

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Joe Johnston. 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, Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz

Also Present: Tracy Daun, Dwight Pataconi, Darlene Kadulski, Karen Klenke, Laura Baumler, Craig Baumler

Public Appearances:

- Darlene Kadulski, representing the Niagara Area Historical Society presented information on a fundraising project for Serenity Woods. Personalized bricks will be available for purchase, which will be used to create a pathway throughout the park.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke and seconded by Alderperson Darne to approve the minutes from the Reorganizational Meeting April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting April 16, 2024, and Special Meeting, May 15, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Shampo to pre-approve the bills for June 2024. 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 Johnston
 - Continued work with the Department of Natural Resources on the environmental approvals for the proposed M.J. Electric expansion.
 - The anticipated completion date is Fall of 2025 if materials are available.
- Police Chief Chapman
 - Two drug arrests were made.
 - Office Carne was involved in a child exploitation sting as part of the internet crimes against children (ICAC) task force.
 - Presented a “Stranger Danger”, “Good Touch/Bad Touch” program at the Wee Care center.
 - Officer Seth Davis began training in early May.
 - Long grass and debris letters were sent.

Alderperson Decker moved to approve the engineering agreement with Cedar Corporation for the high zone water storage tank improvements, including the WDNR SDWLP application. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Fredrick stated that the City was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for \$2,954,492.96 for repairs to Forest and Hill Street. The work should not be done until the infrastructure is repaired on those streets. An application has been in progress with the Department of Natural Resource for the infrastructure. A separate application for assistance in

funding the city portion of the project will need to be submitted. The earliest that the project would be able to begin is 2026, contingent on the funding components, and the funding will expire in 2029. Niagara is one of three cities state-wide to receive these funds. Alderperson Decker moved to accept the report. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Report. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Alderperson Shampo moved to approve a revision to the Code of Ordinances Sec 6.08.090 *Private Well Abandonment* by recommendation of the Wisconsin DNR. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to adopt Resolution 05-22-24 *Compliance Maintenance Report* Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to acknowledge the Planning Commission action from April 29, 2024 and May 15, 2024. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to place City-owned parcels 261-01432.000, 261-01433.000, 261-01434.000, and 261-01435.000 for sale, to be sold as one parcel. The minimum bid is \$20,000.00 with bidding ending December 31, 2024. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne to approve the withdrawal of Tracy Daun from the Planning Commission for the purpose of avoiding potential conflict with her judicial duties. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Shampo made a motion to approve a "Christmas Village" proposal from the Niagara Area Emergency Unit. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to approve the use of Heights Park for the Knights of Columbus Duck Races on Friday August 16 for set up through Saturday August 17, 2024, with clean up on Sunday morning, August 18. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Darne moved to approve an operator license for Keith Vincent. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- It is Public Works Recognition Week; the services of the Public Works and Water Departments are greatly appreciated.
- A "Maintenance of Effort" report is required to be filed with the state. The report is to attest that we will be using the increased shared revenue to maintain police and fires services at or above the current level. Failure to maintain the levels would result in a forfeiture of fifteen percent of our total shared revenue.

Public Works Report- Jim Stachowicz

- Park maintenance is completed.
- The cemetery is prepared for Memorial Day. Ron Rugg and Mark Rugg donated their services for replacing the roof at the storage
- Sewers have been cleaned.

- The gravel has been placed at the softball and soccer field parking lot and the area has been seeded.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
 - The flower pots will be planted on May 28.
 - The Farmer/Vendor Market dates will be on Thursdays from July 11 through August 22 to coincide with “Music in the Park.”
 - The gazebo at the river will eventually be replaced.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - The audit and financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.
- Parks – Alderperson Shampo
 - Thank you to the Public Works crew for their exceptional work.

Alderperson Burke moved to set the next regular meeting date as Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.