

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

November 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.

Minutes Correction – October 20, 2021:

102021.7

By Alderman Allport:

Whereas, General City Law 20(3) authorizes the City to accept donations from individuals or organizations, and to use said donations per the restrictions placed on them by the donor, regardless of minimum value; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend thanks and appreciation to the ~~Lockport Professional Firefighters Society~~ **Lock City Firefighters Association** for the gift and installation of windows for the Lockport Fire Department, valued at \$14,925.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 4.

110321.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Schratz, seconded by Alderman Oates, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2021 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing relative to the 2022 tax budget.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said to the proposed 2022 tax budget have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing relative to adjusting water rents and refuse fees.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said proposed rent and fee adjustments have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on a proposed local law to amend the City of Lockport, "Schedule of Sewer Rents and Other Charges."

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said proposed local law have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

10/26/21 Alexander J. Callara, 80 Grant Street, Lockport, NY – appointed to Municipal Worker for the City of Lockport Building Maintenance Department effective October 15, 2021. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service rules and regulations.

10/26/21 Gregory W. Qualiana, 104 Carolina Avenue, Lockport, NY – appointed to Building Maintenance Mechanic for the City of Lockport Building Maintenance Department effective October 15, 2021. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service rules and regulations.

10/26/21 Mark J. Haenle Jr., 6538 Heather Drive, Lockport, NY – appointed to Tree Trimmer for the City of Lockport Highways & Parks effective October 29, 2021. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal 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)

10/21/21 Paul K. Oates, City Clerk – notification of bids received on October 21, 2021 for Chemicals for Municipal Water Treatment Facility are as follows:

Chlorine:

JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	Caledonia, NY	\$3,000 per ton
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Polyaluminum chloride:

Usalco	Baltimore, MD	\$1.6017 per gal.
Kemira Water Solutions	Lawrence, KS	\$1.98 per gal.
Holland Company, Inc.	Adams, MA	\$2.51 per gal.
Allied Specialties, Inc.	Avon Lake, OH	\$3.13 per gal.

Hydrofluorosilicic Acid:

Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	Morrisville, PA	\$2.48 per gal.
PVS Nolwood Chemicals, Inc.	Detroit, MI	\$2.975 per gal.
Slack Chemical Co., Inc.	Carthage, NY	\$7.984 per gal.

Notice of Complaint:

10/11/21	246 Garden Street – tree
10/27/21	446 Prospect Street – tree
10/29/20	289 Locust Street - tree

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

Notice of Claim:

10/22/21 James McCann, 54 Waterman Street, Lockport NY

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

110321.2

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 November 4, 2021 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$81,242.81
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$13,763.59
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$34,318.09
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$31,944.15
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$276.03
Health Insurance	Fund MS	\$140,265.51
Payroll	Pay Date 10/7/21	\$485,314.78

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.3

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted New Freedom Church North Campus to barricade a portion of West Ontario Street directly in front of church property, 339 West Ontario, on December 11, 2021 from 3pm until 6pm, for a Christmas Marketplace, 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 Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.4

By Alderman Abbott:

Whereas, the City of Lockport (City) was awarded funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Urban and Community Forestry Management Grant Program for the purposes of removing identified, prioritized, dead and high-risk trees in the Right of Way; and

Whereas, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for interested contractors and subsequently received proposals by October 14, 2021 at 4 pm as follows;

CONTRACTOR	A.J.'s Tree Service	Great Lakes Tree Service
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (Proposed No. of Trees Removed)	\$50,000.00 (21 Trees)	\$50,000.00 (18 Trees)

And

Whereas, the City evaluated and scored the proposals in accordance with the RFP; and

Whereas, upon completion of the evaluation, A.J.'s Tree Service scored highest and the recommendation is to award the contract to A.J.'s Tree Service, for a total amount of \$50,000.00; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be authorized and directed to execute an agreement with A.J.'s Tree Service LTD., P.O. Box 650, East Amherst, New York 14051.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.5

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City, by prior Council Resolution, transferred the premises at 48 Prentice Street to the Niagara Orleans Land Improvement Corporation, commonly known as the Land Bank; and

Whereas, the transfer of the parcel to the Land Bank was meant to be following a waiver of all prior property taxes, but the 2019-20 school tax bill had not yet been issued; and

Whereas, there remains due and owing on the parcel a total of \$1,433.31, with interest and related expenses; and

Whereas, the Land Bank has requested the City waive the final school tax bill for the subsequent purchaser of the parcel; now be it

Resolved, that the school tax bill and all associated fees totaling \$1,433.31 shall be waived by the City in furtherance of its commitment to the goals of the Land Bank.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.6

By Alderman Schratz:

Whereas, the City of Lockport advertised an RFP for a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update in resolution 021921.11 and authorized the Mayor to enter into contract with Barton and Loguidice in resolution 121621.15; and

Whereas, two key representatives critical to the status of the project switched employment to a different company, Bergmann, whom the City would like to have continue working on the project due to their history with this project and to maintain a continuity of service through the project deliverables; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to terminate the agreement with Barton and Loguidice (who will remain a subcontractor) and to enter into an agreement with Bergmann for the remaining cost and work of the contract from 121621.15.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 4. Nays 2. Aldermen Abbott and Oates voted no.

110321.7

By Alderman Abbott:

Whereas, the Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District (NCSWCD) has been awarded and secured a native tree planting grant in response to Emerald Ash Borer damage that has been experienced throughout the county; and

Whereas, said award contains 100 total trees to be planted in the City of Lockport with cooperation of the City Department of Forestry and Division of Public Works to be done from April 2022 through November 2023; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement (as one of three communities) with the NCSWCD.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.8

By Alderman Kantor:

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 53(4) extends purchasing authorizations to be made in event of an emergency in which there is endangerment to the health, welfare, property, or taxpayers of the City of Lockport; and

Whereas, the Engineering Department, in coordination with the Mayor’s Office and Department of Finance, were required to utilize said emergency authorizations for the roof of the West Pump House at Summit Street Water Treatment Plant, as excess rain has caused falling debris and structural deficiencies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby acknowledges the use of the emergency authorization to contract with Granzow Construction in the amount of \$44,316.19, and amends the FY 2021 Water Fund as follows:

Expenditures:

Decrease

FX.1900.54076	Contingency	\$42,000
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Increase

FX.8330.54076	Property Repair	\$42,000
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Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.9

By Alderman Allport:

Whereas, Resolution 040721.8 (FY 2021 Budget Supplement #1) established a Park Revitalization Program (H206) in the Capital Budget with \$275,000 in available funding; and

Whereas, the Director of Highways and Parks has recommended utilizing funds for (1) expanded repairs for the Ida Fritz Gazebo for \$3,480.74, and (2) for handicap access to Dolan Park for \$5,700; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby authorizes said purchases to be made from the H206 capital project.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.10 – Award contract re: rehabilitation of Spalding Mill building and site – WITHDRAWN

110321.11

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City of Lockport advertised for bid proposals for chemicals for municipal water treatment for the 2022 calendar year, and

Whereas, the following bids were received and publicly opened by the City of Lockport on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 11:00 am: JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., \$3,000 per ton for chlorine; Usalco, \$1.6017 per gallon, Kemira Water Solutions, \$1.98 per gallon, Holland Company, Inc., \$2.51 per gallon, and Allied Specialties, Inc., \$3.13 per gallon for polyaluminum chloride; and, Univar Solutions USA, Inc., \$2.48 per gallon, PVS Nolwood Chemicals, Inc., \$2.975 per gallon, and Slack Chemical Co., Inc., \$7.984 per gallon for hydrofluorosilicic acid, and

Whereas, the contracts will be awarded solely from the bids received; and

Whereas, the Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the contract to each of the low bidders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized and directed to sign contracts with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for chlorine, Usalco for polyaluminum chloride, and Univar Solutions USA, Inc. for hydrofluorosilicic acid for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.12

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend condolences to the family of Donald C. Hofert, a retired City of Lockport Firefighter who worked from 1957 until 1995, who recently passed away.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

110321.13

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:59 P.M. Alderman Schratz moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk