

City of Niagara
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bousley at 6:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Bousley, Aldermen Lantagne, Moreau, Sielaff, Unrein, Schaut and Kuchinski. Also present: Director of Public Works Payette, Police Chief Lamoreaux and City Clerk Wierschke.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the minutes presented for approval. A motion was made by Alderman Sielaff and seconded by Alderman Unrein to approve the minutes as corrected of the Regular City Council Meeting of 04-19-11, to approve the minutes as presented of the 04-19-11 Re-Organizational Council Meeting, the 04-19-11 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting and the 05-18-11 Public Safety Meeting. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee met earlier to discuss approval of the monthly bills. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the monthly reports as submitted. A motion was made by Alderman Sielaff and seconded by Alderman Schaut to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a request for sponsorship from the Niagara Area Business Association (NABA). The Finance Committee met earlier and recommended paying \$2,755.00 (50%) toward the cost of the directional signs purchased by the NABA to be used during the road construction. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Schaut to pay \$2,755.00 from the Economic Development Fund to the Niagara Area Business Association. Motion carried.

Tim Kahl addressed the Council regarding placement of signs at the ballpark at Heights Park. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Unrein to approve placement of the signs contingent upon the Building Inspector's review. Motion carried unanimously.

A request was received by the Niagara Lion's Club to extend the hours at Heights Park to midnight on 6-24-11 and 6-25-11 for the Lion's Club Picnic. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to approve extending the hours. Motion carried unanimously.

A request was received by the Niagara Lion's Club for a Temporary Picnic License for 6-24-11 through 6-25-11. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by

Alderman Kuchinski to approve the Temporary Picnic License. Motion carried unanimously.

A request was received for an Operator's License from Jacob Henrichs. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Sielaff to approve the Operator's License as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to table item 16 on the Regular Agenda regarding possible discussion/action on a request from David Adams for a separate address number for his business. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding removing old utility lines when installing or replacing new ones. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Unrein to give Mayor Bousley the authority to go forward with creating an ordinance to enforce the removal of old utility lines when putting in new ones. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding hiring part-time summer help. A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Moreau to grant authority to the Public Works Committee to hire two part-time employees. The applicant's names will be put together and the two part-time employees names will be drawn at random. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding requesting a price from a construction company to complete needed adjustments on 29 manholes. A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Lantagne to call of Committee of the Whole Meeting when a fixed price is received. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding increasing the sewer fixed charge per quarter. A motion was made by Alderman Kuchinski and seconded by Alderman Unrein to increase the fixed charge to \$24.00 per quarter. Motion carried 4 – 2 with Aldermen Lantagne and Schaut voting no.

Discussion was held regarding increasing the Fire Fighters pay to \$12.00 per hour and to also increase the Lieutenant's (bookkeeper's) pay to \$1,180 per year. A motion was made by Alderman Lantagne to include the increase in the 2012 Budget year. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is June 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was then made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Kuchinski to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) regarding negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Alderman Kuchinski and supported by Alderman Schaut to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Moreau and seconded by Alderman Unrein to adjust the Clerk/Treasurer's healthcare contribution to 7% until 12/31/2011, then it will revert back to 12.6% and also reimburse the Clerk/Treasurer \$160.86. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was then made by Alderman Lantagne and seconded by Alderman Sielaff to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.