

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

August 9th, 2023
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 Beakman, Devine, Fogle, Swanson-Gellerson, Kantor, and Lupo.

INVOCATION – Moment of Silence

RECESS

Recess for public input.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Beakman, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 26th 2023 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

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. Reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Communications (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)

Notice of Complaint:

5/20/2023 Benjamin Briskey, 120 West Grant Street, tree complaint.

Referred to the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution.

Notice of Claim:

7/21/2023 John and K. Noel Kugler, 101 Vermont Avenue, curb damage.

7/27/2023 Sterling Pierce, seeking reimbursement for medical expenses.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Notice of Petition: (To review real property tax assessment pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law)

07/27/2023 LG Industries –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 STU Rent LLC, 403 East LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Henry J. Ciarfella Jr & Nancy L Ciarfella Irrevocable Trust –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Washington Hunt LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Sai Ram Hotel LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Lockport Professional Park Realty LLC aka Rock 1234 LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Cancer Clarity LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Pulsar Properties LLC; Tudor Heights Apartments LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Burkard Properties and Management LLC & David Burkard –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 46 Davison Court Associates –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Dietrick Brothers Inc, -vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 Second Niagara LLC –vs- City of Lockport

07/27/2023 BG271 Properties LLC Aka Higher Grounds Apartments –vs- City of Lockport

07/28/2023 Board of Assessment Review for the City of Lockport, The Assessor of the City of Lockport and the City of Lockport For Review of the Assessment of 196 Locust St.

07/28/2023 Niagara Industrial Properties, Inc –vs- The Assessor(s) for the City of Lockport

07/28/2023 104 Old Niagara Rd, LLC –vs- The Assessor for the City of Lockport, the Board of Assessment Review for the City of Lockport and the City of Lockport

Notice of Petition: (Small Claims Assessment Review)

08/02/2023 Joel M. Grundy, 58 Summit Street, Lockport, NY

Notice of Summons:

07/28/2023 Christine Converso –vs- City of Lockport

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

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By Alderman Beakman:

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>
Warren D. Hale	30	Police Detective
Teresa M. Rucci	5	Deputy City Treasurer

Seconded by Alderman Swanson-Gellerson and adopted. Ayes 6.

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Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the residents of Bridlewood Drive, to barricade said street at Transit Road and Bridlewood Drive on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 11 am – 6 pm for a block party,

And be it further

Resolved that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades, to the area prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Beakman and adopted. Ayes 6.

080923.4

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas Lockport Main Street, in conjunction with Bills Elvis (John Lange), Lock 34 Bar & Grill, and Gonzo's, are planning a Community Tailgate Fundraiser in Memory of the late Beau Miller **now therefore, be it**

Resolved that pursuant to their request, Lockport Main Street, Inc. is hereby granted permission to hold a tailgate fundraiser to benefit Kids Escaping Drugs on Main Street on Monday, September 11, 2023 from 4:00 pm until 7:30 pm, and said event to include the following:

- Main Street be closed to through traffic from Cottage Street to ~~Pine~~ Locust Street prior to the event for the duration of the event
- Street barricades for closure of Main Street at Cottage to Main Street at ~~Pine~~ Locust Street
- Temporary 'No Parking Zone" will be in effect on Main Street from 6 am to 7 pm on September 11, 2023
- Access to electricity, available at the light posts along Main Street.
- Permission to place portable sanitation units on Main Street for this event
- Permission for vendors, live music, activities, and raffles and games for all ages to set up on Main Street
- Permission to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages as part of the tailgate provided that necessary licenses are obtained from other governmental authorities
- Permission to waive the open-container law for the duration of the event, to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages

Resolved, that the Director of Highways Parks and Water Distribution is authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of refuse containers and barricades to the area prior to the said dates; and be it further

Resolved, that said permission is subject to LMS filing a certificate of insurance, covering all of said event, with the City clerk, naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

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

080923.5

By Alderman Beakman:

Whereas the City Charter places authority for the management of all real property owned by the City in the Common Council under Section C66-1 of said Charter; and

Whereas the property owners at 13 West Main Street have approached the City for permission to install electrical boxes, protected by cement bollards, at the northeast corner of their building, which will encroach upon city-owned land; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the City for the improvements to 13 West Main Street to be completed in a safe and secure manner; now therefore be it

Resolved that the City shall grant an easement to the property owners of 13 West Main Street, said easement to be prepared by and at the cost of the property owners, and subject to Corporation Counsel approval, for the limited purpose of installing electrical utility boxes and protecting same with cement bollards.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

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By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the Public Works Supervisor of Water Distribution has recommend to amend a newly vacant Water Maintenance Worker (budgeted as AFSCME 5-3) position into an HEO position (starting at AFSCME 8-1) to better fit the needs of the department; and

Whereas the difference between the two position grades and assumed starting step is a minor net savings; now therefore be it

Resolved that the FY 2023 Water Fund Personnel detail is amended as described.

Seconded by Alderman Swanson-Gellerson and adopted. Ayes 6.

080923.7

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to sell via auction to the highest bidder, a City-owned Triton pool lift; and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to advertise for same.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

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By Alderman Lupo:

Resolved that the Mayor and the Common Council do hereby extend condolences to the family of Francis “Effie” A Rath, a former City of Lockport 5th Ward Alderman, Council President and Alderman-at-Large from 1972 – 1985, who recently passed away.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:50 P.M. Alderman Beakman moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

Seconded by Alderman Swanson-Gellerson and adopted. Ayes 6.

SARAH K. LANZO
City Clerk