motion was made at 5:43 p.m. by Alderperson Burke to convene into closed session. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to reconvene to open session at 6:28 p.m. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to promote Jim Stachowicz as the Public Works Coordinator effective January 1, 2023. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to promote Matt Zanon as the Public Works Lead Person effective January 1, 2023. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to advertise and hire a fourth police officer for May 2023 duty, with Chief Moreau applying for a COPS (Community Policing) grant to assist with the payroll and benefit costs. Alderperson Mattia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Burke moved to set the next meeting date as December 28, 2022. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.