

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

March 3, 2021
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.

030321.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Devine, seconded by Alderman Oates, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2021 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

02/18/21 Robert J. Woods, 71 Beverly Avenue, Lockport, NY - appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator in the Highways and Parks Department for the City of Lockport effective February 19, 2021. Said appointment is Permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service rules and regulations.

2/18/21 Enoch R. Plumeri, 126 Chestnut Street, Lockport, NY – appointed to the Human Relations Committee to fill the unexpired term of Felicia Grooms. Said term expires July 15, 2022.

3/1/21 Under and by the virtue of the authority conferred on me by the Charter of the City of Lockport, New York, I, Michelle M. Roman, Mayor of Said City, do hereby make the following appointment to the Commissioners of Deeds:

John Jacoby, 4621 Lower River Road, Lewiston NY 14092

Said term expires on December 31, 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)

3/2/21 Taren J. LaGamba, Director WNY Historic Parks Assoc. Inc. requests permission to submit an application to the 2021 Wm. G. Mayne Jr. Grant Fund, in the amount of \$4,100, on the City's behalf. Received and filed.

Notice of Claim:

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

030321.2

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 March 4, 2021 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$133,496.71
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$ 23,150.26
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$ 9,444.27
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$ 87.25
Self Insurance	Fund MS	\$193,164.15
Community Dev.	Fund CD	\$183,710.00
Payroll	Pay Date 2/25	\$463,410.19

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.3

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>
Luca C. P. Quagliano	20	Asst Fire Chief

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.4

By Alderman Allport:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend condolences to the family of Cynthia Hinton, a retired City of Lockport Building Inspection employee for 32 years, from 1978 to 2010, who recently passed away.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.5

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 June 3, 2021 until September 30, 2021. 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 Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.6

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture currently has a project surveying the presence of the invasive pest, European Cherry Fruit Fly in all species of cherry trees, honeysuckle bushes and several ornamental hosts such as barberry and dogwood in Niagara County; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that pursuant to their request to eradicate this invasive pest in the City of Lockport, the USDA European Cherry Fruit Fly project is hereby granted blanket permission to place yellow glue traps in host plants on City of Lockport properties and road rights of way subject to filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.7

By Alderman Abbott:

Whereas, the City of Lockport's FY 2021 Appropriated Budget removed a wastewater treatment operator trainee (AFSCME grade 4) that was requested in the Mayor's Recommended Budget and put funds into contingency to be asked for if necessary; and

Whereas, the department head of Wastewater Treatment has requested that said position as well as an additional trainee position be filled as per audit findings; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport FY 2021 Appropriated Budget's personnel detail is hereby altered to reflect the increase of two positions and the line items are altered as stated below:

Expense:

Decrease:

G.1900.54775	Contingency	\$ 55,287
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Increase:

G.8130.51010	Full-Time Wages	\$ 41,990
G.8130.58010	FICA	\$ 1,285
G.8130.58020	Worker's Compensation	\$ 2,178
G.8130.58040	Medical Insurance	\$ 7,382
G.8130.58050	Retirement	\$ 2,452

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.8

By Alderman Schratz:

Whereas, the City of Lockport Common Council wishes to assess the advisability of submitting a NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal (the "OCR") for a grant to fund incentives supporting homeowner's rehabilitation within the City of Lockport, and

Whereas, the City of Lockport is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding community needs and the plan proposal prior to submitting an application for CDBG funding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby calls for a virtual Public Hearing whereas all interested parties shall be heard regarding the CDBG program, the City's community development programs, and the proposed funding application. Said virtual Public Hearing to be held on March 17, 2021, at 5:30 pm; and be it further

Resolved, that at least eight (8) days' notice of such hearing shall be given by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the City.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.9

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the Treasurer's Office must employ the services of a third-party vendor to assist with collection of all fees and/or taxes paid by credit card through a convenience fee payment processing service; and

Whereas, the Treasurer's Office conducted a survey of available, competent vendors to perform this service to the City; and

Whereas, following its investigation into the subject, the Treasurer's Office identified the most competent vendor to be Value Payment Systems, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee; and

Whereas, the Treasurer's Office sought input from the Corporation Counsel's Office regarding the terms of said agreement, and successfully obtained modifications that were recommended by the Corporation Counsel's Office, and

Whereas the agreement with Value Payment Services, LLC has been executed by the Mayor in order to avoid an interruption of the convenience fee payment processing service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby ratifies said Agreement, which shall remain in place for a period of two (2) years.

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.10

By Alderman Kantor:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Lockport Peacemakers and Lockport New Beginnings to conduct an Easter egg hunt, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 3rd, 2021 beginning at 1pm, at Outwater Park, and be it further

Resolved, that permission is subject to Lockport Peacemakers and Lockport New Beginnings filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, and be it further

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

Resolved, that the City stage be made available to the event, if needed, 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 Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.11

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, a technical error in the City of Lockport FY 2021 appropriated budget resulted in an employee remaining in a laborer position in public works (AFSCME grade 2) as opposed a municipal worker position (AFSCME grade 3) that was intended; and

Whereas, current turnover savings in the department has already resulted in excess full time salary wages to support the grade 3 municipal worker position; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport FY 2021 Appropriated Budget's personnel detail is hereby altered to reflect the change in title for department A.5110.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

030321.12

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 P.M. Alderman Devine moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk