

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Stern. Present: Mayor Stern, Aldermen Kuchinski, Lantagne, Steeno, Moreau, Towns and Brown. Absent: Alderman . Also present: Administrator Novak, Director of Public Works Payette, Police Chief Lamoreaux, Tim Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Mosher, Andrea Moratti, Ron Lawrence and Rose Bousley.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to approve the Minutes of the 06-16-08 Regular Council Meeting, the 06-16-08 Public Works/Committee of the Whole Meeting and the 06-18-08 Board of Review Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was then made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to approve the Staff Reports as presented. There being no other comments, the motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Administrator Novak provided a brief overview of information that was available at the US Hwy 141 informational meeting.
2. In addition, Administrator Novak informed the council that the City has received a dividend check from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance in the amount of approximately \$4,200.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stern indicated that Music in the park will resume commencing in mid-July. This program will be sponsored by the Niagara Women's Club. They are planning on six events which will be held on Thursdays. The Women's Club will also sell food and beverages during the event and money raised will be used for the Women's club Scholarship program.

NEW BUSINESS

1. It was explained that Marinette County Association for Business and Industry currently has a vacancy on the Board of Directors. It is requested that a representative from the City of Niagara fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rose Bousley. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to appoint Tim Phillips to the Marinette County Association for Business and Industry (MCABI). Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 4-08-1, which provides for use of local streets and alleys for municipal utilities, was then addressed. Administrator Novak explained that this resolution simply indicates that city owned streets and alleys may be used by municipal utilities in the future. This Resolution is required by the USDA Rural Development Program, which is providing the grant and loan for the project. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve Resolution 4-08-1. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$58,472.98 for Well #4 for Municipal Well and Pump was addressed. Administrator Novak indicated that this is a progress payment and the drilling and development of the well is complete at this time. The final payment request will be forthcoming at the July meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Towns and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve pay request #4 in the amount of \$58,472.98. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The council reviewed all applications for the renewal of liquor licenses, tobacco licenses and operator licenses. A motion was made by Alderman Towns and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to grant all licenses effective July 1, 2008 that are in order. Motion carried 3 – 0 with Steeno abstaining.
5. Mayor Stern explained that we have received a quote from American Dock with a handicap accessible system to be installed along the river street parkway. This dock will be constructed of modular units that will be easily removed from the water in the fall and then placed back in the river in the spring. The cost of the pier is approximately \$10,000. a motion was made by Alderman Towns and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the purchase of the river street parkway pier from American Dock incorporated. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee of the Whole

1. The committee of the whole has recommended award of Contract A-08 for street resurfacing to Northeast Asphalt. A motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to award Contract A-08 to Northeast Asphalt based on the unit prices received. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion was held regarding the Committee of the Whole meeting and recommendations to not water the soccer fields in 2008 given that we are dependant on Well #3. When the new well project is completed, watering of the soccer fields can resume in a normal manner.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Towns and seconded by Alderman Steeno to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.