

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by City Council President Dan Decker. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Michael Darne, Dan Decker, Lisa Johnson, Glenn Lantagne, Police Chief Mike Chapman, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, Public Works Lead Person Matt Zanon, Treatment Plant Operator Dave Dunlap

Excused: Mayor Joe Johnston, Alderperson Don Shampo

Also present: City Engineer Thad Majkowski Cedar Corporation

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

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Lantagne to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne and seconded by Alderperson Burke to pre-approve the bills for September 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:

- Police Chief Chapman
 - Ducey's Guns and Ammo, along with the Borderhounds LE/MC donated a gun to the department.
 - The National Night Out event was held; it was very successful.
 - Participated in "Cops at Culvers", proceeds will help families in need at Christmas, including locally.
 - Applied for a grant through Kwik Trip for needed equipment.

City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation discussed the engineering agreement addendum to conduct an income survey to be eligible to apply for funding through the Community Development Block Grant. The survey is confidential and will be good for five years. If the results are favorable, it will increase additional funding opportunities. A motion was made by Alderperson Darne to approve the addendum. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An update on the water tower tank recoating project was provided by City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation. Alderperson Burke moved to accept the report. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Lantagne moved to acknowledge the approval of the Planning Commission for a variance new garage construction for Parcel 261-01502.000. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made Alderperson Burke to approve the second annual “Wine Walk” fund raising event on October 6, 2024 at Heights Park. Proceeds will be applied to the community Christmas tree lighting in December. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke to approve a temporary Class A license for retail sales for Blackrocks Brewery during the “Wine Walk” event on October 6, 2024 at Heights Park. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne to approve a temporary Class A license for retail sales for Cedars Edge Wine and Gifts during the “Wine Walk” event on October 6, 2024 at Heights Park. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- The Partisan Primary election went well, with the election inspectors doing a very efficient job.
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer / Utility Clerk Jenny Miller made an informational brochure for new residents.
- The first delivery of playground equipment donated by resident John Nowicki has arrived.
- Disconnection tags for 21 delinquent utility accounts were hung. All accounts have been paid or have made payment arrangements.
- After discussions with Employee Trust Fund, the benefit provider for state and local governments, the city will be allowed to participate in the “State Maintenance Plan” for health insurance, due to our distance from the designated providers for Marinette County municipalities. The providers are located in or near the City of Marinette. Employees will have similar or the same coverage as they currently have using the “Access Plan” for nearby providers. The projected savings are \$70,000 - \$71,000 annually for the City.

Public Works Report– Matt Zanon

- The speed bumps on Bousley Parkway have been removed until next spring.
- The sidewalk machine is being painted.
- Ditch repairs are in progress on West Main and Adams Street.
- Water leaks on Maple and Prospect Street have repaired.
- Trees in the cemetery have been cut down.

Water and Sewer Utility Report – Dave Dunlap

- Sludge will be hauled from the treatment.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
 - Fall decorations will be set out.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - The audit and financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.

Alderperson Burke moved to set the next regular meeting date as September 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Johnson 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 5:31 p.m.