

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilman-at-large Woloszyn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmen Williams, Bamonto, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilman-at-large Woloszyn.

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Brautigam, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Public Works Director Bennice, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Building Inspector Zurawski, Director of Development Beard, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczeko, CDBG Administrator Gawronski, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Certification of Friday, January 01, 2016 and Tuesday, January 05, 2016 meetings was read by City Clerk Divine.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the minutes of Friday, January 01, 2016 and Tuesday, January 05, 2016 be dispensed with.

Motion by Councilman Williams to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Civiletto, 219 Willow Road, advised he would like to schedule a meeting with Council before the next Common Council Meeting to go over details of getting a historic survey in the City completed.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised he will personally contact Mr. Civiletto to set up a date and time to convene.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Rosas advised he recently attended the "State of the State" in Albany where he had a chance to meet Governor Cuomo as well as have a meeting with Deputy Director of State Operations for Administrations Matthew Millea. Mayor Rosas explained that Mr. Millea was well informed of the situation with NRG Repowering and will be sending a letter, on behalf of the City, thanking him for his support as well as providing more information on what the impact of not repowering will do to the City.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Request from Richard J. Clark on behalf of "Score This" requesting the use of roads and facilities to host a triathlon event on August 28, 2016 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City of Dunkirk called "Tri Dunkirk". Also requesting to hold a 5K road race and community pig roast BBQ on August 27, 2016.

Councilwoman Szukala advised City Engineer Woodbury and Public Works Director Bennice to touch base with this group in June or July to go over details of what services their department is expected to provide on the days of the event.

Police Chief Ortolano advised that these are great people to work with and they do schedule to meet at least two times before the event.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to appropriate departments as well as approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions.

Councilman Bamonto made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from Brian Madurski on behalf of the Northern Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association to use the boat launch at the Pier on Saturday, February 27th for a Polar Bear swim fundraiser.

Councilwoman Szukala advised Public Works Director Bennice to make sure the correct personnel is available to open up the Boardwalk for use as individuals will be needing to use the facilities before and after the event.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to appropriate departments as well as approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions.

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of claim from Jane Kaltenbach for damages to her vehicle allegedly caused by a pothole on Vineyard Drive.

Notice of claim from Susan Marsh, Public Administrator for and on behalf of the Estate of Bryan A. Willis, deceased.

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to refer to the Law Department. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Williams advised he had his first Public Works Meeting and asked Public Works Director Bennice for an update with the City Zero-Sort Recycling Program.

Public Works Director Bennice advised that the meeting he had with the County went well, a draft was developed that will be reviewed by City Attorney Brautigam and is hoping to move forward with an agreement for the program.

Councilman Bamonto advised he has visited the Recreation Center twice, was encouraged by the number of people that attend the floor hockey games and is excited to see the number of local youths involved.

Councilman Bamonto thanked Chief Edwards and his Department for flooding and plugging the 4th Street rink for skating.

Councilman Gonzalez advised that the participation of the youth and adults is important to the area, previously provided a brochure from another municipality to Mayor Rosas that covers an entire year of events and would like to see the City well advertised and do something similar as the area has a lot to offer.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Mayor Rosas for an update on the Seawall overage and to City Treasurer Woods for an update on property tax rebates issued through the State.

Mayor Rosas advised that he had a meeting earlier today with the contractor and is waiting for him to provide some documents.

City Treasurer Woods advised that any eligible property owners will receive a tax rebate check automatically from the State so there is nothing further that individuals have to do and that he will provide the media with information he found after tonight's meeting.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to City Attorney Brautigam for an update on the occupant who wants to terminate their lease early as well as the individuals who would like to replace the potential vacancy as well as another opening at the Boardwalk

City Attorney Brautigam advised he doesn't seen a problem with anything as long as he can make contact with the prospective tenants ahead of time.

Councilwoman Szukala advised that Council will be on WDOE Thursday, January 21st at 8:30 AM, the next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 3:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room and that she will be speaking with representatives from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation for possible funding options available for the recycling program.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn inquired to Mayor Rosas if there was a timeline with the Contractor involved with the Seawall project for resolution on the overage and advised that Thursday at 3:00 PM there will be a Finance Meeting in the Mayor's Conference Room that will cover informal training of the 3 new individuals with the computer system that is used for City financials.

Mayor Rosas advised that he would like to get this resolved as soon as possible and is hoping to get the required paperwork from the contractor end of day today or tomorrow.

Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczko advised that the deadline for the STAR program in the City of Dunkirk is May 1st, not March 1st and all homeowners under the age of 65 do not have to reapply as it was incorrectly advertised in a few local publications.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised that all municipalities have different deadline dates for the STAR Program and that individuals residing outside of City limits should call their local Assessor's Office with questions.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #18-2016
JANUARY 19, 2016

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

ACCEPTING HANGING FLOWER BASKET DONATION

WHEREAS, the *Beautification Committee of Revitalize Dunkirk* has generously initiated a Central Avenue Hanging Basket Project, has solicited donations and has purchased thirty-one (31) hanging flower baskets; and

WHEREAS, *Revitalize Dunkirk* wishes to donate such hanging baskets in order to help beautify Central Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of accepting such a donation in order to facilitate the beautification of Central Avenue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City hereby gratefully appreciates and accepts the donation from the *Beautification Committee of Revitalize Dunkirk* and ownership of thirty-one (31) hanging flower baskets (22" diameter, black welded steel) for use by the City.

Councilwoman Szukala invited Mary Rees of the Beautification of Revitalize Dunkirk forward to speak on this Resolution.

Mrs. Rees explained how the project came about and advised that after informal meetings with the previous administration it was decided that approximately \$2,000, which was last year's donated amount, should cover the maintenance of the hanging baskets this year.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn thanked the Rees Family for their support in making this project possible.

Councilman Williams thanked Mary and Steve Rees as well as the Beautification Committee for the tedious work required and advised it is appreciated.

Carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 5:52 PM

Lillian Divine, City Clerk
