

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

February 26th, 2025
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 Fogle, Craig, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane.

Absent: Mark Devine

INVOCATION – Pastor Steve O’Mara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Kirchberger the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 12th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

Willfrederick Volmy, 47 Hill Street, Lockport, has been appointed to Waste Water Treatment Plant Mechanic of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Department effective January 8th, 2025. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Kevin T. Teeter, 404 N Transit Street, Lockport has been appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator of the Highway and Parks Department effective January 6th, 2025. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Derrick J. Garlock, 7 Crosby Avenue, Lockport has been appointed to Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee of the Waste Water Treatment Plant effective February 11th, 2025. 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)

2/7/2025 Madeline Mulholland from Resurgence Brewing Company, requesting permission to hold a “Pints in the Park” event at Outwater Park.

2/18/2025 Dan Rawlings, Processor Chairman CFCN, requesting permission to again hold a Eucharist Procession on June 22nd, 2025.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

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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 February 27th , 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

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By Alderman Kirchberger:_____:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, Soccer Shots Buffalo is hereby granted permission to conduct a Spring, Summer and Fall Soccer Program on Saturdays at Altro Park beginning April 19th through October 25th, 2025 from 9:00am – 10:30am, subject to Soccer Shots Buffalo filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

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By Alderman Kirchberger:

Whereas the Common Council desires to host the Independence Day fireworks downtown for 2025 Independence Day celebrations,

Resolved that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a vendor to provide fireworks downtown on Friday July 4th, 2025,

Resolved that permission is hereby granted to use the City owned property located at 71 Gooding Street for said fireworks display subject to the approval of the Fire Chief, 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, traffic cones, and street closed signs to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

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By Alderman Lupo:

Resolved that the Youth Board is hereby granted permission to conduct an Independence Day Parade on Thursday, July 3rd, 2025, commencing at 6:00pm at Lockport High School, North on Locust Street to Ulrich City Centre, subject to the approval of the Parade route by the Police Chief.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

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By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, Lockport Main Street, Inc. (hereafter, 'LMS') is hereby granted permission to hold the following events on Canal Street, at the pocket park, and the adjoining parking lot, and Main Street including the upper parking lot near 51 Main Street, the extent to be determined by the city, for the following dates and times during the 2025 season:

- **Lockport Community Farmers Market (hereafter, LCFM):**
 - Saturdays, May 1st - November 1st from 6am to 4pm- Market hours are 9am to 2pm
- **Cycle the Erie Canal 2025 Lockport's Welcoming Reception:** Sunday, July 13th, 2025 between 7am and 2pm
- **Lockport Chalk Walk:** Saturday, July 19th, 2025 from 9am to 4pm OR (tentative rain date) Sunday, July 20th from 9am to 4pm on Canal St.
- **Lockport Food Fest:** Sunday, August 10th, 2025 from 11am to 4pm, on Main St.
- **Until the Wheels Fall Off:** Saturday, August 16th, 2025 from 12pm to 6pm at the Railyard Skate Park located in Outwater Park
- **Locktoberfest:** Saturday, September 27th, 2025 from 10am to 5pm on Canal St.
- **Downtown Trick or Treating:** October 24th, 2025 from 5pm – 7pm on Main St.

LMS requests the use of Canal Street, Packet Park, and the adjoining parking lot, the extent to be determined by the city, for the following dates and times:

Lockport Community Farmers Market (LCFM): Saturdays, May 1st - November 1st from 6am to 4pm- Market hours are 9am to 2pm

- LMS requests to have access to the electricity available at the light posts, in addition to the gazebo, and for the city to install the outdoor extension cords at each junction box **beginning May 1st, 2025 through November 1st, 2025 for use in all LMS and LCFM events.**
- Permission for vendors and restaurants to set up in the parking lot of Canal Street and access electricity from the light post
- 4 Street barricades for closures on Saturday
- LMS requests to have the LCFM authorized to place yard signs in the city rights-of-way for May through October, and A-frame directional signage at the intersections of Main and Pine, Main and Cottage, Ontario and Church, and Ontario and Pine, during the open hours of the market
- LMS requests the placement of two Lockport Community Farmers Market banners to be hung on the gazebo on Canal Street beginning May 17th through October 25th and two feather flag signs on Ontario Street during the open hours of the market
- LMS requests to be allowed to sell concessions such as bottles of water and merchandise during all LMS and LCFM events on Canal Street beginning May 1st through November 1st.

Cycle the Erie: Sunday, July 13th, 2025 between 7am and 2pm

- LMS requests permission to place portable sanitation units on Canal Street on Friday, July 11th for this event
- Permission to have access to the electricity available at the light posts, in addition to the gazebo, and for the city to install the outdoor extension cords at each junction box
- Permission to hang and display signage, yard signs, and feather flags on Canal St. and the gazebo beginning July 13th for this event
- Permission to set up an information tent and signage in Upson Park and near the Exchange Street bridge for this event

- Permission to set up vendors, food trucks, and local restaurants on Canal Street for this event

LKPT Chalk Walk: Saturday, July 19th, 2025 from 9am to 4pm OR (tentative rain date) Sunday, July 20th from 9am to 4pm on Canal St.

- Canal Street, the pocket park, and the adjoining parking lot, the extent to be determined by the city (see a provided map of the event) to host LKPT Chalk Walk on Saturday, July 19th, 2025 from 9am to 4pm alongside the Lockport Community Farmers Market
- LMS requests street barricades for closures of Canal Street, Packet Park, and the adjoining parking lot, the extent to be determined by the city, to prepare and set up for this event
- Permission to have access to the electricity available at the light posts, in addition to the gazebo, and for the city to install the outdoor extension cords at each junction box
- Permission for vendors, restaurants, and food trucks to set up in the parking lot of Canal Street and permission for these vendors to use the electricity
- Permission to hang and display signage and yard signs on Canal St. and the gazebo beginning Friday, July 11th for this event to be taken down on Monday, July 21st
- Requests permission to place portable sanitation units on Canal Street on Friday, July 18th for this event.
- Request permission to create a temporary chalk artwork on the sidewalks located in the pocket parking lot between Steamworks and the 57 Canal Street building for this event

LKPT Food Fest: Sunday, August 10th, 2025 from 11am to 4pm, on Main St. We

are requesting the following in order to properly deliver a successful event:

- Temporary no parking on Main St between Cottage St. and Pine St. and Pine St. and Locust St. beginning Saturday, August 9th at 6:00pm, concluding at 8:00pm Sunday, August 10th.
- Closure of the city parking lot next to 51 Main St. for preliminary setup including portable sanitation units and trash cans (see attached map) beginning 6am on Sunday, August 10th and remain closed until 8pm on Sunday, August 10th.
- Street closure on Main St between Cottage St. and Pine St. and Pine St. and Locust St beginning 6am on Sunday, August 10th through 8pm that same day.
- LMS requests to have access to the electricity available at the light posts located on Main Street between Cottage St. and Locust St. and in the parking lot of 51 Main Street and for the city to install the outdoor extension cords at each junction box to use during this event
- Placement of the City Stage on Sunday, August 10th by 8am.
- 20 Street barricades for closures to be delivered on Saturday, August 9th.
- Permission for vendors, restaurants, and food trucks to set up on the above-closed streets
- 12 Garbage barrels delivered to the Main St. parking lot on Saturday, August 9th for distribution throughout the event on Sunday.
- Permission to distribute promotional event yard signs on City right of ways (excluding the center medians on Main St.) beginning July 21st and to be taken down by Monday, August 11th.
- Promotional signage displayed on the gazebo located on Canal Street beginning Saturday, July 26th through Monday, August 11th.
- **Permission to lift the open-container law for the duration of this event to conduct the**

sale of alcoholic beverages from 2 enforced beer tents, and allow Lock 34 to open their outside bar for patrons to access during the duration of the event.

Until the Wheels Fall Off: Saturday, August 16th, 2025 from 12pm to 6pm

- LMS requests the use of the Railyard Skate Park on Saturday, August 16th, 2025 from 9am to 7pm to host the **Until the Wheels Fall Off** event.
- LMS requests the use of the **City Stage** for this event and requests it be delivered on Saturday, August 16th, 2025 by 9am.
- LMS requests the delivery of 5 garbage barrels to be delivered on Saturday, August 16th, 2025
- Permission for vendors, restaurants, and food trucks to set up in the Railyard Skate Park area of Outwater Park.
- LMS requests the use of 2 sets of city bleachers and 6 picnic tables to be delivered on Friday, August 15th, 2025. Please see map for placement.
- LMS requests the use of electrical outlets within the pool area to power the City Stage as well as other power needs.

