

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

December 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, Allport, Devine, Kantor, Oates, and Schratz.

INVOCATION

MAYOR'S UPDATE

RECESS

Recess for public input.

121620.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Devine, seconded by Alderman _____, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2020 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes _____. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

12/2/20 Eric P. Heineman, PO Box 1570, Lockport, NY – appointed to Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Filtration Department in the City of Lockport effective December 3, 2020. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Civil Service Rules and Regulations.
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)

12/2/20 Tracy A. Farrell, City Assessor – notification that the General City Tax rolls have been completed, corrected and filed.

12/16/20

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

12/16/20 Paul K. Oates, City Clerk – notification that the Lockport Municipal Offices will be closed on the following days in December and January for Christmas and New Year’s.

Thursday, December 24 (closed at 12 noon)

Friday, December 25

Thursday, December 31 (closed at 12 noon)

Friday, January 1, 2021

The garbage collection schedule is as follows:

Due to the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, there will be no garbage collection on Friday, December 25th & Friday, January 1st.

Garbage scheduled for collection on December 25th and January 1st will be collected on the day following regularly scheduled collection

Bulk items will be collected the week of January 4th

Notice of Complaint:

12/11/20 428 Vine Street - tree
Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

Notice of Claim:

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

121620.2

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 December 16, 2020 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$
Self Insurance	Fund MS	\$
Worker’s Comp	Fund S	\$
Payroll	Pay Date 12/3	\$ 618,293.49

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.3

By Alderman Schratz:

Resolved, that a virtual public hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of January 20, 2021 starting at 5:30 P.M. relative to a plan based on the Police Policy Review Committee report, and be it further

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

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.4

By Alderman Allport:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend condolences to the family of Gerald A. Fry, a retired City of Lockport Firefighter who recently passed away.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.5

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend condolences to the family of Diane Crowe who recently passed away. She served as secretary to former Mayor Anne McCaffrey until her retirement.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.6

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that pursuant to the request of Ahmed Eldhany, property owner of Sunshine Auto, 32 South Niagara Street, permission is hereby granted to erect a chain link fence on the north and east side of the property situated in a B-5 Zone in the City's right-of-way at 32 South Niagara Street, subject to the following provisions:

that upon motion of the Common Council, duly adopted by a majority vote only, and thirty days' notice from the City Clerk, the fence must be removed,

filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, leaving the City free and clear of all liability in connection therewith,

payment of the revocable permit fee of \$100.00 renewable annually.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.7

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the City tax roll for the year 2021 be and the same is hereby confirmed and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify thereto and deliver said tax rolls to the City Treasurer for collection.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.8

By Alderman Schratz:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, the 2021 Lockport High School Senior Class is hereby granted permission to conduct a drive through Christmas Parade in the City of Lockport on Friday, December 18, 2020 from 5-7pm, subject to approval of the route by the Police Chief. Said event will be held on Outwater Drive at Outwater Park, and be it further

Resolved, that residents will be able to drive through the park to see the students' displays of decorations and lights, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades prior to the event at the intersections of Prospect and Charlotte, Hawley and Charlotte, and Trowbridge and Craine Streets, and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue a parade permit for said event.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.9

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, the City of Lockport has adopted a salary schedule for the position of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport desires to facilitate the appointment and employment of the current Confidential Assistant to the Mayor; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the salary schedule for the position of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor is suspended for 2021; and be it further

Resolved, that the salary for the position of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor shall be set at \$35,000.00 for the year 2021.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.10 Repeal § C-259 of the City Charter re: Assessment Dates – Being Prepared

121620.11

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City of Lockport Department of Water Distribution is in need of a replacement vehicle to maintain operations,

Whereas, the department has appropriated funds in the FY 2020 budget; and

Whereas, the department head, through the procurement policy, has found an appropriate State bid in the amount of \$71,578.20 through Van Bortel Ford; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby approves of the Mayor to accept the bid and use current funds in FX.8340.52035.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.12 Authorize sale of 390 N. Adam St. – Being Prepared

121620.13 Authorize sale of Alley, located between Russell and Cedar Sts. – Being Prepared

121620.14 Authorize sale of 33 Weld St. – Being Prepared

121620.15

By Alderman _____:

Whereas, the current Comprehensive Plan in the City of Lockport was developed and adopted in 1998; and

Whereas, the City desires to update its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code; and

Whereas, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Professional Planning Consultant to aid the City with updating its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code; and

Whereas, the City received multiple proposals in response to the RFP; and

Whereas, a committee was assembled to review proposals, interview firms, and make a recommendation to the Council for the selection of a Professional Planning and Consultant; and

Whereas, the committee is recommending the Council accept the proposal from Barton & Loguidice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Mayor is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Barton & Loguidice for a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$156,296.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

121620.16 Authorize agreement for environmental review – Being Prepared

121620.17

ADJOURNMENT

At _____ P.M. Alderman Devine moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk