

MINUTES  
City of Niagara  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 17, 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: City Engineer Thad Majkowski and Hannah Fitzpatrick of Cedar Corporation via Teams Application, Marinette County Drug Enforcement Officer Patrick Callahan, Treatment Plant Operator Dave Dunlap, Municipal Court Judge Tracy Daun, Court Clerk Allie Zacharias, Bruce Redmond, Dwight Pataconi

A motion was made by Alderperson Lantagne to approve the agenda. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: Municipal Court Judge Tracy Daun announce that she has appointed a new Court Clerk, Alexandria "Allie" Zacharias. She introduced the Clerk to the Council.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke and seconded by Alderperson Darne to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Mayor Johnston
  - Excavation has begun on the M.J. Electric site.
- Police Chief Chapman
  - Officer Dan St. Amour resigned, stating that it was not going to be feasible to move his family to the area.
  - A search for a new officer has begun, with five applicants to date.
  - Officer Rhianna Carne is continuing to prove herself as a valuable asset to the department.

City Engineer Thad Majkowski and Hannah Fitzpatrick of Cedar Corporation discussed the engineering agreement to complete the final design and bidding phase of the water system improvements and recoating of the high zone (Jefferson Avenue) elevated tank. The application and specifications have been sent to the Department of Natural Resources for review. Notices were sent to Marinette County and U.P. Logon for removal of their antennas from the tank during the recoating and painting process. Engineer Majkowski noted that approval from the Public Service Commission is not required for this project. A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve the agreement. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to approve the purchase of four replacement tasers for \$19,497.60, payable on a five-year installment plan. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marinette County Drug Enforcement Officer Patrick Callahan provided information and a proposal for Flock (license plate recognition) camera installation. Alderperson Decker moved to accept the information for future consideration. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to approve an operator license for the Knights of Columbus Duck Race event at Heights Park on August 17, 2024. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to acknowledge the decision of the Planning Commission to approve the Variance Request for a garage for Shad Brown, parcel 261-000484.000. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to approve a temporary Class A license for retail sales to Cedars Edge Winery for the Farmer and Vendor Market events at Heights Park on Thursdays from July 18 to August 22, 2024. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The new credit card payment system and QR code for utilities, citations and miscellaneous charges is working well.
- Preparation for the August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary election is underway.
- Resident John Nowicki has selected some new playground equipment for Heights Park and donated the funds to purchase it. He is also considering additional equipment selections.
- The liquor license for 716 Vine Street has not been renewed.

#### Public Works Report- Jim Stachowicz

- Todd from Rural Water located four leaking hydrants; parts have been ordered for two of them to complete the repairs.
- The box on truck #10 has been replaced.
- Speed bumps on Bousley Parkway have been installed for traffic control; they will be removed after the soccer season is over.

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

- The lift station will be cleaned out.

#### Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
  - The Farmer and Vendor Market is going well.
- 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 keeping everything in shape.

Alderperson Darne moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) at 6:28 p.m. to discuss Police Department headcount. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to reconvene to open session at 6:44 p.m. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. A roll call attendance was taken, with all present. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to allow Police Chief Chapman to continue to pursue a candidate to fill the open officer position; he will have the authority to select the candidate based on reference and background checks as well as existing qualifications. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting "AYE". Motion carried.

Alderperson Burke moved to set the next regular meeting date as Wednesday, August 28, 2024 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 Burke to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.