

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 21, 2017**

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 Connolly, Public Works Director Bankoski, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Pinkoski, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczko, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Director of Development Yanus, Deputy Director of Development Hayes, Building Inspector Zurawski, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Certification of Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Common Council Meeting was read by City Clerk Ramos.

**RESOLVED:** That the reading of Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Common Council Meeting be dispensed with.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Steve Rees, Nicole Waite, Judy Hollander, Harriet "Skeeter" Tower, Richard Titus, Ruth Antosh, Roger Orcutt and Amanda Straight all spoke in favor of the Rose Floramo Rental Agreement, how they would like to see it implemented as Law and safety concerns associated with absentee/out of state landlords.

Mike Civileto, 138 Ruggles Street, CAC Chairman, provided digital copies of the Rose Floramo Agreement to Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Connolly and Council Members, provided details from Jamestown's similar law and expressed that something must be done to better the welfare of the renters.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:**

Mayor Rosas advised that "Chautauqua County has obtained \$50,000 through the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition in order to create a plan for the consolidation of services throughout Chautauqua County. In the Phase I application, the City of Dunkirk was included along with the Village of Fredonia to further look into the consolidation of the police departments. The \$50,000 plan will allow the county to further define what the total \$20 million will be used for and will develop guidance and numbers for projects such as the consolidation of the City and Village's police departments. Chautauqua County is now 1 in 6 applicants still in the running for the \$20 million dollar grant."

Mayor Rosas advised that "the Wright Park RFP was dispersed on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. All interested consultants must submit their application by February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to our

Planning and Development Department. Final consultants will be acknowledged by March 3<sup>rd</sup> and interviews will take place on the week of the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the beginning process of implementing the improvements at Wright Park. All construction will be taking place in phases so that the park can be utilized all summer long.”

Mayor Rosas advised that the City’s Police Department has obtained \$16,000 for tactical gear and training equipment and thanked the Chief and his staff for their hard work to obtain this.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:**

Thank you letter from Henry and Rachel Hube to the Dunkirk Police Department.

Received and filed.

Request from Buffalo United Front Inc. to use Memorial Park on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM for a Family Fun Day.

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.

Request from Scott Herdzik on behalf of the First Ward Falcons Club to use The Stadium, Koch’s & School 7 Field on May 06, 2017 for an Early Bird Fast Pitch Softball Tournament.

Councilwoman Szukala reminded that the City does not own the School 7 Field so permission for that location will have to come from the School District.

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 moved to approve. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from Dunkirk Fast-Pitch Team to use the Stadium, Kochs & School #7 Fields on July 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, waiver of the curfew for all three days, and permission for a food stand around the Stadium for that weekend.

Councilwoman Szukala reminded again that the City does not own the School 7 Field so permission for that location will have to come from the School District.

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 Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Lakeshore Street Rod Assoc. for live band and DJ on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Large Pavilion at Point Gratiot.

Loudspeaker application from Dunkirk Memorial Post 62 for Live Band on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at 211 Central Avenue.

Loudspeaker application from Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club, Inc. for live bands and speakers from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Loudspeaker application Bart's Cove for live bands and speakers from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Councilman Gonzalez moved to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Heidi Rizzo for alleged damages to her vehicle due to a pothole while driving on Willow Road on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Councilwoman Szukala made a motion to refer to the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Councilman Williams inquired to Public Works Director Bankoski about the status of filling potholes and advised that the next Public Works Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Water Filtration Plant.

Public Works Director Bankoski advised that crews were out today filling potholes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward and will be moving on to the next once complete.

Councilman Bamonto inquired to Building Inspector Zurawski for an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street fire property, advised that the Adult Rec. Basketball will be starting soon and thanked everyone in the gallery for speaking tonight.

Building Inspector Zurawski advised that the Third Street property is currently in litigation in Dunkirk City Court.

Councilman Gonzalez provided details of his Economic Development Committee Meeting that was held prior to tonight's Common Council Meeting where a presentation from HUD was given and advised that he would like to see a Power Point presentation put together in regards to the Rose Floramo Plan for the April Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Councilwoman Szukala explained that the Rose Floramo plan would not be an easy process to implement, thinks it should be reviewed from start to finish with everyone highlighting any questions or concerns and that her next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised that his next Finance Meeting is scheduled for 4:00 PM Thursday and that there is also an NRG Pilot meeting scheduled for 1:00 PM Friday.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn invited forward Mayor Rosas, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas.

Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas thanked everyone for coming to tonight's Common Council Meeting, invited Coach Donna Kubera of the Dunkirk High School Varsity & JV Girls Bowling Team forward and advised that, with the help of a donor, plaques were able to be purchased to commemorate their outstanding season.

Mayor Rosas advised that the Dunkirk High School Varsity and JV Girls Bowling Team were designated by New York State as Scholar Athletes meaning they have to maintain an average of 90 or above and congratulated them on that accomplishment as well as going undefeated at 40-0 this season.

Coach Kubera thanked everyone for supporting the Team as well as the girls and parents for a wonderful season.

Mayor Rosas and Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas presented plaques to each member of the Varsity and JV Girls Bowling Team as well as to Coach Kubera.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

**Adjourned at 6:20 PM**

**Edwin Ramos, City Clerk**

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