

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2018 at 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 Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Darne, Decker, Kuchinski, Lantagne, Moreau and West. Also present: Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg, Police Chief Karl Lamoreaux, Assistant Police Chief Angie Moreau, Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, and City auditor Scott Sternhagen. Public appearances by Dennis Liebergen, Fred Neveau, Roger Allen, Rosemary DeForge, Roger DeForge and David Sanicki.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Mike Darne to approve the minutes from September 26, 2018 and October 9, 2018. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Darne to pre-approve the bills for October 2018. Motion carried.

The reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the reports as presented. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no reports from department heads or elected officials.

Roger Allen spoke on behalf of the others who made a public appearance in reference to their desire to open all city streets to ATV / UTV use. Their goal is to have a trail into Niagara from the township. Currently there is a closed area at the intersection of County Roads N and O. It is the opinion of the group that opening the city streets will create an incentive for the county to open the closed area. Mr. Allen noted that other cities and towns have created ordinances for allowing ATV / UTC usage on the streets. Mayor Bousley asked Mr. Allen to provide an example of an ordinance from another city that allows ATV/UTV use on the streets; this will be used as a model to draft a future ordinance if applicable. Police Chief Lamoreaux expressed concern about ATVs and UTVs at the school area and also along Tyler Road near the walking trails. ATV / UTV use is prohibited on those trails, and signage would need to be posted. Alderman Moreau stated that he agreed that there should be some restricted areas for usage. Alderman Lantagne and Alderman Kuchinski made a motion that Mr. Allen and Police Chief Lamoreaux would meet for discussion, with the understanding that some areas may be off-limits. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Fredrick provided an update on the Great American Disposal contract and proposal for waste collection.

Alderman Decker moved to approve the purchase of two pickup trucks for the Sewer and Water departments. The funding is from the Rural Development Grant. Alderman West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An update and overview on the 2019 Budget was presented by City Auditor Scott Sternhagen of Schenck SC. Alderman Decker moved to set November 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. as the date and time for the public hearing of the budget. Alderman Kuchinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bousley provided an update on the status of the loan from the Commissioners of Public Lands Trust Fund for the meter reading system upgrade.

Alderman Kuchinski moved to approve a payment of \$891.50 from Cedar Corporation. Alderman Darne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to approve hiring temporary winter help for snow approval and Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A total value of utility bills deemed uncollectible was reviewed, along with a copy of the Public Service Commission tariffs. Alderman Darne moved to approve the amount for write-off. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bousley provided an update on the request for a stipend for the use of personal cell phones for conducting city business. He stated that he is checking with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Alderman Moreau moved to provide Mayor Bousley a monthly allowance of \$100.00 for mayoral expenses. The motion was seconded by Alderman Decker. Motion carried.

The need for a credit card for city use was discussed. Alderman Moreau moved to table the motion until a card use policy can be established. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Decker moved to approve a carryover of unused vacation days for Water Treatment Plant Operator David Dunlap. Alderman Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg stated that a leak detection survey will need to be done for the city. Alderman Decker made a motion to accept the report, and Alderman Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

The next meeting date will be November 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

The Council adjourned to closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) – personnel at 6:17 p.m. Alderman Moreau requested to be excused from the session.

Alderman Darne moved to reconvene into open session at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried. A roll call attendance was taken. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Darne, Decker, Kuchinski, Lantagne and West. Excused: Alderman Moreau.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES
Special City Council Meeting
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October 9, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.
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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Darne, Kuchinski, Lantagne, Moreau. Excused: Alderman West. Also present: Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg, Police Chief Karl Lamoreaux, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Clerk of Court Tracy Coppens, Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, and Ellen Venstra.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The current 2018 budget was reviewed by each department. Recommendations were made for the 2019 budget in anticipation of the review and preparation by the City Auditor on Friday, October 12, 2018.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Decker to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.