

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

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

December 1, 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.

**120121.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor announced a public hearing relative to the application for CDBG funding for a brewpub, restaurant, and entertainment complex at 13 W. Main Street.

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

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Appointments:**

11/16/21 Lashonda McKenzie, 30 High Street, Lockport, NY – reappointed as a member of the Youth Board. Said term expires December 31, 2024.

11/16/21 Samuel Marotta, 4 Remick Parkway, Lockport, NY – appointed to the Zoning Board. Said term expires on November 15, 2024.

11/16/21 William Kevin Foltz, 94 North Transit Street, Lockport, NY – reappointed to the Zoning Board. Said term expires on November 15, 2024.

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)

11/17/21 Mayor Michelle M. Roman – recommendation that Deanna Dorward, 76 Crosby Avenue, Lockport, NY, be appointed to the Lockport Board of Assessment Review.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### Notice of Complaint:

11/22/21 187 Olcott St - tree

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

### MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

#### 120121.2

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, 2021 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$113,311.86
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$17,049.38
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$31,657.88
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$2,800.00
Self Insurance	Fund MS	\$84,696.20
Community Dev.	Fund cd	\$18,800.00
Payroll	Pay Date 11/4	\$477,974.82

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### 120121.3

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>
Raymond P. Aldrich	20	Heavy Equipment Operator-DPW
Robert C. Holmes	5	Police Officer

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120121.4**

By Alderman Abbott:

Whereas, the New York State Community Development Block Grant Program provides funding to communities under the Economic Development Program to undertake activities that focus on economic development needs such as creating or expanding job opportunities, and

Whereas, a business to be formed and to operate under the name, 'The Lockport Brewpub Shuffle' (hereinafter, the "Company") proposes to renovate a vacant building located at 13 W. Main Street in the City of Lockport and acquire furnishings, fixtures and equipment to develop a brewpub and restaurant and entertainment complex (the "Project"); and

Whereas, the Project will have an estimated cost of \$1,930,000 and will create an estimated 51 new employment opportunities within the City of Lockport; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport (the "City") desires to partner with The Greater Lockport Development Corporation ("GLDC") as a subgrantee to apply to the New York State Office of Community Renewal ("OCR") for \$750,000 in grant funding which would be used by GLDC to make a term loan and deferred loan to the Company to fund a portion of the Project costs; and

Whereas, the City has held a public hearing to obtain citizens' views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR and regarding the proposed grant application; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in the amount of \$750,000, such amount to be used to provide funding to support the Project, and be it further

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby designated as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the purposes of complying with the applicable federal environmental review requirements for the OCR grant, and be it further

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the OCR grant agreement and all related documents associated with the OCR grant, including agreements with GLDC relating to the use and administration of the grant funds, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120121.5**

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 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.6**

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, the Lockport Police Department has received a donation from the estate of John P. Sokay for a total of \$10,000; and

Whereas, the Department has exceeded their budgeted amount of revenue in, "Gifts and Donations" and would like to utilize said donation to directly purchase upgrades for the radio room and special office equipment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby amend the General Fund budget to reflect this need:

Revenue:		
Increase		
A.3120.32705	Gifts and Donations	\$10,000
Expenditure:		
Increase		
A.3120.54515	Special Supplies	\$10,000

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.7**

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City of Lockport Police Department has a DA Asset Forfeiture funds bank account that has accumulated funds; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport Police Chief has ensured that funds can be used appropriately for Police Department upgrades and maintenance; and

Whereas, the Police Department has identified the need to purchase new docking stations and brackets for vehicle laptops; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the 2021 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue:		
Increase		
A3120.31589	Other Public Safety Income	\$3,305
Expenditure:		
Increase		
A.3120.54117	Computer Supplies	\$3,305

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.8**

By Alderman Schratz:

Whereas, Resolution 110321.5 waived a school tax bill and all associated fees for the premises at 48 Prentice Street for a total of \$1,422.31; and

Whereas, this figure incorrectly omitted an additional \$150 in legal fees that are current on the account; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Resolution 110321.5 is amended to reflect the corrected total of \$1,583.31.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.9**

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution 090121.6, the City of Lockport advertised for proposals to provide a General Liability Insurance broker and Excess Workers Compensation Insurance broker, and

Whereas, the City received and has reviewed one fulfilled bid proposal submitted by Evans Insurance Agency, which is available for review in the City Clerk’s Office, and

Whereas, the City’s current insurance services contract expires December 31, 2021; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a 12-month agreement with Evans Insurance Agency for said services.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.10**

By Alderman Schratz:

Whereas, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a City-owned motor vehicle collided with the overhead door at the City Garage, causing damage to both the door and the surround, and

Whereas, the Director of Highways and Parks has coordinated quotes with vendors and worked with our City insurance broker to determine that the incident is to be covered by our commercial property insurance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a purchasing contract with Granzow Construction and Sunrise Door and Woodworks Inc. to repair the door and surround, and that the FY 2021 General Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue		
Increase		
A.0000.32680	Insurance Recoveries	\$15,948.12
Expenditures		
Increase		
A.1900.54765	Judgements and Claims	\$20,948.12
Decrease		
A.1640.54300	Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	\$5,000

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.11**

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that the Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator is hereby authorized and directed to prepare bid specifications for water meters, and be it further

Resolved, that upon receipt of said specifications, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to advertise for bid proposals for same.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120121.12**

By Alderman Kantor:

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of December 15, 2021 starting at 5:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY relative to a request made by Audley Walters to amend the

existing Special Use Permit for approval for a food truck to be located at 266 South Transit Street, situated in a B-3 Zone, and be it further

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

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120121.13**

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of December 15, 2021 starting at 5:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY relative to a request for a Special Use Permit made by Adam Linderman, for approval to harbor pigeons at 25 Orchard Street, situated in an R-3 Zone, and be it further

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

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120121.13A**

By Alderman Allport:

Resolved, that pursuant to the recommendation of Mayor Roman, Deanna Dorward, 76 Crosby Avenue, Lockport, NY is hereby appointed as a member of the City of Lockport Board of Assessment Review. Said term expires on September 30, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120121.14**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:46 P.M. Alderman Schratz moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES  
City Clerk