

**Niagara City Council Meeting
Monday, January 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Stern. Present: Mayor Stern, Aldermen Kuchinski, Lantagne, Moreau and Steeno. Absent: Alderman Towns and Alderman Brown. Also present: Administrator Novak, Director of Public Works Payette, Police Chief Lamoreaux and Hank Murphy of the press and Dave Rock.

There were no public appearances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the Minutes of the 12-17-07 Regular Council Meeting and the 12-17-07 Public Safety Meeting, the 12-17-07 Public Works Committee Meeting, the 12-18-07 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting and the 12-20-07 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to approve the bills in the amount of \$65,883.11. There being no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Administrator Novak informed the council that Great American Disposal had recently placed flyers within all the recycling containers to explain that they will be going to a single stream recycling process. This means that they will not separate glass, plastic and cans at the curbside. However, all residents must continue to recycle in accordance with Wisconsin Law. All recyclable items may be placed in the bin as in the past and the items will be dumped into the recycling trailer. All materials will be separated at a processing facility as opposed to being separated at curbside and placed in appropriate bins. This does not mean that residents are not required to recycle and it is necessary that residents pay due diligence to removing recyclable materials from the garbage.
2. Administrator Novak then provided an update of the Well #4 construction process. It is expected that the contractor will begin drilling and testing during the latter part of January.
3. Discussion was then held regarding the four vacant lots the City has listed for sale. Administrator Novak informed the Council that unless there is any objection, the City will extend its' contract with Star Team Realty for another six months.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stern provided brief comments on the Mill closing and the assistance that is being provided from both State and Federal agencies. A collaborative effort is underway to develop a

strategy for marketing the Mill Property subsequent to closure. Foremost, efforts are being made to address immediate concerns of the employees who will be displaced.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Works Committee

1. The Public Works Committee has recommended approval for proceeding with design services relative to the reconstruction of the sewer and water along Highway 141 which is scheduled for 2011. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to approve the Engineering Services Agreement provided by Foth Environmental and Infrastructure for the Highway 141 Sewer and Water Reconstruction Design Process. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrator Novak provided a review of the proposals received for the City's liability and property insurance. Administrator Novak has recommended that the City place their insurance with Wisconsin Municipal Mutual for 2008 as it has done in the past. He noted that there could be cost savings by accepting other proposals, however there would be a reduction in the coverages. It is the recommendation of staff that the City should not reduce its coverages and expose itself to additional cost at this time. It is noted that the Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Proposal will cost approximately \$1,800 less than the previous year.

Alderman Lantagne then asked Mayor Stern if he was planning to make a comment in regard to the charges that were recently brought against him on a personal matter. Alderman Lantagne acknowledged that the charges had been dismissed but questioned whether the Mayor intended to make a public statement. Mayor Stern indicated that he is not going to make a statement at this time but expects to be making a statement in the future.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Steeno to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.