

MINUTES  
City of Niagara  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
Immediately Following the 5:00 P.M. Reorganizational Meeting  
Niagara City Hall  
1029 Roosevelt Road  
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Joseph Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Michael Darne, Daniel Decker, Lisa Johnson, Karl Lamoreaux, Glenn Lantagne and Don Shampo; Police Chief Mike Chapman, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz, Treatment Plant Operator Dave Dunlap

Also Present: Dwight Pataconi, Dena Pataconi, Linda Lee

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

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Decker to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 26, 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Darne to pre-approve the bills for May 2025. Motion carried.

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Chapman
  - Ethan Koch has accepted the position of Police Officer; he will be joining the Department near the end of May.
  - The Department has been very busy, including multiple drug arrests.
  - The department received up to \$10,000.00 from the Sally Ann Keating fund, which will be applied to domestic violence intervention and recognition training.
- Mayor Johnston
  - The M.J. Electric site is continuing construction.

Alderperson Shampo made a motion to replace all controls at Lift Station #4, located at Garfield Street and Coolidge Avenue. The controls are worn out and the replacement parts are obsolete; the estimated cost of repairs is \$10,000.00. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Stachowicz and City Administrator Fredrick provided an update on the water tower project. A preconstruction meeting will be held with the engineers, contractors and City staff on Wednesday, April 30 at 1:00. The closing date for the funding is extended to August 13, 2025 due to external circumstances within the federal government. Alderperson Darne moved to accept the report and Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Shampo moved to replace the boards on the Memorial Park bleachers. The estimated cost of repairs is \$3,900.00 for boards and hardware, and Niagara baseball will contribute \$1,500.00. The high school will provide some student labor. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Decker moved to seek bids for the repairs of the steps at the front and back of City Hall; they are crumbling in the front and neither set of stair rails meets current American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Alderson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderson Shampo to revise Code of Ordinance Sec 5.12.150 *Possession of Marijuana* to replicate the wording of the State Statute, as recommended by the City Attorney and Municipal Judge. Alderson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderson Decker to confirm the Board of Review Date as June 3, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Darne moved to remove former Alderson Lynn Burke from the Main Street Makeover accounts at Forward Financial Credit Union and Nicolet National Bank. Alderson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderson Darne to forward a variance request by Shad Brown to the Planning Commission, for a swimming pool at Parcel 261-00485.002; several concerns and questions will be addressed. Alderson Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The Spring Election voter turnout was 49 percent.
- The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services fire department audit is scheduled for April 15; record requests have been prepared.
- There are no operator license requests to report.

#### Public Works Report– Jim Stachowicz

- Brush was cut at Memorial Field.
- Signs have been repaired.
- Blacktop preparation for the Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) projects on Quincy Street and Coolidge Avenue will begin the week of May 5.
- Suggested seeking assistance for Public Works summer help / temporary employee recruitment from Indeed or Project Services, Inc.

#### Water and Sewer Utility Report – Dave Dunlap

- Two motors and a heater were permanently damaged in the recent ice storm and power outage.
- Lubrication of equipment and disinfection of the final effluent has started.
- The wells are due for inspection in 2026.

#### Committee Reports:

- Finance Alderson Decker
  - The financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.

Alderson Darne moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) – *Police Chief Contract* at 5:51 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken, with all present. Alderson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Decker moved to reconvene to open session at 5:58 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken, with all present. Alderson Darne seconded the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderson Darne to strike the “longevity” clause from the Police Chief contract and approve the contract as otherwise presented. Alderson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 28 at 5:00 p.m. Darne Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.