

**Niagara City Council Meeting
October 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bousley. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Lantagne, Moreau, Phillips, Towns and Kuchinski. Excused: Alderman Steeno. Also present: Director of Public Works Payette, Police Chief Lamoreaux, Deputy Clerk Wierschke, Steve Zigman, Thad Majkowski of Foth Environmental and Infrastructure, Hank Murphy of the Borderland Journal and various members of the public.

The first order of business was to approve the agenda as submitted. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mr. Kerry Grippen appeared and asked the Council to consider granting him relief on the sewer portion of his quarterly utility bill. This matter will be placed on the November agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of 09-16-09 and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of 09-19-09-09. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve the bills as presented. There being no other business, the motion to approve the bill list carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Discussion was held regarding the roof at City Hall leaking. Director of Public Works Payette stated that the City Crew will repair the roof.

Alderman Kuchinski provided an update on the Highway 141 Bridge reconstruction project.

Alderman Kuchinski requested consideration to change the one-way road next to City Hall to a two-way street. This matter will be on the November agenda.

The Council then considered Resolution 10-1-09 – Relocation Order for the Reconstruction of HWY 141. Randy Moss and Kurt Moss or Moss and Associates were present to provide an explanation. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve Resolution 10-1-09 – Relocation Order for the Reconstruction of HWY 141. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council addressed Resolution 10-2-09 – Supporting Agreements between the City of Niagara and the Government Accountability Board regarding use of the Statewide Voter Registration System. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve Resolution 10-2-09 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The council considered Change Order #3 from DeGroot Incorporated. Thad Majkowski of Foth Environmental was present to explain. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Moreau to approve Change Order #3 form DeGroot Inc. Motion carried.

The Council addressed Pay Request #3 from DeGroot Incorporated in the amount of \$168,198.37. A motion was then made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Moreau to approve Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$168,198.37 to DeGroot Incorporated. Motion carried.

Kurt Spears of Great American Disposal was present to give a brief explanation of the contract for 2010. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Towns to approve the contract as submitted by Great American Disposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Thad Majkowski provided and update on Well #4.

The Council addressed a request for an Operator's License for Kristie Yagodzinski. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the Operator's License as requested. Motion carried unanimously. .

The next item discussed was Clerk and Treasurer appointments. Deputy Treasurer Venstra and Deputy Clerk Wierschke both agreed to address this item at a future meeting.

Discussion was held to determine the date for the 2010 Budget Hearing. November 18, 2009 at 6:00 was agreed upon. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to set the Budget Hearing Date for 11-18-09. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Town of Niagara giving permission to the City to remove the old garage on Tyler Road. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to accept permission to remove the garage but table this matter for two months to let the Lion's Club find a location for their float which is currently being stored in the garage. Motion carried.

Discussion was held by the council addressing a request seeking approval to write a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation asking to remove the City of Niagara from the Connecting Highway Program. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips to investigate writing the letter the DOT and was seconded by Alderman Kuchinski. Motion carried. Mayor Bousley stated that the City has until January 1, 2010 to write this letter.

Mayor Bousley noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

A proposal was received from Roger DeGroot to prepare the 2010 Budget. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Moreau to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) regarding negotiations. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.