

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2026
Immediately Following the Annual Reorganizational Meeting
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Mayor Joseph Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Michael Darne, Daniel Decker, Lisa Johnson, Glenn Lantagne, Karl Lamoreaux and Donald Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, Police Chief Mike Chapman; Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz

Also Present: Kyle Johnson and Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation, Lynn McIntyre of Cedar Corporation (via Teams Application)

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

Public Appearances: None

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Lamoreaux to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2026. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Johnson to pre-approve the bills for May 2026. Motion carried.

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Mayor Joe Johnston
 - The M.J. Electric construction site is nearing completion, with personnel and equipment moving into the building at the end of May into early June.
- Police Chief Mike Chapman
 - Interviews were held with candidates for the police officer position. A conditional offer of employment was extended to Emma Broullire.
 - Working on an ordinance referencing the safe and responsible use of electric scooters and electric bikes.
 - Officer Davis attended Tactical Response training.
 - Radar Officer Carne attended ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) training.

Alderperson Decker moved to adopt Resolution *04-21-26 - Commit Match Funds and Certification of Match Funds Secured* for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation presented a Facility Plan for the sanitary sewer replacement on Hill Street, Forest Street and Mill Street. It was noted that the existing infrastructure is in poor shape. Highlights of the plan include the reasoning for the recommendations, project evaluation, improvements and needs, possible alternatives, environmental effects, public involvement, cost and parallel cost. Alderperson Shampo moved to approve the Facility Plan report. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to accept the progress update on the Hill, Forest and Mill Street project, as presented by Cedar Corporation. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to appoint Ann Rose as the City Animal Control Officer, following the retirement of current Animal Control Officer Kim DeForge. Alderperson Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Niagara Baseball team requested permission to construct a storage shed at the Memorial Park Field. Public Works Coordinator Stachowicz noted there is an underground water service line at the desired construction location. Alderperson Shampo will meet with the team representatives at the site and look at potential alternatives. Alderperson moved to table the request until the May meeting. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The Spring Election went well, with thanks to the efficient and dedicated Election Inspectors. The City had a 29% voter turnout.
- The annual Board of Review will be held in September this year, due to the necessity of conducting a full market revaluation.
- Marinette County communities are eligible for overtime payroll cost recovery, as well as equipment costs, as a result of the March record-breaking snowstorm. An application for recovery will be submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management through FEMA and the Wisconsin Disaster Fund.
- The Expenditure Restraint Program form has been filed; the City is eligible for funding. In 2025, the City received \$23,301.00
- The Fire Dues and Recycling Grant reimbursements have been submitted.
- Preparation has begun for the accounting software conversion.

Public Works Report, Water and Sewer Report - Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz

- The crew worked on winter cleanup duties.
- The salt contract is set for 2026/2027.
- Repair parts for one of the dump trucks are on back order until June.
- A water service leak on Hill Street was repaired.
- Beauden Anderson will be returning for summer staffing, and Pete LaPointe will also work for the summer.

Committee Reports:

- Finance - Alderperson Decker
 - The financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.
- Public Works – Alderperson Shampo
 - Accolades to the crew for the exceptional job they did on snow removal.
- Beautification – Administrator Fredrick
 - Flowers have been ordered for planting later this spring.

Alderperson Johnson moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.