

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

April 24th, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Lombardi III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Craig, Devine, Fogle, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane

INVOCATION

RECESS

Recess for public input.

042424.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman Devine, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10th, 2024 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on a request for a Special Use Permit to harbor hens on the property at 54 Beattie Avenue, Lockport, NY.

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

4/8/2024 Jeff Tracy, Lockport Planning and Zoning Board – the board does not recommend the request.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

4/9/2024 Daniel Cavallari, 407 East Avenue has been appointed to Director of Finance in the Accounting department effective April 9th, 2024. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

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)

4/12/2024 Beth Ann Banks, on behalf of the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society, Inc., requesting permission to hang banner in promotion of event to be held 9/14 and 9/15 at the Niagara County Fairgrounds.

4/14/2024 Danielle and Matthew Warchoki and Dawn and Kyle Lambalzer on behalf of Lockport in Bloom, requesting permission to hold this years' event in July.

Notice of Complaint:

4/5/2024 Robert J. Shafer, Jr. against City of Lockport

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

Notice of Claim:

4/3/2024 Juan Quinones, 242 Hawley Street, Lockport NY.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

042424.2

By Alderman Craig:

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 April 24th 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.3

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that claims authorized for payment by the Director of Planning and Development, and subsequently paid from the Community Development Escrow Account, be and the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.4

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the existing contract with Municipal Solutions, Inc., dated May 8, 2022, is up for renewal for an additional 24 months with minimal contract changes (no alterations to fee schedules for Bond Anticipation Notes and Serial Bonds, and a hourly rate increase to \$160); now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Mayor Lombardi is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Municipal Solutions, Inc., for an additional 24-month period, subject to Corporation Counsel review.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.5

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the Lockport In Bloom committee is hereby granted permission to conduct their 21st annual Lockport In Bloom "City Garden Tour 2024" event the weekend of Friday July 12th 6:00pm-10:00pm, Saturday July 13th 10:00am-4:00pm and Sunday, July 14th, 10:00am-4:00pm, and be it further

Resolved that permission is also granted to place signs advertising the event in 3 city parks, Children's Memorial Park on Transit Rd, Locust Street Park and Ida Fritz Park.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.6

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Lockport Wildcats (WC) to use Exchange Club Field for their football season under the following terms:

1. The term shall be for their season between the months of April 1, 2024 through December 1, 2024.
2. The fee shall be \$200.00 for each game. Payment must be received by the Tuesday prior to each game. If payment is not received, Lockport WC will not be permitted to use the field for their following game.
3. The City shall provide locker rooms at the Lockport Rotary Community Pool. Use of the pool is strictly prohibited. The locker rooms must be kept in a clean and orderly condition after each use, and all debris removed and disposed of from the field and surroundings.
4. Lockport WC may set-up their own concessions at the field and may have a food truck for each event only.
5. Lockport WC must file a certificate of insurance naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.7

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society, Inc. is hereby granted permission to erect a banner at least 17' from the ground across East Avenue at Davison Road to promote the 2024 Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games held on September 14 and 15, 2024. Banner is to be erected from September 2 thru September 16, 2024 based on a schedule approved by the City Clerk, and be it further

Resolved that said permission is subject to the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society, Inc. filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured and subject to payment of \$50, and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make arrangements with city forces to erect the banner.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.8

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, VFW Post No. 2535 is hereby granted permission to conduct a Memorial Day Parade in the City of Lockport on Sunday, May 26, 2024 subject to approval of the parade route by the Police Chief. Said parade will form at noon at Veteran’s Park on East Avenue. At approximately 1:00 p.m. the parade units will proceed west on East Avenue/Main Street, over to Pine Street and terminate at the Canal Street where there will be an after party from 2 pm – 5 pm; and be it further

Resolved that the Director of Highways Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades and no parking signs to keep the right side of Main Street clear where dividers occur, and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue a parade permit for said event.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.9

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas it has been identified that additional funds are required for the Mayor's budget line to cover expenses and operational needs; and

Whereas maintaining sufficient funds in the Mayor's budget line is essential for the effective functioning of the office and fulfilling its responsibilities;

Therefore be it resolved, that the City Council authorizes the addition of \$2000 to the Mayor's budget line from the General Fund;

	<u>Expense</u>	
Decrease:		
A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$2000
Increase:		
A.1210.54005	Office of the Mayor - Supplies	\$2000

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.10 – Call for PH – Comprehensive Plan

By Alderman Mullane:

Whereas the City of Lockport Common Council wishes to discuss the implementation of the adoption of the January 17, 2024 draft of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, which is intended to serve as an update to the City’s current 1998 Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas the October 6, 2023, Draft Zoning Code and Map is intended to fully repeal and replace the City's existing Zoning Code (Chapter 190) of the City of Lockport Code and official zoning map; and

Whereas the Lockport Common Council is required to hold a public hearing to consider citizen comments regarding the Compressive Plan and Zoning Code, be it further

Resolved that a public hearing be held on May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York, before the City of Lockport Common Council, whereat all interested parties shall be heard regarding the **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code**, and be if further;

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

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.11

By Alderman Mullane:

Whereas the Lockport Common Council on April 25, 1979, adopted a resolution regarding the City's Fair Housing Plan, and

Whereas the City of Lockport is committed to prohibiting discrimination upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status and national origin in the sale, lease or rental, advertising and financing of housing; and

Whereas the Fair Housing Plan requires that the city appoint a Fair Housing Officer, **Now therefore be it resolved** that the city of Lockport shall designate Tammy Kam, Program Administrator for the Department of Community Development, as its Fair Housing Officer.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

042424.12

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:22 P.M. Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00 P.M. Wednesday May 8th, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

SARAH K. LANZO
City Clerk