

**CITY OF LOCKPORT**  
**CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS**

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

December 2, 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.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**120220.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Devine, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meetings of November 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

**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 Tim Russo, Director of Finance – Final FY 2021 General Funds Real Property Tax Rate: \$18.6748 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation.  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**Notice of Complaint:**

10/30/20 477 Pine Street – tree  
11/4/20 287 East Avenue - sidewalk  
11/12/20 329 East Avenue – tree  
11/20/20 133 Irving Street - tree

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

**Notice of Claim:**

11/23/20 Daniel & Nancy Malcomb, 290 Hawley Street, Lockport, NY  
Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**120220.2**

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 2, 2020 as follows:

|                  |                |              |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| General Fund     | Fund A         | \$ 95,244.91 |
| Water Fund       | Fund FX        | \$ 20,494.62 |
| Sewer Fund       | Fund G         | \$ 43,990.53 |
| Capital Projects | Fund H         | \$ 9,405.09  |
| Refuse Fund      | Fund CL        | \$ 434.57    |
| Self Insurance   | Fund MS        | \$ 95,353.60 |
| Worker's Comp    | Fund S         | \$ 7,923.60  |
| Community Dev.   | Fund CD        | \$ 9,415.00  |
| Payroll          | Pay Date 11/19 | \$441,476.57 |

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120220.3**

By Alderman Allport:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend congratulations and appreciation to the following City employees for their years of dedicated service to the City of Lockport:

| <u>Employee</u>   | <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Title</u>   |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Daniel L. Kaufman | 5                       | Police Officer |

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120220.4**

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to execute a one (1) year renewal contract with the Niagara County SPCA for City dog control holding center services at an annual rate of \$16,200 for 2021.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120220.5**

By Alderman Oates:

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport LPD Vehicle 29 was involved in an incident which has results in costs for repair that will be resolved via NYMIR insurance; and

Resolved, that the 2020 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue:

Increase:

|              |                      |          |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| A.0000.32680 | Insurance Recoveries | \$ 4,999 |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|

Expense:

Increase:

A.1900.54765

Judgement and Claims

\$ 4,999

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

### **120220.6**

By Alderman Kantor:

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport owns and operates a combined sewer system in which sanitary waste water and storm water are collected and directed to the City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport sewer system includes combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls which periodically discharge to surface waterbodies during significant wet weather events in order to protect the sewer system from surcharging; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has promulgated new regulations for the Sewage Pollution Right to Know (SPRTK) Law which require certain public notifications upon discovery of CSO discharges; and

WHEREAS, the City signed a contract with ADS Environmental Services, Inc. on August 24, 2017 authorized by resolution 081617.8E for annual web hosting and cellular service related to monitoring devices installed in the eleven open Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) that transmit data to the NY-Alert System; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the City and ADS Environmental Services, Inc. has expired and needs an amendment to allow the City to continue using the web hosting services provided by ADS Environmental Services, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized and directed to amend the contract between the City and ADS Environmental Services, Inc. and to accept its Proposal for one year of Wireless Telemetry and Webhosting for \$4,800.00, amount to be charged to G.8120.54610.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

### **120220.7 Public Hearing Police Policy Review - Withdrawn**

### **120220.8**

By Alderman Schratz:

Whereas, Lockport Community Services, Inc. (LCS) and Friends of the Railyard Skate Park are working to improve the Lockport Railyard Skate Park, located at Outwater Park, and

Whereas, the estimated total budget for the improved Lockport Railyard Skate Park project is \$550,000, and

Whereas, LCS secured a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation's Skatepark Project, and

Whereas, LCS secured a \$125,000 grant from the Grigg Lewis Foundation, and

Whereas, LCS has applied for Niagara River Greenway funding through Niagara County for the Lockport Railyard Skate Park, and

Whereas, the City of Lockport supports LCS, Friends of the Railyard Skate Park, and the Lockport Railyard Skate Park project, and

Whereas, a requirement of the Greenway funding is to install signage proximate to the site acknowledging the use of Greenway funding, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport supports the LCS application for Greenway funding for the Lockport Railyard Skate Park, and

Resolved, that the City of Lockport will work with LCS and Friends of the Railyard Skate Park to identify a location at Outwater Park to install the necessary Greenway signage as well as support the planning board approval process of the signs

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120220.9**

By Alderman Allport:

Whereas, the Salvation Army provides warm shelter for the homeless or persons without heat when the temperature falls below 15 degrees Fahrenheit calling for a "Code Blue", and

Whereas, in order to provide the "Code Blue" Warming Center to City residents, the Salvation Army is dependent upon financing from multiple sources, including municipalities whose residents it services, and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Lockport desires to provide funding to the Salvation Army in the amount of \$2,500.00 to provide "Code Blue" Warming Shelter services from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with the Salvation Army to operate the Code Blue Warming Shelter for City residents from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, and be it further

Resolved, payment to the Salvation Army shall not exceed \$2,500.00 for the operation of the Code Blue Warming Shelter from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 and said funds shall be expended from the A.8510.54075 Service Contracts and be it further

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to declare a "Code Blue" when the weather conditions indicate the temperature will fall below 15 degrees Fahrenheit overnight and shall notify the Salvation Army to open the Code Blue Warming Shelter and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120220.10**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:44 P.M. Alderman Devine moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES  
City Clerk