

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
5:00 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Joseph Johnston.

Present: Alderpersons Michael Darne, Daniel Decker, Lisa Johnson, Glenn Lantagne, Karl Lamoreaux; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Mike Chapman; Public Works Supervisor Jim Stachowicz

Also Present: Municipal Judge Tracy Daun, Thad Majkowski and Kyle Johnson of Cedar Corporation (via Teams Application), Lucas and Katlynn Farris

Excused: Alderperson Shampo

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

Public Appearances: None

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Lantagne to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Darne to pre-approve the bills for August 2026. 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:

- Mayor Joe Johnston
 - The M.J. Electric site is near completion; waiting on the occupational permit.
- Police Chief Mike Chapman
 - Officer Broullire is on her sixth week of training and is doing well.
 - Officer Davis has accepted a conditional offer of employment with Marinette County.
 - Marinette County has cut some police services following the failure of the April referendum, effective January, 2027. This includes transportation services for emergency medical detention during a mental health crisis.

Alderperson Decker moved to approve Cedar Corporation's *Agreement for Professional Services Addendum No. 12*. Alderperson Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation provided an update on the Mill, Hill and Forest Street project. He noted that the Facility Plan and Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) Plan for the *Safe Drinking Water Loan* has been submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. A Public Hearing is required for the application; that will be held prior to the August 26 City

Council meeting. The project will be bid in December 2026 or January 2027. Alderperson Decker moved to accept the report. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Municipal Judge Tracy Daun presented an updated Municipal Ordinance Deposit Schedule, based on recommended changes from the June 24, 2026 meeting, for consideration. Alderperson Decker moved to approve the schedule. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to adjust the property boundaries between the City of Niagara and parcels owned by David Adams near the north end of Tyler Road. Mr. Adams will have the property surveyed for the property lines. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Darne moved to amend the Building Code of Ordinances Sec 13.08.340 (b)(3); Sec 13.08.350 (b)(4) and Sec 13.08.360 (b)(5) to increase the allowable accessory building size to 200 square feet for parcels exceeding one acre in size. Alderperson Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lucas and Katlynn Farris requested permission to keep chickens at their property in the City limits. After discussion and careful consideration of special circumstances, the Farris's will be given a conditional permit, allowing them to keep up to four chickens. The stipulations include that the poultry is hen chickens only, no ducks or roosters. The enclosure must be securely maintained. Alderperson Lamoreaux moved to approve the conditional request. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The condenser for the office air conditioner unit was replaced.
- E.O. Johnson provided a quote for new office phone lines, the usage fees were quoted at approximately 50 percent less than the current fees.
- The Partisan Primary Election is on August 11.
- The Niagara Business Center on Jackson Street has a new tenant, who will be moving into the building in mid-September. A lease with Precision Healing and Wellness will be drafted.

Public Works and Water and Sewer Report – Public Works Supervisor Jim Stachowicz

- A water main break was repaired on Mill Street.
- The berm along the parking lot at the soccer field was shaped and seeded.
- Summer Public Works employee Pete LaPointe is done working.
- Repair costs for the street sweeper were \$2,400.00.
- A 1,073-foot section of storm culvert needs to be replaced from Forest Street to Forest Alley.
- Recommends a separate section for cremains (urns) only at the cemetery.
- Will need to consider a transition plan for the Water Department employees pending their future retirement.

Committee Reports:

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

Aldersperson Johnson moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, August 26, 2026, immediately following the 5:00 Public Hearing. Aldersperson Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.