

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

September 16, 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, Kantor, Oates, Schratz and Van De Mark.

Alderman Devine absent.

INVOCATION

MAYOR'S UPDATE

RECESS

Recess for public input.

091620.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Schratz, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2020 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

9/1/20 Miles D. Patterson, 12 Hoover Parkway, Lockport, NY appointed to the Police board to fill the unexpired term of Timothy Walsh. Said term expires December 31, 2020. 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)

Notice of Complaint:

9/2/20 26 Woodbury Drive – tree
9/4/20 229 Waterman Street – tree

9/14/20 56 Cleveland Place – trees
9/15/20 165 N. Adam Street - tree
Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

Notice of Claim:

9/15/20 Matthew Corraire, 153 Jackson Street, Lockport, NY
Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

091620.2

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 September 17, 2020 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$118,586.72
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$179,132.37
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$ 32,373.07
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$427,983.78
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$200,643.13
Self Insurance	Fund MS	\$ 1,431.90
Worker's Comp	Fund S	\$ 34,567.30
Community Dev.	Fund CD	\$ 21,600.00
Payroll	Pay Date 9/10	\$459,992.48

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.3

By Alderman Vandemark:

Resolved, that a virtual public hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of October 7, 2020 starting at 5:30 P.M. relative to a request for a Special Use Permit made by Jason Castricone, for approval to utilize an existing building for office space, salon/retail and an apartment to be located at 242 So. Transit Street, situated in a R -1 Zone, and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise notice of said public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.4

By Alderman Abbott:

WHEREAS, Ruhlmann Farm Acres LLC, and the Applicant/Sponsor, OYA Ruhlmann A LLC, applied for site plan and special use permit approval, for a proposed solar energy system for the operation of a 5 MWAC/7.5 MWDC solar project on its property located at 251 Summit Street, Lockport, that will occupy approximately 10 acres of the 43 acres total area of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, Ruhlmann Farm Acres LLC, and the Applicant/Sponsor, OYA Ruhlmann B LLC, applied for site plan and special use permit approval, for a proposed solar energy system operation of a 2.125 MW/2.964 MWDC solar project on its property located at 219 Summit Street, Lockport, that will occupy approximately 3.76 acres of the 16.46 acres total area of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the City has classified this project as Type 1 action, and is coordinating the review of same pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review), the City Council would like to establish itself as Lead Agency for said projects, and therefore mailed a request to act as Lead Agency to the appropriate and involved agencies along with copies of the special use permit application and site plan; and

WHEREAS, no appropriate or involved agency responded within the requisite 30 days to said request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the City of Lockport hereby declares itself as Lead Agency for the OYA Ruhlmann A LLC and OYA Ruhlmann B LLC solar projects located at 219 and 251 Summit Street, Lockport, New York 14094.

Seconded by Alderman Vandemark and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.5 Authorize a contractor for WTP – WITHDRAWN

091620.6

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that pursuant to her request, permission is hereby granted to Christene Cescon to barricade Rene Place, the alley off Ohio Street, to conduct a block party/pig roast on Saturday, October 10, 2020 beginning at 2 pm, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades and street closed signs to the area prior to the event, and be it further

Resolved, that said permission is granted provided that COVID-19 protocols and the practice of social distancing is followed in accordance with New York State guidelines.

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.7

By Alderman Abbott:

WHEREAS, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Lockport anticipates that it will have a deficiency in revenue in the 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, due to possible budget deficiencies as a result of Covid, the City of Lockport must be proactive to address the potential shortfalls in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport wishes to establish a hiring freeze; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby directs that the City enter into a hiring freeze and should a position become vacant, said position shall not be filled. A vacant job may only be filled after presentation to the Common Council by the Department Head of the job, justifying the necessity of same. This Resolution shall expire on December 31, 2020.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.8

By Alderman Kantor:

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport currently uses Verizon Wireless for its cellular and data equipment services; and

WHEREAS, Verizon has provided a renewal contract which will have estimated savings included and increased quality of service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a renewal contract, attached hereto with Verizon Wireless.

Seconded by Alderman Vandemark and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.9

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that a virtual public hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of October 7, 2020 starting at 5:30 P.M. relative to a request for a Special Use Permit made by OYA Solar NY, L.P., for approval for a 5 MW ground mounted solar facility to be located at 251 Summit Street, and a 2 MW ground mounted solar facility to be located at 219 Summit Street, both situated in an R-1 Zone, and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise notice of said public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.9A

By Alderman Vandemark:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, the Palace Theater is hereby granted permission to place a dumpster on Elm Street directly below their Corporate Sponsor Banner beginning September 2020, for the duration of their renovation project, finishing in October 2020. Said permission is subject to the Palace Theatre filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 4. Alderman Schratz abstained.

091620.9B

By Alderman Schratz:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request the Boy Scouts of America, Iroquois Trail Council is hereby granted permission to host a recruiting event at Altro Park on October 3, 2020 subject to filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, and be it further

Resolved, that said permission is granted provided that COVID-19 protocols and the practice of social distancing is followed in accordance with New York State guidelines.

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.9C

By Alderman Vandemark:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Refuge Temple to conduct a Community Day in the City parking lot on Heritage Square on September 27, 2020, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Streets and Parks be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area prior to said event, and be it further

Resolved, that the practice of social distancing and the use of masks by attendees is followed in accordance with New York State guidelines.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 5.

091620.10

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:53 P.M. Alderman Schratz moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 5.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk