

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

October 12, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Michelle M. Roman called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Barnard, Beakman, Devine, Fogle, Kantor, and Pasceri.

INVOCATION

MAYOR'S UPDATE

RECESS

Recess for public input.

101222.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Beakman, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2022 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

10/6/22 Sarah K. Lanzo, 129 Beattie Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094 – appointed to City Clerk to fill the unexpired term of Paul K. Oates, effective September 30, 2022. 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)

9/28/22 Jim Hardy, Pastor-First Presbyterian Church – notification of the Crop Walk for Hunger, along the Erie Canal, on October 16, 2022.

Received and filed.

Notice of Claim:

9/29/22 Paul Strong, 1357 South Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Notice of Complaint:

Referred to the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

101222.2

By Alderman Beakman:

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 October 13, 2022 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$125,602.80	\$124,362.80
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$11,956.16	
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$12,003.69	
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$1,029,923.23	
Self-Insurance	Fund MS	\$1,706.60	
Refuse & Recycle	Fund CL	\$101,528.14	
Community Devel.	Fund CD	\$61,628.26	
Worker's Comp	Fund S	\$7,500.00	
Payroll	Pay Date 9/22	\$498,822.54	

Seconded by Alderman Barnard and adopted as amended. Ayes 6.

101222.3

By Alderman Beakman:

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of Wednesday, October 26 2022 starting at 6:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY relative to the proposed 2023 budget, and be it further

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

Seconded by Alderman Barnard and adopted. Ayes 6.

101222.4

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas, Section 155-7 A (Solid Waste) of Chapter 158 of the City Code states that unpaid residential and commercial user fees for collection of refuse and recycling shall be the personal liability of the owner, and

Whereas, any delinquent assessment, penalty, charge or fee remaining unpaid by May 15 is added to the upcoming year's tax bill for the parcel of property against which it is a lien, and

Whereas, the amount added to taxes shall include late payment charges accrued through June 30 plus an additional administrative charge equal to \$15 for each delinquent account, and

Whereas, late payment charges shall not continue to accrue after June 30 against any assessment, penalty, charge or fee which is added to taxes, and

Whereas, the City Treasurer will submit to the City Council all delinquent assessments, penalties, charges or fees and any other amounts to be added to taxes, and

Whereas, upon receipt of such delinquent amounts the Council must hold a public hearing, and

Whereas, after making any amendments or corrections to the list of delinquent accounts the Common Council will by resolution confirm said amounts, and

Whereas, upon confirmation of said amounts the City will insert the delinquent accounts in the annual tax rolls and which shall become a part of the annual tax upon the respective parcels against which such amounts are charged and shall be subject to all the provisions of the City Charter; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a resolution listing the re-levies and the dollar amount to be added to the tax rolls, and be it further

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, starting at approximately 6:30 P.M. relative to said resolution for re-levy, and be it further

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

Seconded by Alderman Barnard and adopted. Ayes 6.

101222.5

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, pursuant to Section 452 of the General Municipal Law and Section 185-8 (Water) of the City of Lockport Code, the Common Council is authorized to adjust a schedule of water rents and other charges after a hearing upon five days' notice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that a Public Hearing be held at the Common Council Meeting of Wednesday, October 26, 2022 starting at 6:30PM in the Common Council Chambers, Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY relative to adjusting water rents and other charges, 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.

101222.6

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to prepare a Local Law relative to amending the sewer rate schedule, and be it further

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting of October 26, 2022 starting at 6:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY relative to said local law, 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.

101222.7

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved, that Monday, October 31, 2022 is hereby designated as Halloween Day in the City of Lockport, with the hours for trick or treating scheduled from 4pm to 7pm; and be it further

Seconded by Alderman Pasceri and adopted. Ayes 6.

101222.8

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas, at the September meeting of the Planning Board, an application for home occupation for Chris and Belinda Ragland was denied because there were only four commissioners present and one commissioner objected to the proposal; and

Whereas, the applicants wish to have their proposal considered by the full Planning Board and are prepared to resubmit their application for the November board meeting; and

Whereas, the filing fee is ordinarily \$100; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the second filing fee be waived since it was through no fault of the applicants that a bare minimum of commissioners were present at the September Planning Board.

Seconded by Alderman Pasceri and adopted. Ayes 6.

101222.9

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Lockport Main Street, Inc. to hold a Downtown Trick or Treating Celebration on Friday, October 28th between 5:00PM and 7:00PM

Resolved, that Main Street be closed to through traffic from Transit to Locust for the duration of the event, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery and pick-up of City barricades and trash receptacles as needed

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted as amended. Ayes 6.

101222.10 – WITHDRAWN: Duplicate of 101222.7

101222.11

By Alderman Barnard:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the Moose Lodge to barricade Monroe Street from Water to Jackson Street on October 23rd, 2023 for Trunk or Treat from 5 pm -7 pm, 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 Pasceri and adopted. Ayes 6.

101222.12

By Alderman Beakman:

Whereas, the Greater Lockport Development Corporation and Former YMCA Restoration Project have requested the conversion of the 1st floor to a unique co-working, shared, office space and creation of market-rate apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors and

Whereas, the Greater Lockport Development Corporation has completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form that the Council has reviewed; and

Whereas, the Greater Lockport Development Corporation is requesting that the City review the Assessment Form and declare the project a Type 2 Impact (no to small impact); and

Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form and is confident that the project will have minimal or no impact if effectuated as described, and hereby permits the Mayor to sign the Part 3 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

101222.13

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 P.M. Alderman Beakman moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

SARAH K. LANZO
City Clerk