Locktoberfest: Saturday, September 27th, 2025 from 10am to 5pm on Canal St.

- Canal Street, the pocket park, and the adjoining parking lot, the extent to be determined by the city (see a provided map of the event) to host Locktoberfest on Saturday, September 27th between 6am to 8pm.
- LMS requests street barricades for closures of Canal Street, the pocket park, and the adjoining parking lot, the extent to be determined by the city, to prepare and set up for Locktoberfest beginning Friday, September 26th and ending Saturday, 27th at 8pm.
- LMS Permission for vendors, restaurants, and food trucks to set up on Canal Street and parking lots and access electricity from the light post.
- LMS requisition permission to place portable sanitation units on Canal Street beginning Friday, September 26th for this event
- LMS requests the use of the city stage on Septmeber 27th from 6am to 7pm. **LMS requests the City Stage to be placed on Friday, September 26th**
- Permission to distribute promotional event yard signs on City right of ways (excluding the center medians on Main St.) beginning September 1st and to be taken down by Monday, September 28th.
- Promotional signage displayed on the gazebo located on Canal Street beginning Saturday, September 1st through Monday, September 28th
- **Permission to lift the open-container law for the duration of this event to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages from 2 enforced beer tents for this event.**

Downtown Trick or Treat: October 24th, 2025 from 5pm – 7pm on Main St.

- Permission to close Main Street be closed to through traffic from Transit to Locust (intersecting streets will remain open- see map) between 4pm and 7pm for setup, execution, and breakdown of the event on Friday, October 24th, 2025.
- Requests the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is permit delivery and pick-up of 28 City barricades and 8 trash receptacles on Thursday, October 23rd to Main Street
- LMS requests to have access to the electricity available at the light posts located on Main

Street and for the city to install the outdoor extension cords at each junction box to use during this event

- Permission to set up a Haunted House in City Hall and to begin to deliver equipment and to preset up beginning Thursday, October 24th, 2025.

LMS will adhere to any and all Executive Orders by the New York State Governor, and any and all Local Laws and Regulations, with regard to social distancing and COVID-19 regulations during the operation of these events.

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 events, with the City clerk, naming the City of Lockport as additional insured; and be it further

Resolved the Mayor has the authority to permit the use of the same space on other days, should an event be rescheduled or added to the calendar, provided LMS supplies the City with proper insurance coverage.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

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By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolve that pursuant to their request, Thunderwolves Baseball, LLC is hereby granted permission to use the baseball field at Outwater Park for their 2025 Youth Baseball Tournaments, subject to approval of the schedule by the Highways & Parks Department, for games to be played between May 30th and July 25th, 2025 contingent upon the Thunderwolves Baseball LLC paying the fees established by the City and filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

022625.8

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas the Common Council of the City of Lockport, at its regular meeting held on February 26, 2025, has introduced for consideration an updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, a copy of which shall remain available to the public online and on file with the City Clerk, and generally described as an update to the City's current 1998 Comprehensive Plan and a full repeal and replacement of the City's existing zoning code, and offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, now therefore be it

Resolved that this Common Council does hereby call for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., local time, in the Council Chambers of One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY 14094, to consider the adoption of the aforementioned introduced Draft Comprehensive Plan and Local Law No. 1 of 2025, and to hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof, either for or against the same; and be it further

Resolved and ordered that a public notice of such hearing shall be published once in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal, a newspaper regularly published and having general circulation in the City of Lockport, and posted as provided by law.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

022625.9

By Alderman Mullane:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the Central Niagara Catholic Family is hereby granted permission to conduct a Eucharistic Procession in the City of Lockport on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025, starting at 12:00pm, subject to approval of the parade route by the Police Chief and issuance of a parade permit by the City Clerk 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 the delivery of barricades to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:13 pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, March 12th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk