

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, December 18, 2012
6:30P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ANDRES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Andres
Alderman Needler, Donovan, Rizzo, Zadzilka**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Robert G. Ortt
Assistant City Attorney Robert Sondel**

Mayor Ortt presented awards to the winners of the 2012 City Wide Christmas Lighting Contest:

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| Clark Griswold Award | Jim & Kris Nachreiner, 74 Cramer Street |
| 1st Place Most Original | Bruce Ellman, 1353 Doebler Drive |
| 2nd Place Most Original | Matt & Krystle Smolinski, 1700 Leah Drive |
| Mayor's Award | James & Rhonda Lorenc, 1198 Bowen Drive West |
| Overall Holiday | Linda Brodie, 108 Oakwood Terrace |
| Decorated Lawn | Leroy, Kathy & Mike Hall, 126 10th Avenue |
| Decorated Business | Hodgepodge, 74 Webster Street |

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION DECEMBER 4, 2012

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the minutes of the regular session held December 4, 2012 be approved as circulated and filed
in the Office of the City Clerk.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

VII.1 Accountant

December 13, 2012

**Honorable Robert G. Ortt, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the City Charter, an Abstract Sheet, comprised of a Warrant of Claims, has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

12-18-2012

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common Council audit, dated December 18, 2012, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Needler

SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated December 18, 2012 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

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| 01 | General Fund | \$237,402.35 |
| 02 | Water Fund | 49,686.94 |
| 04 | Sewer Fund | 27,055.96 |
| 06 | Capital Project Fund | 15,339.47 |
| 07 | Trust & Agency Fund | 1,879.70 |
| 11 | General Fund Encumbered | 211.93 |
| | Final Total | <u>\$331,576.35</u> |

Ayes: Needler, Donovan, Rizzo, Zadzilka, Andres

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

VII.2 Accountant

December 3, 2012

Honorable Robert G. Ort, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that this office sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) on September 17, 2012, to six (6) qualified actuaries for the professional services related to actuarial consulting services for the City's postretirement health care plans as required of Statement 45 of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The RFP used the criteria of experience, staffing and cost to evaluate the proposals:

| <u>Firm</u> | <u>Total Cost</u> |
|--|---|
| Danziger & Markhoff, LLP | \$5,400.00 |
| Burke Group (formerly 1 st Niagara) | \$7,000.00 |
| The Bonadio Group, CPAs | emailed and declined to submit a proposal |
| Employee Benefit Solutions | Declined to respond to proposal |
| Milliman, Inc. | Declined to respond to proposal |
| Lockstone Advisors, LLC | Declined to respond to proposal |

Based on my evaluation of the criteria and cost, it is my recommendation that Danziger & Markhoff, LLP, continue to provide actuarial services to the City of North Tonawanda, in accordance with their proposals at their low bid of \$5,400.00.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ann Finkle, 896 Sun Valley Drive – Stated that it would be nice to have pictures of winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest on the website for all to see. Went on to state that the Common Council should change the meeting schedule from every Tuesday to twice a month on Wednesday so she can attend City, County and School Board meetings which is her constitutional right. This change should be made in the interest of efficiency. Wished everyone a Happy HanaKwanzamas.

Dianne Vantino, 1378 Payne Avenue – Stated that she would like to see a stop sign at the corner of Payne and Brundage.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Needler
That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.
CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 6:47P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk–Treasurer**