

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 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, Donald Shampo; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick; Police Chief Mike Chapman; Public Works Supervisor Jim Stachowicz

Also Present: Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation (via Teams Application); Shena Chapman, Lori White Mihelich, Andrew Gerwig, Joe Lambert, Chris Baubrecht

Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation conducted the Public Hearing for the Sanitary Sewer Facility Plan.

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

Public Appearances: Shena Chapman, a candidate for State Representative District 36, presented her platform for the upcoming November election.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Johnson to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Decker to pre-approve the bills for September 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; the occupational permit should be issued soon.
- Police Chief Mike Chapman
 - Officer Broullire is continuing to do well in her training.
 - The last day of duty for Officer Davis was August 17, as he has accepted the offer of employment with Marinette County.
 - A school safety program was presented to the staff.

Alderperson Shampo moved to acknowledge the announcement of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of \$1,000,000.00 for the water / sanitary sewer project for Forest Street, Hill Street and Mill Street. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Decker moved to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of \$1,000,000.00 for the water / sanitary sewer project for Forest Street, Hill Street and Mill Street. Alderson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation provided an update on the Mill Street, Hill Street and Forest Street project. The *Safe Drinking Water Loan* that was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is in the review stage, and will be ranked by priority. Alderson Decker moved to accept the report. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An update on the sanitary sewer system was presented by Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation. A motion was made by Alderson Decker to accept the report. Alderson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Decker moved to approve the Cedar Corporation *Agreement for Professional Services* Addendum No. 13 - Grant Administration. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation noted the water tower contractors will be completing the warranty services on the Jefferson Street tower in early September. A motion was made by Alderson Decker to accept the update. Alderson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor Jim Stachowicz noted there is a washout on Pine Street as the result of a recent heavy rain event. The area impacted is approximately 10 feet by 60 feet. The asphalt was last replaced in 2017. The “spider cracks” in the asphalt are of concern, as water can get under the blacktop, causing further deterioration. Cedar Corporation offered to have one of the engineers assess the street. Alderson Decker moved to patch the street temporarily and have Cedar Corporation make a recommendation. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderson Shampo to approve a Class B liquor license for Dale Mart, LLC, doing business as Kitchen Comfort Niagara; 1240 River Street, Unit 2. Alderson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Lantagne moved to acknowledge the Planning Commission decision of July 29, 2026, which approved the request from Michael Bryant. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderson Decker moved to acknowledge the Planning Commission decision of August 19, 2026, which approved the request from Christopher Ederer. Alderson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- Work on the software conversion is continuing.
- The new tenants of the Business Center, Precision Healing and Wellness, are preparing to move in to the site in mid-September.
- There was approximately 25% voter turnout for the August Primary Election. The Election Inspectors were proficient and professional, as always. The post office did a commendable job in processing the ballots.

- Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, September 29, from 4 – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- The Department of Natural Resources has secured funding for communities to investigate lead service lines on the street side. The City has informed the DNR that we are interested in pursuing this.

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

- Some manholes on Highway 141 were repaired.
- Fire hydrant at Birch Street and Ledge Street was replaced.
- Water main valves were exercised.
- A service line leak on Mill Street will need to be repaired.
- Sprinkler heads, rock and mulch were placed behind City Hall, following the installation of the new steps.
- Marinette County will be painting lines on the highway.

Committee Reports:

- Finance - Alderperson Decker
 - The financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.
- Public Works – Alderperson Shampo
 - Commendation following the storm cleanup.

A motion was made by Alderperson Johnson to move to closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 6:04 p.m. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to reconvene to open session was made by Alderperson Johnson at 6:24 p.m. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to promote Police Officer Rhianna Carne to the rank of “Sargent”, effective immediately. A salary increase of \$2.00 per hour will take effective August 30, 2026. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting “AYE.” Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to increase the monthly stipend for Animal Control Officer Ann Rose to \$175.00. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Johnson moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.