

**CITY OF LOCKPORT**  
**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

September 11th, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

Common Council President Kathryn Fogle called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11**

**ROLL CALL**

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

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

**INVOCATION – Pastor Dent**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**091124.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Craig, seconded by Alderman Kerchberger, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28th 2024 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Appointments:**

Carol M. Edwards, 320 Church Street, Lockport, has been appointed as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Lockport as of 9/3/2024. Said appointment is provisional and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Services Rules and Regulations.

**FROM THE CITY CLERK**

The Clerk submitted bills for services and expenses, payrolls, 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)

8/29/2024 Steven Pawlak, Niagara Orleans District Order of the Eastern Star, requesting permission to use the city parking lot next to the Masonic building for a chicken barbeque fundraiser on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

9/5/2024 Emily Stoddard, City Clerk – Notification that the Lockport Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in honor of Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**Notice of Complaint:**

8/28/2024 Lauren Putnam, 127 Vine Street – tree.

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

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**091124.2**

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 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

**091124.3 Employee Anniversaries**

By Alderman Lupo:

**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>
Robert A. Haley	25	Assistant Fire Chief
Coulton N. LaRoach	5	Municipal Worker
Gregory W. Qualiana	5	Building Maintenance Mechanic

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

**091124.4 Eastern Star Barbecue**

By Alderman Mullane:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the Niagara Orleans District Order of the Eastern Star to conduct a Chicken BBQ fundraiser in the City parking lot next to the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and be it further

**Resolved** that permission is hereby granted to barricade the first row of parking spaces east of the Masonic Hall in the City owned lot for said event, 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 Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

**091124.5 Big Ditch Brewing dumpster and signage**

By Alderman Mullane:

**Whereas** Iskalo Development Corporation on behalf of Iskalo 1 East Avenue LLC, owner of the Historic Post Office, located at 1 East Avenue, has invested millions of dollars to renovate this historic property in the city of Lockport,

**And whereas** Big Ditch Brewing Company is set to open a tap room and microbrewery in the Historic Post Office, located at 1 East Avenue,

**And whereas** the City of Lockport Planning Board, at its meeting on September 9th, 2024, conditionally approved an application submitted by Iskalo Development Corp. on behalf of Iskalo 1 East Avenue LLC seeking to erect a dumpster enclosure and a sign within the municipal parking lot located at 35 Chestnut Street, now therefore be it

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, that Iskalo Development Corporation on behalf of Iskalo 1 East Avenue LLC, is hereby granted permission to install and maintain a dumpster enclosure in the southwest corner of the city owned parking lot located at 35 Chestnut Street (109.14-1-1.1); and erect a new sign over the arching stairway connecting the municipal parking lot located at 35 Chestnut Street to Bellah Alley and the property at 1 East Avenue under the following provisions:

-Filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, leaving the City free and clear of all liability in connection therewith,

-A fence must be installed and maintained to conceal the dumpster,

-Iskalo Development Corporation on behalf of Iskalo 1 East Avenue LLC will maintain all responsibility for unauthorized dumping in the area of the dumpster,

-Per 190-124 E. of the City of Lockport Zoning Code - Signs advertising or identifying a business which is no longer operating: Any sign accessory or incidental to a business shall be removed (or de-identified) within 30 days after the business ceases to operate.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**091124.6 SEQR Negative Declaration for the proposed Aaron Mossell Playground at 50 Elmwood**

By Alderman Lupo:

**Whereas** the City of Lockport (City) was awarded a grant in 2017 through NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Park Development Program to be used for the development of a space for recreation and a playground at 50 Elmwood (109.64-1-17); and

**Whereas** the City intends to name the playground to commemorate historic Lockport citizen Aaron Mossell; and

**Whereas** per Title 6 NYCRR Part 617, commonly known as State Environmental Quality Review Act, or "SEQRA," requires the City to determine the level of environmental review required for the proposed project; and

**Whereas** the City has completed Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the New York State Environmental Assessment Form (EAF);

**Now therefore, be it resolved** that the City does hereby determine that the Project is an Unlisted Action as defined under SEQRA, and that based upon review of the EAF it has been determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### **091124.7 Lockport Heritage Harbor Project**

By Alderman Lupo:

**Whereas** the Lockport Heritage Harbor Project has been identified as a project that would be transformative for the city of Lockport, providing boater access to the Downtown Lockport Business District and bringing a much needed market segment to the Central Business District; and

**Whereas** the Lockport Harbor Project was ranked as the number one project by members of the community and key stakeholders as part of the City of Lockport's Downtown Revitalization Initiative's public engagement process in 2019, which informed what projects would be recommended by the city for DRI funding in the DRI Strategic Investment Plan; and

**Whereas** the proposed site for the project is the site of the former West Genesee Street Terminal, which is owned by the NYS Canal Corporation, and is an ideal site for the Marina, given its proximity to the intersection of NY Routes 31 and 78, the Empire State Trail and Lockport's Central Business District; and

**Whereas** the city was notified that this project would be funded in part through the Reimagine the Canals Initiative Program through the New York State Power Authority (NYPA); and

**Whereas** the city has recently been informed that NYPA is pausing its planning for the Lockport Heritage Harbor Project;

**Now therefore let it be resolved**, that the Council of the City of Lockport hereby urges the New York Power Authority to resume the engineering and design phase for the Lockport Heritage Harbor Project.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**091124.8**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:28 PM Alderman Craig moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00 P.M., Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

Emily Stoddard  
City Clerk