**THE HONORABLE BODY**
**Council Chambers**
**Municipal Building**
**North Tonawanda, New York 14120**
**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**
**6:33 P.M.**

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**REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCILWOMAN SCHWANDT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**ROLL CALL**

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| **Present:** | **Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro** |
| **Absent:** | **Alderman Rizzo** |
| **Also Present:** | **Mayor Arthur G. Pappas**<br>**City Attorney Katherine D. Alexander** |

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – Asked if the abstract of claims for the Common Council Audit include law suites. Said she would like to see the abstract of claim posted online before the Council Meetings so the residents can review it, if it cannot be posted online provide it in paper format before Council Meetings. Stated we the citizens, the tax payers are the ones who are paying them.**

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun**
**That the minutes of the regular session meeting held November 1, 2016 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.**
**CARRIED.**

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## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

**VII.1 Accountant**

**November 10, 2016**

**Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor**
**& Common Council**
**City Hall —216 Payne Avenue**
**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.**

**Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common**

Council audit, dated November 15, 2016, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated November 15, 2016 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

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| 01 | General Fund | $475,892.63 |
| 02 | Water Fund | 10,416.38 |
| 04 | Sewer Fund | 31,847.43 |
| 06 | Capital Project Fund | 339,620.86 |
| 07 | Trust & Agency Fund | 175.99 |
| 00 | Final Total | $857,953.29 |

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

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VII.2 Accountant

November 10, 2016

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
& Common Council
City Hall —216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following budget amendment of fiscal year 2016 revenues and appropriations, based on the requests of Department Heads:

| Control Number | Dollar Amount | Amend Revenue Account | Amend Appropriation Account |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | $1,580.00 | 1-1000.2725 Tribal VTL Monies | 1-1987.480 Distribution Tribal/VTL |

Explanation: To amend the 2016 Budget for the purpose of recording grant that was received by Fire Dept. for the purpose of buying monoxide meters. Net result to budget is zero.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following Budget Amendment of fiscal year 2016 revenue and appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

| Control Number | Dollar Amount | Amend Revenue Account | Amend Appropriation Account |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | $1,580.00 | 1-1000.2725 Tribal VTL Monies | 1-1987.480 Distribution Tribal/VTL |

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

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XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer .2 Senior Citizen Center .3 Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports
CARRIED.

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## COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Downtown Merchants Association

City Clerk / Treasurer Daniel R. Quinn
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

November 1, 2016

Mr. Quinn:

The Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda would like permission to hold our annual Winter Walk on Webster Street on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

The Winter Walk Committee has arranged, with Sweeney Hose of North Tonawanda, for vintage fire truck rides instead of the hay wagons we have used in the past. The route remains the same, on Main and Broad Streets in Tonawanda, and Webster Street in North Tonawanda.

Because we are using a fire truck instead of the hay wagons, we do not feel that we will need an Auxiliary Police car and driver to follow the truck. The fire truck will be running from 10 am to 4 pm on December 3rd.

We have also arranged for a Petting Zoo and to accommodate that event, we request the closing of Tremont Street from Webster to the exit of Gateway Apartments. This is the same area we've used each year. The Petting Zoo is scheduled for 11 am to 3 pm on December 3rd.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Heather Kalisiak
Winter Walk Committee Chair

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Downtown Merchants to hold their annual Winter Walk on Webster Street on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 10AM to 4PM; authorizing the street closure of Tremont Street from Webster Street to the exit of the Gateway Apartments Parking Lot, and directs the Department of Public Works to provide barricades to close said streets.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Erica Francis 38 Seventh Avenue – Said she would like to know the status of Terrace Parking issue. Said that she has received a ticket and has noticed driving around, people in the same situation as her not receiving tickets. Said that she will continue to come until this issue is resolved.

**Walt Yarrow 170 Christiana Street – Said we have many sections of the City Code that address Terrace Parking, what's the issue? Said many of these problems are self-created. Said he would like the Council to include the City Engineer in the discussions regarding Terrace Parking, this is an unsolvable problem.**

**Sue Wilke 329 Miller Street – Said she met with an environmental group to discuss the compressed gas pipe line that is going to travel through Niagara Wheatfield, under the Niagara River to Canada. Said the City needs to protest this, it is dangerous because it is going to boarder our City.**

**Robert Heidrich 13 Jackson Avenue – Said a few years ago a big old silver maple tree was taken down on his father's terrace. Said when it was taken down it had damaged the approach and concrete section in the driveway. Said that he wants it fixed and not just smoother over replaced.**

**Dave Fingerlow 32 Seventh Avenue – Said that over the years it has been implied that Terrace Parking became a problem because single family homes were changed to doubles and triples, that is wrong. Said that it is because a lot of businesses were changed into doubles and triples. Asked why wasn't this problem brought up when they were being changed? Why do some get overlooked while others don't? Said he doesn't care what it would cost, he wants to be able to park all year round on his terrace and if people damage the curbs make them pay for them.**

**Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – