

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

June 2, 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.

060221.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Devine, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2021 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

5/24/21 Dennis Stachera, 20 Regent Street, Lockport, NY – appointed to the Youth Board effective May 01, 2021. Said term expires May 1, 2024.

5/24/21 William Agronin, 11 Berkley Drive, Lockport, NY – appointed to the Youth Board effective May 01, 2021. Said term expires May 1, 2024.

5/27/21 Jason P. Hunt, 644 Old Niagara Road, Lockport NY – appointed to WWTP Operator Trainee in the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service rules and regulations.

Received and filed.

Resignation:

05/18/21 Darryl DeVoe, resigned as a member of the Parks Committee. Effective May 17, 2021.

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)

5/11/21 Justin P. Rogers, Fair Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Niagara County – request permission to erect a banner across East Avenue to promote the 2021 Niagara County Fair, from July 26th thru August 8th.

5/19/21 Don Jablonski, Director of Niagara County Employment & Training – request permission to use Ida Fritz Park on June 30th for a Career Fair.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Notice of Complaint:

5/20/21 19 Treehaven Drive – tree
5/25/21 266 South Street – tree
5/27/21 407 East Avenue – tree
6/1/21 Corner of John and Price Street - tree
6/1/21 257 Davison Road - tree

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

Notice of Claim:

6/1/21 Kelly Wells, 20 East Avenue, Lockport, NY

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

060221.2

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 June 3, 2021 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$68,962.18
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$48,699.02
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$8,929.69
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$27,161.07
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$303.90
Health Insurance	Fund MS	\$80,940.20
Community Dev.	Fund CD	\$3,425.00
Payroll	Pay Date 5/20/21	\$621,930.68

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.3

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>
Heather Cepuchowski	5	Police Officer
Joseph M. Prica	25	Asst. Fire Chief

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.4

By Alderman Allport:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the residents of Berkley Drive to barricade their street from Sargent Drive to 19 Berkley Drive on June 18, 2021 from 5 to 9 p.m. for a block party, with a rain date of June 19, 2021; and be it further

Resolved that during the period of time set forth above, the no-parking restrictions set forth for the street will not be enforced; 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

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.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.5

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Freedom Church to barricade a portion of Ontario Street, between Hawley and North Transit Streets, in front of the Imagine Community Garden, on Wednesday June 23, 2021, for a Neighborhood Appreciation Picnic from 5 until 8 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that Freedom Church is granted permission to erect a bounce house during the event, subject to Freedom Church providing the City Clerk with a certificate of insurance naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured prior to the event, 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

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.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.6

By Alderman Schratz:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Niagara County is hereby granted permission to erect a banner at least 17' from the ground across East Avenue at Davison Road to promote the 2021 Niagara County Fair. Banner is to be erected from July 26 thru August 8, 2021 based on a schedule approved by the City Clerk, and be it further

Resolved, that said permission is subject to Cornell Cooperative Extension, Niagara County filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured and subject to payment of \$50, and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make arrangements with city forces to erect the banner.

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.7

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that pursuant to their requests, Martha Craig and Melissa Devine, certified and registered yoga instructors, are hereby granted permission to conduct outdoor yoga classes to the public at Outwater Park; Martha Craig on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning June 8 until September 28, 2021, and Melissa Devine on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from June 3 until October 31, 2021, 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 is further subject to Martha Craig and Melissa Devine each filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 5. Alderman Devine abstained.

060221.8

By Alderman Allport:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, God's Voice Ministries Church is hereby granted permission to hold a community outreach event in Altro Park on Willow Street, with use of the pavilion, to be held on August 22, 2021, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that permission is additionally granted to have music, games and food trucks. Said permission is subject to the Church filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured prior to the event, 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 Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.9

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Latter Rain Cathedral to conduct a walk in memory of Troy Hodge on Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 6 to 8 p.m., on Park Avenue from South Bristol Avenue to City Hall, subject to approval of the walk route by the Police Chief, and filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk prior to the walk 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

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.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.10

By Alderman Abbott:

Whereas, the NYS Department of Transportation has awarded the City of Lockport \$817,483.66 in CHIPS funding, \$221,409.07 in PAVE NY funding, \$150,044.55 in EWR funding for FY 2020, and \$837,869.70 in Touring funding for a total of \$2,026,806.98;

Whereas, of this total, the City of Lockport, in resolution 050521.13 added \$350,000 into the CHIPS budget to have purchase ordering and scheduling in place; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the FY 2021 Capital Fund budget is amended to add the remaining balances as follows:

Increase:

Revenue: H082.5112.33501 Consolidated Highway Aid
\$838,937.28

Expense: H082.5112.52450 Infrastructure - Roads
\$838,937.28

Revenue: H208.5112.33501 Consolidated Highway Aid
\$837,869.70

Expense: H208.5112.52450 Infrastructure - Roads
\$837,869.70

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

60221.11

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, the Niagara County Employment & Training Department is hereby granted permission to use Ida Fritz Park on Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with a rain date of Wednesday, July 7th, to host a Career Fair featuring various Lockport area employers. Said permission is subject to Niagara County Employment & Training 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

Resolved, that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the grass to be cut in the park prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.12

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, Iskalo Development Corporation is hereby granted permission to place a Conex box in the City of Lockport municipal parking lot next to the existing metal staircase behind their building at 1 East Avenue; and be it further

Resolved, that the Conex will be secure and locked at all times when not in use by their construction team and approved contractors, and will be used to store interior historical lighting fixtures from June 14th until they are re-installed approximately November 5th, 2021; and be it further

Resolved, said permission is subject to Iskalo Development Corp. filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.13

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City of Lockport wishes to reopen the Community Pool at Outwater Park for the first time since the 2019 season; and

Whereas, the City has reached a Shared Services Agreement with Niagara Aquatics Club, Inc., a non-profit organization with their own certified lifeguards and instructors at specified times throughout the day when the Community Pool is open; and

Whereas, the proposal would allow Niagara Aquatics Club, Inc. to assist with trained staffing for the Community Pool during learn-to-swim sessions in exchange for the opportunity to conduct lessons for its members and practice for its swim team; and

Whereas, the City has agreed to grant a revocable license to access the Community Pool during designated times during the summer season, provided the Community Pool has had all necessary repairs to pass governmental inspections; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into said agreement with Niagara Aquatics Club, Inc. for the 2021 summer pool season, upon approval of the Corporation Counsel.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

060221.14

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:50 P.M. Alderman Devine moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk