

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024
Immediately Following the 5:15 Budget Hearing
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Mayor Joseph Johnston. Present: Alderpersons Lynn Burke, Daniel Decker, Lisa Johnson, Glenn Lantagne and Don Shampo; Police Chief Mike Chapman, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, Public Works Coordinator Jim Stachowicz

Excused: Alderperson Michael Darne

Also present: Police Officer Seth Davis; City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation via online Teams Application

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

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker and seconded by Alderperson Shampo to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Reports from department heads or elected officials:

- Mayor Johnston
 - The M.J. Electric project construction will be wrapping up construction for the winter season next month.
- Police Chief Chapman
 - Officer Seth Davis graduated from the Police Academy and is on duty full time.
 - The winter parking ban is in effect; warning/reminders have been placed on vehicles.
 - Blight ordinance violation notices have been issued.
 - Two significant drug arrests were made.

City Engineer Thad Majkowski of Cedar Corporation provided a water tank recoating update, along with a copy of the projects' bid analysis, noting that the City has been awarded \$352,590.00 of loan principal forgiveness for the tank project. The balance of the recoating, estimated at \$235,060.00 will be paid on a 20-year loan from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Response to the income survey has been slow, with approximately 220 additional responses needed. Additional efforts will be made to provide community outreach to bring awareness to the project. Alderperson Decker moved to accept the report. Alderperson Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderperson Decker moved to give "Notice of Award" for the water tank recoating project to LC United Painting of Sterling Heights, MI as the lowest qualified bidder. Alderperson Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to accept the Cedar Corporation *Authorization to Perform Engineering/ Consulting Services Addendum LOA 6-2*. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Decker to accept the Cedar Corporation *Authorization to Perform Engineering/ Consulting Services Addendum LOA 6-3*. Alderperson Burke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator Report - Audrey Fredrick

- Appreciation to the election inspectors for the high level of professionalism, as well as to Police Chief Chapman and Angie Moreau on Election Day, and to Tracy Daun, Jenny Nickels and Lynn Burke for pre-election assistance.
- Submittals presented to Department of Transportation for the Hill and Forest Streets project; they were accepted by the DOT.
- Auditor Scott Sternhagen and his staff will be conducting the annual audit the week of January 29, 2025.
- Election packets for City Incumbents are ready for distribution.
- John Lefebvre, Marinette County Administrator, stated that the County will be closing the building that houses the Senior meal site, ADAPT and health department. He is considering asking the County to turn over ownership of the building to the City, noting that it costs approximately \$10,000.00 annually to maintain. The building has the potential to create rental revenue while also keeping the meal site in operation.

Public Works, Water and Sewer Utility Report– Jim Stachowicz

- The flag pole in the American Legion section of the cemetery was refabricated and replaced.
- Docks and fishing pier have been pulled for the winter.
- The handrail on the interior stairs at City Hall was replaced.
- The furnace was replaced at the rescue squad building.
- Lights were replaced at the library.
- Drains were cleaned at Forest Street and Van Ginkel Road.
- Merv's Tree Service hung the holiday lights on the light poles.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification – Lynn Burke
 - The lights and holiday décor are placed.
- Finance – Alderperson Decker
 - The financial reports have been reviewed with all in good order.

Alderperson Decker moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Shampo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.