

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

April 15, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Mayor Michelle M. Roman called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Abbott, Devine, Kantor, Oates, Schratz, and Van De Mark.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

041520.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Devine, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2020 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

4/1/20 Timothy Russo, 59 Continental Drive, Lockport, NY – appointed to Director of Finance for the City of Lockport effective April 6, 2020.
Received and filed.

4/6/20 Laura Miskell Benedict, 38 Woodbury Drive, Lockport, NY – appointed to Corporation Counsel to fill the unexpired term of David Haylett, Jr. Said term expires on December 31, 2020.

4/6/20 Patricia M. McGrath, 70 Lakeview Parkway, Lockport, NY – appointed to Deputy Corporation Counsel to fill the unexpired term of Laura Miskell Benedict. Said term expires on December 31, 2020.

4/13/20 Paul K. Oates, 623 Market Street, Lockport, NY – appointed to the position of City Clerk to fill the unexpired term of Richelle J. Pasceri. Said term expires on June 30, 2022.

Received and filed.

FROM THE CITY CLERK

The Clerk submitted payrolls, bills for services and expenses, and reported that the Department Heads submitted reports of labor performed in their departments. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Communications (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)

4/13/20 Neal Turvey, Niagara Jr. Thunderwolves – request permission to conduct the 2020 Youth Baseball Tournaments in Outwater Park. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Notice of Defect:

- 3/30/20 485 Pine Street – sidewalk
- 3/31/20 245 Akron Street – tree
- 3/16/20 23 Massachusetts – tree
- 3/9/20 40 Vermont Avenue – 3 trees

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

Notice of Claim:

3/30/20 Cameron & Judy Rehm, 197 Olcott Street, Lockport, NY
Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

041520.2

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue orders in favor of the claimants for payrolls, bills, and services to be paid on April 15, 2020 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$ 94,682.44
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$ 40,951.42
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$ 14,278.74
Self Insurance	Fund MS	\$147,755.10
Payroll	Pay Date 4/9	\$442,519.00

Seconded by Alderman Vandemark and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.3

By Alderman Kantor:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, the Buffalo Niagara YMCA, is hereby granted permission to conduct the “Fitness in the Parks” program at Nelson C Goehle Marina Park Monday thru Thursday beginning May 26, 2020 until August 20, 2020. Said permission is subject to the YMCA filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured; and be it further

Resolved said permission is subject to any and all Executive Orders by the New York State Governor, and any and all Local Laws and Regulations, with regard to social distancing and COVID-19 regulations.

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.4

By Alderman Schratz:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, New Life Center United Pentecostal Church is hereby granted permission to hold a community outreach event in Outwater Park with use of the North Pavilion to be held on August 15, 2020, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and be it further Resolved that permission is additionally granted to have a small stage with live music and a bounce house for children. Said permission is subject to the Church filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured; and be it further

Resolved said permission is subject to any and all Executive Orders by the New York State Governor, and any and all Local Laws and Regulations, with regard to social distancing and COVID-19 regulations.

Seconded by Alderman Vandemark and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.5

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City of Lockport (City), applied for and has been awarded a \$10 million New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Grant; and

Whereas, \$3,295,000.00 of the DRI has been allocated to rehabilitation of the Spaulding Mill building and adjacent site as well as streetscape improvements and green infrastructure along Pine Street and South Street (Project); and

Whereas, the New York State Department of State (DOS) will be administering the funds for the Project; Now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement for \$3,295,000.00 with the New York State Department of State and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the City's obligations under the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Program.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.6

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, Niagara Jr. Thunder Wolves is hereby granted permission to use the baseball field at Outwater Park for their 2020 Youth Baseball Tournaments subject to approval of the schedule by Highways & Parks Department and Niagara Jr. Thunder Wolves filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured; and be it further

Resolved said permission is subject to any and all Executive Orders by the New York State Governor, and any and all Local Laws and Regulations, with regard to social distancing and COVID-19 regulations; and be it further

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.7

By Alderman Abbott:

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport was gifted two (2) evergreen trees from Patrick Blackley and Mari Jo Thistle; and

WHEREAS, the value of the 2 evergreen trees together is estimated to be approximately \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, the cost of removing the trees and replanting them was \$1250. Said trees were replanted in Levan Park and Rogers Park; and

WHEREAS, the trees were planted in memoriam of Carl and Mary Lou Blackley and Laura Blackley; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor accept the gifts of the evergreen trees on behalf of the City of Lockport, and dedicate said trees on April 24, 2020, in conjunction with Arbor Day, with a Proclamation from Mayor Roman.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.7A

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with United Business Systems, 316 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14204 for Copier services.

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

041520.8

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 P.M. Alderman Devine moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk