

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
6:47P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Rizzo
Alderman Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro

Absent: Alderwoman Braun

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Sonja Duza 123 Miller Street –Stated that she would like to have a referral number to go back on the agenda. She also stated that in regards to the resignation of William Paton it seems lately that all these people are resigning and she is getting a little suspicious. In regards to appointing Mr. Carney she has nothing against him, but it is a retread. Stated this old boy’s network has to stop. Stated in regards to the communication from the City Accountant, she is not a suspicious person, but when she reads that letter, bells go off and she questions it. She stated that the Police Chief submitted the letter of resignation of Jared D. Voelker and it doesn’t seem right that it was just a one day notice. She wanted to know what is triggering this, and stated “I am not attacking anyone, but one day notice doesn’t make sense.” Stated that she will be paying close attention to the 2015 NYS consolidated funding application, Oliver Street sessions have been a joke. Stated when you read the Western NY Regional Economic Development Plan “you are not with it”.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JUNE 2, 2015

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the minutes of the regular session held June 2, 2015 be approved as circulated and
filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED MAY 14, 2015

1) Legal Notice – Proposals for a Deferred Compensation – Accounting Office

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED MAY 23, 2015

1) Legal Notice – Bids for “Up fitting” equipment for 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe’s (PPV 2WD)
– Police Department

2) Legal Notice – Bids for “Up fitting” equipment for 2015 Chevrolet Impala’s (9C3
Unmarked Police Package) – Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of
Publications.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

William L. Paton

June 1, 2015

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Mayor Pappas,

It is with deep regret that I need to tender my immediate resignation to the Planning Board for personal reasons.

It has been my pleasure to serve at your discretion.

Sincerely,
William L. Paton

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby accepts the aforementioned resignation of William L. Paton from the City of North Tonawanda Planning Board effective June 17, 2015.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

I. Mayor

June 11, 2015

North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Planning Commission

Please be advised that I am appointing Michael Carney, 407 Bennett Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Planning Commission. Mr. Carney will be fulfilling the remainder of the term for William L. Paton which expires December 31, 2021. Mr. Paton is resigning from the board due to personal reasons.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Arthur Pappas
Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned appointment of Michael Carney, 407 Bennett Street to the Planning Commission effective June 17, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2021.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

Ayes: Zadzilka, Pecoraro, Rizzo (3)
 Nays: None (0)
 Abstained: Schwandt (1)
CARRIED

VII.2 Accountant

June 10, 2015

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
 And Common Council
 City Hall
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with general Municipal Law, as amended by Chapter 376 of the Laws of 1988, I have attached a copy of the City of North Tonawanda Single Audit with Independent Auditor’s Report, Communication with Those Charged with Governance, and Management Letter, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The City Clerk-Treasurer will publish a legal notice in the newspaper stating that these reports are available to the public.

The auditor’s opinion is that the General Purpose Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the City of North Tonawanda as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Copies of the audits will be mailed to the appropriate Federal and State Agencies.

If you have any questions on these documents, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,
 Mark W. Dotterweich
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby agrees with the City 2014 Audit from Amato,
 Fox And Company and hereby receives and files in the City Clerk’s office.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)
 Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

IX. Public Works

May 28, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
 City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Award of Bid for Concrete Sidewalk & Curbing Repairs

Dear Honorable Body:

On Monday, May 18, 2015, bids were received and publicly opened in the City Clerk’s Office for Concrete Sidewalk and Curbing Repairs. My Office has reviewed the bids submitted and tabulated them as follows:

<u>BIDDERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Roman Construction Development Corporation	\$111,605.00
CVF, Inc.	\$134,885.00

I recommend that the Council award the bid for Concrete Sidewalk and Curbing Repairs to Roman Construction Development Corporation of 7279 Lakeview Court, Pendleton, New York 14120 at their low bid of \$111,605.00, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Sincerely,
Bradley A. Rowles
Superintendent of Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
The Common Council hereby awards the bid for Concrete Sidewalk and Curbing Repairs to Roman Construction Development Corporation of 7279 Lakeview Court, Pendleton, New York 14120 at their low bid of \$111,605.00, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

IX.2 Public Works

June 10, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Proposal award for Solid Waste Disposal Service

Honorable Body:

The Department of Public Works sent out for written quotations for Solid Waste Disposal Service pursuant to City purchasing guidelines. On Tuesday, June 9, 2015, proposals were received back from two of the companies who put in an offer. We have reviewed the proposals and tabulated as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Non-Collusion</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
Modern Corporation	Yes	2015 @ 33.50 Ton 2016 @ 34.00 Ton 2017 @ 34.50 Ton
Waste Management	Yes	2015 @ 40.00 Ton 2016 @ 41.20 Ton 2017 @ 42.44 Ton

I recommend the Common Council award the Solid Waste Disposal Service to Modern Corporation who supplied the lowest cost and presented a qualified quotation. This is subject to the approval, of the City Attorney.

Very truly yours
Bradley A. Rowles
Superintendent Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby awards the bid for Solid Waste Disposal Service to Modern Corporation, 4746 Model City Road, P.O. Box 209, Model City, New York 14107-0209, at their low bid of \$33.50/ton (2015), \$34.00/ton (2016), \$34.50/ton (2017) subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

X.1 Police Chief

June 3, 2015

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City of North Tonawanda
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Sir:

On the 2nd of June 2015, Officer Jared D. Voelker informed me that he would be resigning from the North Tonawanda Police Department effective 3rd day of June 2015.

Respectfully yours,
William R. Hall
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the resignation of Police Office Jared D. Voelker from the North Tonawanda Police Department effective June 3, 2015.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

X.2 Police Chief

June 12, 2015

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Body,

Bids for equipping Police Vehicles marked and unmarked were received and publicly opened in the Office of the City Clerk on June 12, 2015 at 11:00am.

There was only one bid received from Empire Emergency Apparatus Inc.

Police Vehicle (Marked)	\$9,059.97
Police Vehicle (Unmarked)	\$1,954.47

After review I would request that you award the above bid to Empire Emergency Apparatus Inc., upon approval by the City Attorney. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Respectfully yours,
William R. Hall

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby awards the bid for Upfitting Equipment to Empire Emergency Apparatus Inc., 3995 Lockport road, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 at their bid amount of \$9,059.97 for the Police 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, and \$1,954.47 for the Police 2015 Chevrolet Impala, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

XIV. Recreation & Parks

June 4, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Arthur Pappas and Common Council Members
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

Please approve the permanent appointment of William H. Parkhill Jr. of 3171 Ridge Road, Ransomville, New York, to the position of Park Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Parkhill's provisional appointment was effective January 2, 2014 so I am requesting a probationary period be waived.

Mr. Parkhill's application has been approved by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission and he passed the Civil Service Exam offered for his position. Bill has been employed by the City of North Tonawanda since 2004 and possesses excellent motivation, character and management skills required by the position.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Brosius
Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby appoints William H. Parkhill, Jr. of 3171 Ridge Road, Ransomville, New York to the position of Park Maintenance Superintendent effective June 17, 2015.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk / Treasurer .2 Senior Citizen Center .3 Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
CARRIED

XXXII.

Community Development

June 3, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
North Tonawanda City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: 2015 New York State Consolidated Funding Applications

Dear Honorable Body:

As you may be aware, the fifth round of state-wide economic development funding through the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils have been announced. \$750 Million is available through a pool of over 20 state programs. In previous rounds, North Tonawanda submitted 16 applications and secured \$2 million. This year's application dead line is July 31st, 2015.

After meeting with the Mayor, the Community Development Department and Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) has determined three viable projects. These projects were selected based on a number of factors including project feasibility, project need, funding availability, and project readiness.

The first project application would be for \$200,000 from the New York Main Street program. This grant would target the Oliver Street business corridor and provide funds to commercial properties for eligible renovations. This grant will be submitted and administered by Lumber City Development Corporation but by regulation requires a municipal resolution approving the application submittal by LCDC.

The second project application would be for \$200,000 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Program. This grant would provide business assistance grants to small businesses with five or fewer employees, low to moderate income business owners, and create jobs for low to moderate income individuals. This will be a city wide initiative with a focus on supporting businesses in the Oliver Street and downtown areas. This grant will be submitted by the City with LCDC administering the project once awarded funding.

The third project would be an application for \$50,000 of funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Planning program. This program will aid the City of North Tonawanda in developing a community needs assessment and market analysis as part of the Oliver Street revitalization efforts. This grant will be submitted by the City with LCDC administering the project once awarded funding.

Sincerely,
 Michael Zimmerman
 Director of Community Development

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes Lumber City Development Corporation to submit grant applications in the amount of \$200,000 for the New York Main Street Program, \$200,000 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Program and \$50,000 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

North Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2015

City Clerk's Office
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Sir,

North Presbyterian Church would like to request permission to hold an outdoor worship service at the War Memorial at Brauer Park on August 23, 2015 at 11:00am.

Sincerely yours,
 Rose Mitchell
 Clerk of Session

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby grants permission to North Presbyterian Church to hold an outdoor worship service at the War Memorial at Brauer Park on August 23, 2015 at 11:00am.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

B.

Glory Be to Kids

May 20, 2015

Dear Members of the City Council,

The City of North Tonawanda has been very instrumental in our fund raising efforts since 1981. We would ask the Council and recreation Department to waive the usage fees for the following activities:

Pine Woods Park for the softball tournament draw on July 15th

Pine Woods Park for the 5K/Chowder challenge on October 3rd

With the continued support of the City of North Tonawanda, we hope to achieve a goal of \$35,000 for this year's charity, Comforting Hugs. They provide comfort bags for children that need long term hospital care. We appreciate your consideration to help us reach our goals.

Sincerely,
Debra Goldpenny
Board of Directors, Event Chair

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby waives the fees for the use of Pinewoods Park for the Glory Be To Kids Softball Tournament Draw on July 15, 2015, and the Glory Be to Kids 5K Chowder Challenge being held on October 3, 2015.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

C.
Niagara Frontier Boat Racing
Association (NFBRA)

June 2, 2015

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas & Members of the N.T. Common Council:

We are respectfully requesting permission to bring Thunder on the Niagara Hydroplane Races back to Gratwick Riverside Park in 2015. The dates we are requesting are August 14, 15 and 16, 2015.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,
Kim Hailey
NFBRA

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Niagara Frontier Boat Racing Association (NFBRA), to use Gratwick Riverside Park on August 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2015, for the Thunder on Niagara Hydroplane Races.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

D.
Gratwick Hose Company

June 2, 2015

Honorable Mayor and
Common Council:

Please add the names of Benjamin Z. Pritchard and John T. Nichols to the Fire Rolls.

Thank you.

David A. Rogge
Membership Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby requests the names of Benjamin Z. Pritchard and John T. Nichols be added to the North Tonawanda Fire Rolls.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

E.
Canal Fest

June 4, 2015

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
North Tonawanda City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas,

Canal Fest of the Tonawanda's Inc. is requesting permission from the City of North Tonawanda to hold the 33rd annual festival from Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, July 26, 2015. We are seeking permission to use certain city facilities and streets including manpower from certain city departments. Included with this letter are our requests for the year 2015. There are 2 change requests this year that bears special attention (additions or changes in RED). At your earliest convenience, please contact me for any clarification before issuance of the Mayor's Permit.

As discussed in previous meetings, payment to the city of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000), would follow no later than two (2) weeks after the closing of Canal Fest on July 26th. Insurance requirements are the same as previous years and will be provided upon authorization of this request. Letters to the city department heads requesting a common or separate coordination meeting can be scheduled by your office and at your convenience.

Canal Fest looks forward to another successful event for our membership and the Twin Cities. North Tonawanda has always contributed to this success and we hope to maintain our good working relationship for many years to come. Future dates are; July 17-24, 2016.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests.

Respectfully,
Lawrence M. Deneff, President
Canal Fest of the Tonawanda's Inc.
Cell #695-5100

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants Canal Fest of the Tonawanda's Inc. permission to hold their 33rd Annual Canal Festival from Sunday, July 19, 2015 through Sunday, July 26, 2015 and further, approves the following requests:

1. Canal Fest will be held July 19th through July 26th 2015
2. The use of Gateway Park on Sweeney St between Main Street and Webster St for the purpose of setting up tents by our members and for the use of entertainment. As in the past, the beer tent may go up as soon as Thursday, July 16th with all tents to be removed no later than the eve of Monday, July 27th (canal side) and noon (building side).
3. Barricades to be placed for closing of the Renaissance Bridge by 5:00pm on Friday, July 17th and at other locations as necessary. Water connections at the Pavilion and other locations across Sweeney will be required at this time also.

4. **Tim Frank 4 Mile Run.** Sweeney Street between Main Street and approx Mayor's Park for the use of the 4 Mile Run coordinated by The Boy's and Girl's Club of the Tonawanda's on Thursday, July 23rd with Sweeney closed off accordingly for a race start 7:00pm. Starting point will be on Sweeney do Main Street. The race committee has told us they have already been in touch with the Police Dept.(moved from Sunday back to Thursday).
5. **Parade.** Webster Street from Sweeney to Goundry St for the parade on Tuesday, July 21st with Webster Street being posted for vehicle removal by an agreed time before the parade. The city grandstand and viewing stand will also be required in front of the Riviera Theater.
6. **Car Cruise.** Webster Street from Sweeney to Goundry St, and Tremont from Webster to Main St at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22nd for the Twin Cities Car Cruise. "No parking after" signage to be placed accordingly to close the street after 4:00pm. The use of Gratwick Park as a pre-staging area.
7. **Diaper Derby.** Tremont Street between Webster and Main Streets for the use of the Diaper Derby on Thursday, July 23 with Tremont Street closed accordingly. Coordination of this event is handled by the DeGraff Hospital Volunteers and Phyllis Guenter. Rain location will be Salem Church in Tonawanda.
8. **ANTIQUÉ FIRE TRUCK MUSTER.** - Webster St between Sweeney and Tremont for the use of the parking antique fire apparatus on Sunday, July 19th from noon-6pm. "No Parking After" signage to be placed accordingly to close that part of the street after 4:00pm.(because of the size it takes longer to park these vehicles than it does cars) We will know by July 1 if this block will be needed. If not, I will inform the Mayor's office to cancel this request. The City of Tonawanda will also be used for the initial parking. (This is a change from Thursday to opening Sunday).
9. **Bike Night.** The Bike Cruise and Show on Webster St on Friday, July 24th, The stage will again be located on Webster (Riviera Theater area) with the direction of our site setup committee. The band is scheduled to begin approx at 7:00pm and continue no later than 10:30pm. Usage of Webster Street from Sweeney to Goundry St, Tremont from Webster to Main St(only one side) and Main St from Goundry to Tremont St to Sweeney St at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 24th for the Bike Cruise & Show. "No parking after" signage to be placed accordingly to close the street by 4:00pm.
10. **Craft Show.** Webster Street between Sweeney and Goundry for the use of our 2-day Craft Show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th.
11. **Craft Show.** Tremont Street between Webster and Main Streets for the use of our 2-day Craft Show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th
12. **Craft Show.** Main Street from Sweeney Street to Goundry Street for the use of our 2-day Craft Show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th.
13. The scheduling of manpower from the D,P,W., Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department and Police Department plus material and services that were supplied by these departments in previous years.
14. **Nightly closing of Webster Street between Tremont and Sweeney as requested in the past.**
Support from the Police Department with crowd control and also in keeping animals, bike riders, skate boarders, roller bladders, etc., out of the campus area for safety concerns. Support from the Fire Department in manning our First Aid tent during the 8 days. Support from the Water Department in the water hookup at the Fire Training Tower the amusements mobile living quarters to be coordinated by the Carrousel Society. Support from the Parks and Recreation Department in daily cleanup and to supply us with the following; trash cans, garbage bags, bleachers for the parade and a reviewing stand for the parade judges. We are also requesting extra garbage containers for the Friday night Bike Cruise and Saturday/Sunday Craft Show. Support from the Dive Rescue Team to provide manpower and equipment for all events that take place directly on the water.

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15. Dock space for two 36' boats at the west end of the Gateway Pavilion for Lawrence Denef and the family of Lois Wesolowski (corporate secretary).
16. Permission to place 6 restroom facilities between the sidewalk and curb along Webster St between Sweeney and Tremont. An alternate location will be utilized during the Craft Show. Also, the grease barrels typically located in the forbidden alley will probably be placed at the individual tents utilizing this service.
17. The use of the Renaissance Bridge for a low level fireworks display on Sunday evening, July 26th The fireworks display have been and will continue to be coordinated by the fire departments of both the City of North Tonawanda and City of Tonawanda in the lead role, the police departments of both cities, the fireworks display company, Canal Fest and other policing organizations that normally patrol this section of the Erie Canal, Baseline rules were established for the 2009 shoot and will continue to be the normal procedure with improvements and changes as required.
18. Anything else I may have missed as was provided in previous years.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

F

Marcus G. Morreale
Joshua Zimmerman

June 10, 2015

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

I am requesting at be appointed as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda.

Thank you.

Signed,
Marcus G. Morreale
Joshua Zimmerman

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby appoints as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda:

Marcus G. Morreale 101 Stenzil Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Joshua Zimmerman 971 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Their terms begin June 17, 2015 ending June 16, 2017.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

**G.
Downtown Merchants**

June 4, 2015

Mr. Shawn Nickerson
North Tonawanda City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mr. Nickerson,

We, the Downtown Merchants, are looking into holding a sidewalk sale during this year's Canal Fest Celebration. The date of the sidewalk sale would be Thursday, July 23rd in the late afternoon to early evening. This is a joint effort with the City of Tonawanda Downtown Merchants.

As the street is closed so many times during Canal Fest we felt it would be a good idea to hold a sale when the traffic is elevated in the area. Each participating merchant would have a table or two outside of their shop. Our main concern was any regulations that either prevented us from doing this type of event and the amount of sidewalk needed in case of emergency.

We have already spoken to Larry Deneff of Canal Fest and he sees no problem with the event. For the event to be published on their website and the brochure, we have a deadline of June 15.

Could you please advise us and perhaps share this with the Common Council? If we need permission or there are additional questions, I will be more than happy to speak at a meeting.

If this is successful, we are also thinking of doing another sidewalk sale during the Chocolate and Wine Festival at Gateway park on September 12th from noon to 6pm.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Have a nice day.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Todaro
Downtown Merchants Association

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the North Tonawanda Downtown Merchants Association, to hold a sidewalk sale on Thursday, July 23rd 2015 from late afternoon to early evening.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonya Duza 123 Miller Street –Stated that in regards to Mike Zimmerman's items, says we need to get together with Planning and have people participate. She stated that in one article "One Region Forward," it discusses strengths and weaknesses. She also stated that this city is politically driving decision making, poverty and social division's weaknesses. She said we have neighborhoods that people would die for. The City needs to do a better job, the City is flunking on how they are doing this. Stated that the City has a lack of thinking, the City needs Code Enforcement and design standards. Stated that instead of grants, the City needs to clean up the streets and, to notify the residents, listen to them and get them involved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel R. Quinn".

Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer