

**Niagara City Council Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Stern. Present: Mayor Stern, Aldermen Kuchinski, Steeno, Moreau and Towns. Alderman Lantagne arrived at 7:05. Absent: Alderman Brown and Administrator Novak Also present: Deputy City Clerk Wierschke, Director of Public Works Payette, Police Chief Lamoreaux, Dorothy Schoen, Marv Chamberlain, Hank Murphy and Ron Lawrence.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Moreau to approve the Minutes of the 08-18-08 Regular Council Meeting and the 09-15-08 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Towns and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

A motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. A request was received from residents on Truman Street to pave/improve Truman Street. The Council agreed that the Town of Niagara Chairman should be contacted to discuss this. A motion was then made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Moreau to table this item and discuss it at a later meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mayor Stern also noted that the clock tower is still leaking and Lake State Roofing should be contacted regarding this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A request for a Class B Combination Tavern License was received from Dorothy Schoen for 716 Vine Street. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Moreau to approve the license. Alderman Steeno abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion was held regarding approving amendments to the Rural Development Grant/Loan Application for the new water tower. Alderman Kuchinski commented on how population trend is only expected to continue to decrease. During discussion, the Council commented that they should compare the cost of repainting the current tower and the cost of constructing a new tower. Mayor Stern recommended approving the amendments to the grant application. He explained that by doing this, it would only be to see what grant funding is available. A motion was then made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Moreau to approve amending the amendments to the Rural Development Grant/Loan Application. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Contracts B-08 and C-08 were then addressed. There being no discussion regarding the contract award, a Motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to award Contracts "B-08" & "C-08" to responsible low-bidder as recommended

by City Engineer and completion/execution of all funding agency forms. Contract "B-08" was awarded to Kautza Excavating, LLC of Birnamwood Wisconsin and Contract "C-08" was awarded to J. R. Waino Excavating, Inc. of Suamico Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

4. The Tax Collection Agreement between Marinette County and the City of Niagara was addressed. This includes the same provisions for collection of the taxes as in the past. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve the Tax Collection Agreement as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The Council addressed the request from the Fire Department to approve Matt Harvath, Bob White and Jeff Mosher as additional Volunteer Fire Department Members. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the addition of Matt Harvath, Bob White and Jeff Mosher as a Fire Department Volunteers. Motion carried unanimously
6. Requests for Operator's Licenses were then addressed. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve the Operator's Licenses as requested. Alderman Steeno abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding changing the current policy that requires applicants for Operator's Licenses to appear at the Council Meeting given that most applicants are not able to appear. It was noted that the Police Department currently does background checks on all applicants and if anything was found to be questionable, the Police Department would then inform the Council who could then have the applicant come in for the meeting. A motion was then made by Alderman Towns and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to change the policy from requiring the appearance of applicant's for Operator's Licenses to not having to appear unless otherwise noted. Motion carried. Alderman Steeno abstained.

There being no other matters to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Moreau to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.