

**Niagara City Council Meeting  
March 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Stern. Present: Mayor Stern, Aldermen Kuchinski, Lantagne, Steeno and Brown. Absent: Alderman Towns and Alderman Moreau. Also present: Administrator Novak, Director of Public Works Payette, Police Chief Karl Lamoreaux, Joe Zawada, George Bousley, Tim Phillips, Marvin Chamberlain and David Rock.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to approve the Minutes of the 02-16-09 Regular Council Meeting, the 02-12-09 Finance & Administration Committee Meeting and the 03-09-09 Plan Commission Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$62,888.59. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Administrator Novak requested approval for his attendance at the State Elections Board Training for Certified Clerks on March 24, 2009 in Spooner, Wisconsin. This is mandated training for all Municipal Clerks in order to conduct elections commencing in 2009. A motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to attend the training. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Administrator Novak informed the council that the audit report and management letter for 2008 has been provided by Schenck & Associates. A special meeting will be convened to review the 2008 Audit report. This meeting will typically be held in the latter part of March.
3. Administrator Novak reported on the status of the 2009 Water Main Project. This project will install a water main from the interstate bridge to CTY N along Roosevelt Road. This project will be funded partially by the Rural Development Grant and Loan Funds and City bond funds as previously committed. Administrator Novak indicated that the project will be ready to go to bids in late March and is expected that the City will be in a position to award bids at the end of April or beginning of May. The project will be completed during the months of June – August.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor Stern asked for an update regarding the status of Well #4. Director of Public Works Payette and Administrator Novak indicated that both signed the change order, which is on the agenda tonight and is expected that work will be completed by the end of April 2009. The final payment is due by the end of May. It is expected that the new well will be ready to start up and be online by the end of April.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The council addressed a recommendation from the Finance and Administration Committee to sell approximately 1.41 acres of land adjacent to the Jim & Kristie Markell residence at 1750 Roosevelt Road. A motion was made by Alderman Steeno and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the sale of the land as described in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Council addressed Change Order #2 for Contract B-08, which is the contract for the construction of the pump house and new pump for the new well. The change order results in a reduction of the cost \$5,357.85. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve Change Order #2. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The council addressed a request from Police Chief Lamoreaux for officers to attend two separate training sessions for firearms training on 3-20-09 and 3-25-09. Police Chief Lamoreaux explained that the training was going to be conducted at Fox Valley Technical College and it simulates real conditions. This type of training is strongly recommended for all police departments. The cost of this training is approximately \$30/officer. A motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Steeno to approve firearms training for three officers on 3-20-09 and three officers on 3-25-09. Motion carried unanimously.
4. A request for a donation to support the 2009 Project Graduation program was then addressed. This program provides alcohol free supervised party after the 2009 high school graduation. Mayor Stern indicated that in the past Alderman Kuchinski has expressed his disapproval of utilizing city tax dollars for this project. Alderman Kuchinski explained that while he thinks it is a worthwhile project, tax dollars should not be utilized to fund the project and that the school should seek private donations for this activity. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Steeno to deny the request. Motion carried unanimously.

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