

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

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

December 4, 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 – Mayor Lombardi**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**120424.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman Kirchberger, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Appointments:**

Simon M. Chavers, 196 Park Ave., Lockport, NY has been appointed Tree Trimmer for the Highway and Parks Department effective November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Said appointment is provisional and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Ashley C. Bretherton, 172 Erie Street, Lockport, NY has been appointed to Payroll and Benefits Coordinator of the Accounting Department for the City of Lockport. 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)

**Notice of Complaint:**

Lauren Putnam of 127 Vine Street – tree.

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

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**120424.2**

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 December 5th, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

*By Alderman Lupo:*

*Resolved that the reading of the foregoing resolution be and the same are hereby waived.*

*Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.*

**120424.3**

By Alderman Devine:

**Resolved** that the following local law be and the same is hereby adopted:

**City of Lockport  
Local Law No. 1 of the year 2024**

A local law to amend the City of Lockport “Schedule of Sewer Rents and Other Charges.”  
Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Lockport as follows:

**SEWER RATES**

The following sewer rental charges shall be effective on all residential, commercial, and industrial water consumption billed as follows:

after January 1, 2025

\$17.30 per month service charge for both domestic and industrial users plus a commodity charge of \$2.65 per 100 cu. ft. of water billed, plus a standard surcharge for industrial users for excess strength of sewage as stated in all existing Industrial sewer contracts.

INDUSTRIAL	\$17.91
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL	\$44.76 (billed quarterly)

The standard surcharge for all industrial users for excess strength of sewage as stated in all existing industrial service contracts be as follows:

Type	Fee
Discharging wastewater, per 100 cubic feet:	
Effective 01 January 2025.....	\$1.24
Discharging excess total suspended solids in excess of 350 mg per liter per one hundred pounds per day:	
Effective 1/1/2025.....	\$3.75
Discharging excess BOD in excess of 250 mg liter per, per one hundred pounds per day:	
Effective 1/1/2025.....	\$3.34
Discharging wastewater through the use of a waste hauler per one thousand gallons:	
Effective 1/1/2025.....	\$19.67
Annual waste hauler disposal permit authorizing the use of City of Lockport wastewater treatment plant to a specific waste hauler:	
Effective 1/1/2025... ..	\$415.93
Annual amount charged for an effective City of Lockport wastewater discharge permit issued to City of Lockport industries identified as POTW significant industrial users (SIU's):	
Effective 1/1/2025 .....	\$449.19
RV Waste Disposal, City Resident, per occurrence	
Effective 1/1/2025 .....	\$0.00
RV Waste Disposal, Non-City Resident, per occurrence	
Effective 1/1/2025.....	\$20.00
Effective 1/1/2025, laboratory analysis at City of Lockport wastewater treatment plant laboratory are as follows:	
<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rate</u>
pH.....	\$11.92
Settleable solids .....	\$11.92
Total suspended solids.....	\$35.83
Total solids .....	\$17.91
BOD 5.....	\$47.75
Dissolved oxygen .....	\$23.90
Fecal coliform .....	\$41.81

The following Meter Fee Schedule for all Residential and Commercial meters is as follows:

**CITY OF LOCKPORT METER FEE SCHEDULE**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

<b>COM/RES</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>MR</b>
	A 5/8"	\$44.76	
	B 3/4"	\$44.76	
	C 1"	\$44.76	
	D 1 1/2"	\$44.76	
	E 2"	\$44.76	
	F 3"	\$44.76	
	G 4"	\$44.76	
	H 6"	\$44.76	
<b>IND</b>		\$17.91	\$37.68
<b>RES</b>	<b>SW</b>	<u>2.74</u>	
<b>COM</b>	<b>SW</b>	<u>2.74</u>	

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

Alderman Kirchberger: yes

Alderman Craig: yes

Alderman Mullane: yes

Alderman Devine: yes

Alderman Fogle: yes

Alderman Lupo: yes

**120424.4**

By Alderman Mullane:

**Whereas** until 2024, cities, villages, and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas** after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

**Whereas** local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing longstanding funding challenges; and

**Whereas** the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such an increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**Whereas** the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas** increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing, and other municipal services; and

**Whereas** the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the City of Lockport calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the City of Lockport urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **120424.5**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas** Resolutions 081821.4 and 041223.8 previously authorized the purchase of a 12-ton truck from Kenworth and Viking under the Onondaga County pricing agreement #8996 for a total price of \$217,281, to be funded through Federal ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under account H212.5110.52420; and

**Whereas** after consultation with the City Insurance Representative, it was determined that additional necessary upgrades and expenses totaling \$6,528 were required to ensure the truck meets insurance compliance standards and reduces potential liability for the City; and

**Whereas** the City intends to cover the increased cost through a budget adjustment utilizing funds from account A.1900.54055;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the additional expenditure of \$6,528 for the purchase of the 12-ton truck, increasing the total cost of the purchase to \$223,809; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the FY 2024 General and Capital Fund budgets are amended as follows:

#### **Revenue:**

Increase

H212.5110.32801.A	Interfund from General	\$6528
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#### **Expenditures**

Increase

A.9901.5900H	Interfund Transfer	\$6528
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H212.5110.52420	Machinery & Equipment	\$6528
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Decrease

A.1900.54055	Professional Services	\$6528
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Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120424.6**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas** Resolution No. 053123.12 previously authorized the purchase of a 12-ton truck from Kenworth and Viking under the Onondaga County pricing agreement #8996 for a total price of \$217,281, with the purchase to be funded using CHIPS funds from account H082.5112.52450; and

**Whereas** after consultation with the City Insurance Representative, it was determined that additional necessary upgrades and expenses totaling \$6,528 were required to ensure the truck meets insurance compliance standards and reduces potential liability for the City; and

**Whereas** the City intends to use available CHIPS funds under account H082.5112.52450 to cover the increased costs associated with the truck purchase;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the additional expenditure of \$6,528 for the purchase of the 12-ton truck from Kenworth, to be funded through CHIPS funding allocated under account H082.5112.52450

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120424.7**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas** the City of Lockport Police Department maintains a DEA Asset Forfeiture bank account which has accumulated funds; and

**Whereas** the City of Lockport Police Chief has confirmed that these funds can be used appropriately for Police Department upgrades and equipment; and

**Whereas** the City must amend its 2024 budget to accurately reflect the use of these funds; and

**Whereas**, the Police Department has identified a need to purchase six (6) Body Armor Vests;

**Now therefore be it Resolved**, that the 2024 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

**Revenue:** A3120.34389 - Other Federal Public Safety: \$16,648.80

**Expense:** A3120.52070 - Public Safety Equipment: \$16,648.80

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

**120424.8**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:14pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00 PM, Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD  
City Clerk