

MINUTES
Special City Council Meeting
City of Niagara
November 2, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Darne, Kuchinski, Lantagne. Excused: Aldermen Decker, Moreau, West. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick.

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

Because a quorum was not available, it shall be on the record that information was presented but no City Council action was taken.

A quote for the replacement of the existing office computer towers was reviewed.

Due to the urgency of the need for replacement, Alderman Lantagne moved to allow Mayor Bousley to use his executive power of action to move forward with the purchase. Alderman Kuchinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

MINUTES
Budget Hearing
City of Niagara
November 12, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Darne, Kuchinski, Lantagne, Moreau. Excused: Alderman West. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick, and Ellen Venstra.

A motion was made Alderman Decker to approve the agenda. Alderman Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Kuchinski moved to accept the verification of Notice of Public Hearing. Alderman Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker to open the public hearing at 5:16 p.m., and Alderman Kuchinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Moreau to close the public hearing. Alderman Darne seconded the motion.

Alderman Decker moved to take a roll vote to close the meeting, with a second by Alderman Moreau. All Aldermen voted "aye" in favor of closing the public hearing. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

MINUTES
City of Niagara
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 28, 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 Lantagne, Decker, Kuchinski, Darne, West and Moreau. Also present were Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Coppens, Police Chief Karl Lamoreaux, Assistant Chief Angela Moreau, Public Works Coordinator Ronnie Rugg, Melissa Ebsch, Mike and Sam Redfern, Lynn Burke, Roger Allen and Attorney Bob Burns. Excused was Clerk/ Treasurer Audrey Fredrick.

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

Mike Redfern from 109 Brook Street appeared under the five-minute public appearance notation to speak on behalf of the snow barricade he recently constructed around his mailbox area located on the terrace. He explained his concerns and why he built the barricade mentioning wanting to preserve his foliage and its protection from the salt. He is asking for a waiver from the Council to allow the barricade to remain on the terrace until the Spring of 2019. Mayor Bousley expressed his opinion that the request for a waiver from Mr. Redfern be placed on next month's City Council Agenda so that the City Council may act on the request accordingly. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Decker to place the request on the December 2018 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Roger Allen spoke again for the desire to open the City streets to ATV/UTV use. He was wondering where the process of this stood as he has a club meeting next week and signage would need to be ordered soon. Police Chief Lamoreaux expressed his opinion regarding the request and will work with the Council regarding this. Mr. Allen will also coordinate with Melissa Ebsch, who is the marketing and tourism Director for Marinette County.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the minutes from October 24, 2018, November 2, 2018, and both meetings from November 12, 2018. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Melissa Ebsch, Marinette County Marketing and Tourism Director spoke before the Council. She presented some marketing materials to the Council and spoke on her plans to promote Marinette County. She will continue to promote Niagara and is encouraging others to contact her with information and pictures.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman West to renew the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Niagara. Motion carried. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Coppens will draft the agreement for all parties to sign.

A motion was made by Alderman Darne and seconded by Alderman Moreau to refund an overpayment to the property owner of 408 Main Street and former owner of 1040 Forest Street in the amount of \$509.63. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman West to approve a payment of \$553.00 to the property owner of 1016 Main Street for property damages suffered due to the Highway Project. Motion carried.

Discussion was heard regarding the request from Alderman Decker to remove the stop sign located on the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Cleveland Street near Heights Park. Police Chief Lamoreaux explained his opinion on why the stop sign should remain at that intersection. The Council agreed with the opinion of the Police Chief. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Moreau to deny the request to remove the stop sign located on the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Cleveland Street. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to review the 2019 Tax Rates as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman West to approve a Temporary Liquor License for "Purse and Pour" Event at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on April 24, 2019. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to allow Mayor Bousley and Clerk/Treasurer Fredrick to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Finalize Agreement/Settlement for Outstanding Water Bill issue at 300 Dewey Street. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve Operator's Licenses for Angela Vanick, Cheyenne Archambeault and Heather Zychowski for Krist Oil. Motion carried.

Discussion was heard regarding a possible cell phone stipend. Alderman Darne requested more information and some dollar amounts be brought forward so the Council can better understand the request. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman West to table this request for next month's meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion was heard regarding applying for a City Credit Card. Staff will look into applying for a low interest credit card and the appropriate controls will be applied and monitored. It was noted that on numerous occasions city staff has had to use their own credit cards for purchases and reservations. This becomes cumbersome and requires extra work and accountability. A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Darne to approve applying for a City Credit Card. Motion carried.

Discussion was heard regarding the proposal from Audrey Fredrick. Mayor Bousley requested the matter be placed on the meeting agenda for January 2019. A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by

Alderman Moreau to place the request on the meeting agenda for January 2019. A roll call was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Decker to accept Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg’s report of the Water Utility and that everything seems to be working good. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Moreau to accept Public Works Coordinator Ron Rugg’s report of the Sewer Utility and that everything seems to be working good. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to set the next meeting date for December 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Decker to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) A. Discussion of Police Department Supervisory Staffing Options and B. Preliminary Discussion of Potential Personnel Matter. A roll call was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman West to reconvene into open session at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman West to approve and ratify the retention of Davis & Kuelthau S.C., as Special Counsel for the City of Niagara for labor and personnel matters effective November 20, 2018. Roll call was taken with all members voting “yes” except for Alderman Moreau who abstained from the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Decker and seconded by Alderman West to approve the appointment of Assistant Chief Angela Moreau as acting Chief of Police retroactive to November 20, 2018, contingent on the Police Association’s approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented by the City’s Special Counsel and authorize the Mayor and Special Counsel to finalize the terms of the MOU consistent with Council direction. Roll call was taken with all members voting “yes” except for Alderman Moreau who abstained from the motion. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

**Tracy L. Coppens
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**