

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Immediately Following the Annual Reorganizational Meeting
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston, following the 5:00 p.m. Annual Reorganizational Meeting. Present: Mayor Johnston, Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Michael Darne, Dan Decker, Lisa Johnson, Glenn Lantagne, Don Shampo, Police Chief Mike Chapman, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick

Also Present: Tracy Daun, Tyler Parr, Angie Moreau

There were no public appearances.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo and seconded by Alderperson Lantagne to approve the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of March 19, 2024, Special Meeting March 20, 2024, and Regular Meeting, March 20, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke and seconded by Alderperson Decker to pre-approve the bills for May 2024. Motion carried.

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Mayor Johnston
 - Continued work with the Department of Natural Resources on the environmental approvals for the proposed M.J. Electric expansion.
 - Thank you to Officer Tyler Parr for the outstanding job that he did while working with the City; best wishes for success as a Deputy for Florence County. Officer Parr will still work part time for the City, as well as provide support between both departments.
- Police Chief Chapman
 - Officer Carne was involved in making a major drug arrest; she continues to do an exceptional job.
 - The trail camera has been installed at the soccer field parking lot. The gravel was getting damaged by vehicles spinning their tires.
 - Domestic violence awareness and internet crimes against children (ICAC) training has been scheduled for Officer Carne.

Alderperson Burke moved to approve the purchase of a new line locator. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Johnson to approve the issue of a liquor license for Niagara Mart – formerly Pit Stop Gas. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to issue an Operator License to Dev Kandel. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aldersperson Burke moved to issue an Operator License to Heather Zemaitis. Aldersperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Aldersperson Shampo to forward a variance request to the Planning Commission for the construction of a new garage on parcel 261-00068.008 owned by Jacob and Julie Neuens. Aldersperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Aldersperson Shampo to forward a conditional use request to the Planning Commission for the addition of new storage units at Triple P Storage on parcel 261-01526.000. Aldersperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The annual Board of Review meeting will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Open Book will be at City Hall on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Public Works Report– prepared by Jim Stachowicz, presented by Audrey Fredrick

- We were the successful bidder on the sidewalk machine; the total after fees was \$14,025.00. It has already been used with the broom attachment for spring cleanup.
- The lights in City Hall and the meeting room have been changed to LED, the library lights will be changed when time is available.
- City streets have been swept for the second time.
- Work is continuing at the softball and soccer field parking lot area.
- Portable bathrooms have been placed at the parks. The water will be turned on when the temperatures stay consistently above freezing at night.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
 - Light pole banners have been hung.
 - The Farmers Market is in the discussion stages.
- Finance – Aldersperson Decker
 - The audit and financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.
- Parks – Aldersperson Shampo
 - Parks are cleaned and look good.

Aldersperson Johnson moved to set the next regular meeting date as Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Aldersperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Aldersperson Johnson to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) at 5:42 p.m. Aldersperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Aldersperson Johnson and seconded by Aldersperson Burke to reconvene to open session at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Aldersperson Decker moved to offer Daniel St. Amour a position as a Police Officer. Aldersperson Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with Alderspersons Burke, Darne, Decker, Johnson and Shampo voting “AYE” and Aldersperson Lantagne voting “NAY”. Aldersperson Lantagne noted that Mr. St. Amour was qualified, but he feels that additional coverage should be provided by Marinette County. Motion carried on a vote of 5 “AYE” and 1 “NAY”.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.