

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

December 15, 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 Allport, Devine, Kantor, Oates, and Schratz.
Alderman Abbott absent.

INVOCATION

MAYOR'S UPDATE

RECESS

Recess for public input.

121521.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Schratz, seconded by Alderman Oates, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2021 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing in a request for a Special Use Permit to harbor pigeons on the property at 25 Orchard Street.

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

11/7/21 Jeff Tracy, Lockport Planning and Zoning Board – the Board recommends the request be denied.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

11/16/21 Ronald Cheatham, 5534 Victoria Lane, Lockport, NY – reappointed to the Youth Board effective November 16, 2021. Said term expires December 31, 2024.

11/30/21 Michael E. Kagels, 3692 Ewings Road, Lockport, NY – appointed to WWTP Operator Trainee for the City of Lockport Wastewater Treatment Department effective November 23, 2021. Said appointment is Permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

12/2/21 Thomas E. Hull, 313 Willow Street, Lockport, NY – removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 2, 2021. Said term expires November 15, 2022.

12/6/21 Joseph M. McCarthy, 6732 Akron Road, Lockport, NY – appointed to WWTP Operator Trainee for the City of Lockport effective December 3, 2021. Said appointment is Permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

12/6/21 Debra Allport, 161 Lincoln Avenue, Lockport, NY – appointed to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2022. Said term expires December 31, 2024.

12/7/21 Jennifer L. Previte, 54 Regent Street, Lockport, NY – appointed to Payroll & Benefits Coordinator for the City of Lockport Accounting Department effective November 23, 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)

12/1/21 Tracy A. Farrell, City Assessor – notification that the General City Tax rolls have been completed, corrected and filed.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

12/15/21 Paul K. Oates, City Clerk – notification that the Lockport Municipal Offices will be closed on the following days in December for Christmas and New Year's.

Thursday, December 23rd, 2021

Friday, December 24th, 2021

Friday, December 31st, 2021

There will be no change in the garbage collection schedule.

Bulk items will be collected the week of January 3rd

Referred to the Media

12/15/21 Paul K. Oates, City Clerk – notification that bid proposals for Water Meters were received on December 14, 2021 as follows:

Lock City Supply
650 West Avenue, Lockport, NY

Bronze Water Meters
Automated Meter Reading System
Meter and Remote Module

5/8" Water Meter	308.67	per meter
3/4"	351.21	
1"	460.82	
1 1/2"	719.72	
2"	1018.38	

Transmitter (less meter)

5/8" Water Meter	238.10	per transmitter
3/4"	238.10	
1"	238.10	
1 1/2"	238.10	
2"	238.10	

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Notice of Complaint:

- 12/9/21 57 Summit St – tree
- 12/12/21 342 Green St – tree

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

121521.2

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 16, 2021 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$131,979.56
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$22,967.77
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$76,338.33
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$158,880.87
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$86,910.46
Self-Insurance	Fund MS	\$57,229.55

Community Dev.	Fund CD	\$20,174.00
Payroll	Pay Date 11/18	\$471,869.35

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.3

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the City tax roll for the year 2022 be and the same is hereby confirmed and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify thereto and deliver said tax rolls to the City Treasurer for collection.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.4 Grant Permission for a Special Use Permit at 25 Orchard St - WITHDRAWN

121521.5

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the bid proposal of Lock City Supply Inc., Lockport, NY, received on December 14, 2021 for water meters, being the only bid received, be accepted in the amount as reported in a communication from the City Clerk – report of bid proposals. Cost of same to be charged to account H127.8397.52015 Water Meters.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.6

By Alderman Schratz:

Whereas, Niagara Community Action Program (“Niagara CAP”) provides emergency services to the needy and disadvantaged persons within Niagara County through use of funding grants and subsidies from federal, state, and municipal governments and agencies; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport FY 2022 budget includes \$2,500.00 for Niagara CAP for such purposes in return for Niagara CAP’s promise of emergency services to the residents of the City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the 2022 agreement between the City of Lockport and Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.7

By Alderman Allport:

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

Whereas, the Department has exceeded its budgeted amount of revenue in “Gifts and Donations” and would like to utilize said donation to directly purchase upgrades for 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.3410.32705	Gifts and Donations	\$10,000
Expenditure:		
Increase		
A.3410.54515	Special Supplies	\$10,000

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.8

By Alderman Kantor:

Whereas, replacement hardware for the pump computer connections has been requested for the City of Lockport's Water Pump Station because of deficiencies in current equipment; and

Whereas, the Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator has compiled quotes for said drive replacement and has recommended to move forward with the lowest bidder; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Moley Magnetics Incorporated for said equipment, for a total of \$13,800, utilizing H204 capital project funds (FX infrastructure improvements).

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.9

By Alderman Allport:

Whereas, the City Engineering Department has identified upcoming replacement of City CSO equipment that must be done by February, 2022 in order to comply with State and Federal standards; and

Whereas, a vendor, ADS LLC has been identified as a single source provider of these goods for our current configuration and has provided a quote for a net total of \$29,906; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby reduces the indirect cost allocation that the Sewer Fund is to expense to the General Fund by \$29,906; and be it further

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby amends the General and Sewer Fund budgets as follows:

Revenues:

Decrease		
A.0000.32801G	Interfund from Sewer	\$29,906
Increase		
A.0000.31120	Sales Tax: County	\$29,906

Expenditures:

Decrease		
G.8130.54057A	Admin Expense - General	\$29,906
Increase		
G.8120.54050	Equipment Repair	\$29,906

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.10

By Alderman Kantor:

Whereas, the Public Works' salt spreader has rusted and is beyond repair; and

Whereas, the Director of Highways and Parks has recommended the purchase of a stainless steel model, which will be more resilient to the salt materials and harsh weather; and

Whereas, three quotes were collected and the Director of Highways and Parks has recommended to proceed with the vendor with the lowest bid, Viking Cives (USA) for \$10,730; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby approves of the Mayor to enter into a purchasing agreement, attached hereto, with Viking Cives (USA) and utilize budgeted funds in A.1640.54300.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes: 5.

121521.11

By Alderman Schratz:

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 Walmart for the \$4,000 donation to the Lockport Police Department for the "Shop with a Cop" program.

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 5.

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that the reading of the foregoing resolution be and the same is hereby waived.

Seconded by Alderman Schratz and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.12

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, the City of Lockport's Collective Bargaining Agreement with Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, City of Lockport Unit 7651 and Niagara County Local 832 ("CSEA") expires on December 31, 2026; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport desires to improve the recruitment and retention of supervisors; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport and CSEA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding modifying and amending the pay grades of certain CSEA supervisory positions; and

Whereas, the Common Council has reviewed that attached Memorandum of Understanding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport hereby adopts and approves the Memorandum of Understanding and authorizes the Mayor to execute the same; and be it further

Resolved, that the FY 2022 General, Water, and Sewer Funds are hereby amended as follows:

Expenditures

Increase		
A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$2,579
A.1620.51010	Full Time Wages	\$2,206
A.1620.58010	FICA	\$169
A.1620.58050	Retirement	\$256
FX.8340.51010	Full Time Wages	\$2,184
FX.8340.58010	FICA	\$167
FX.8340.58050	Retirement	\$253
G.8135.51010	Full Time Wages	\$4,369
G.8135.58010	FICA	\$334
G.8135.58050	Retirement	\$507

Decrease		
A.5110.51010	Full Time Wages	\$4,369
A.5110.58010	FICA	\$334
A.5110.58050	Retirement	\$507
FX.1900.54775	Contingency	\$2,604
G.1900.54775	Contingency	\$5,210

Seconded by Alderman Allport and adopted. Ayes 4. Alderman Oates voted no.

121521.13

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, Resolution 111721.26A authorized the purchase of a hot box truck (International HV607 4X2) totaling \$201,249;

Whereas, due to production and delivery restraints, the purchase of this vehicle will not be made until mid-FY2022, after the closure of the FY 2022 operating budget; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby transfer this purchase to a capital project (which will roll over year-to-year) and amend the FY 2021 General and Capital Fund budgets as follows:

Revenue:

Increase

H214.5110.32801.A	Interfund Revenue (General)	\$201,249
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Expenditure:

Increase:

A.9901.59000.H	Interfund to Capital	\$201,249
H214.5110.52420	Machinery and Equipment	\$201,249

Decrease:

A.5110.52035	Public Works Equipment	\$201,249
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Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 5.

121521.13A

By Alderman Schratz:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, the GLDC is hereby granted permission to place a dumpster in the city right-of-way at 13 W. Main Street, from December 15th, 2021 through January 5th, 2022, for their renovation project. Said permission is subject to the GLDC 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.

121521.14

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:56 P.M. Alderman Schratz moved the Common Council be adjourned until 11:00 A.M., Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 5.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk