

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
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 Lynn Burke, Michael Darne, Dan Decker (via telephone), Lisa Johnson, Don Shampo; Police Chief Mike Chapman, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz, Treatment Plant Operator Dave Dunlap

Excused: Alderperson Glenn Lantagne

Also present: Hannah Fitzpatrick of Cedar Corporation (via teleconference), Peggy Miller, Howard Oller

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

Public Comments: Peggy Miller, interim appointed Marinette County judge, introduced herself and announced her intention to run for election for the judicial position in 2025.

A motion was made by Alderperson Johnston and seconded by Alderperson Burke to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Police Chief Chapman
 - Police officer interviews were held with three candidates. There were no offers of employment made, and the search will continue for a qualified candidate that meets the required the criteria.
 - Rural Development does not anticipate having funding available for a replacement squad car for their 2025 fiscal year. Price estimates have been solicited for possible funding through a loan process.
 - Officer Carne will attend an interview and interrogation workshop; costs will be covered by the Fox Valley Community Trust – Sally Ann Keating Fund.

Hannah Fitzpatrick of Cedar Corporation gave an update on the tank recoating project. Five bids were received and are in the review process. A motion was made by Alderperson Burke to acknowledge the report. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made Alderperson Darne to approve Declaration 092524-001 *Water System Improvements – Storage and Supply*. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Burke to approve Resolution 092524-002 *Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing - Water System Improvements – Storage and Supply*. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Darne to approve Resolution 092524-003 *Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund - Water System Improvements - Storage and Supply*. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Burke moved to amend Code of Ordinances Sec. 13.08.1210 *Signal Receiving Antennas*. This change will allow residential ground-mounted antennas up to 40 feet in height, providing that authorization from the Building and Zoning Administrator is received and that other stipulations named in the Code of Ordinances are followed. Alderperson Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Shampo to acknowledge the traffic control issues at the four-way stop sign at Cleveland Street and Washington Avenue near the park. The area will be patrolled as often as possible. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Burke moved to authorize the purchase of an industrial zero-turn lawnmower to replace the existing unit. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Johnson to approve a temporary liquor license for the Niagara Knights of Columbus steak fry at St. Anthony's church on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Johnson to approve a temporary operator license to Mike Darne for the Niagara Knights of Columbus steak fry at St. Anthony's church on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Darne moved to approve an operator license for Kelly Buecker. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- Request for bids for garbage and recycling collection will be sent out. The current contract expires at the end of the year.
- Budget preparation will begin, with a budget approval meeting scheduled for November. Department heads will be consulted for input.
- Working with Ayres and Associates on the Hill/School Street project.
- Along with Public Works Coordinator Stachowicz, met with representatives of SAY Soccer to discuss the 2025 season and future field use.
- Participating in November election preparation, including security measures.
- Announced that a "brownfield" grant of approximately \$65,000 was utilized for the former rifle range/current MJ Electric site cleanup.

Public Works Report- Jim Stachowicz

- A culvert was replaced on Ridge Street.
- Patching is completed on Maple Street.
- Concrete was poured at the treatment plant.
- The sidewalk machine was painted and plow trucks are serviced.
- Looking for an additional tandem trailer.

Water and Sewer Utility Report - Dave Dunlap

- Working on the chemical feed system.
- Preparing for the water tower project.
- Routine maintenance on the water and sewer systems.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
 - Additional Christmas light pole decorations will be purchased.
 - A fundraising bake sale will be held at Nicolet National Bank on October 18.
- Parks – Alderperson Shampo
 - Parks are ready for winterization
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - The financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.

Alderperson Johnson moved to set the next regular meeting date as October 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The change is due to a lack of available quorum on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.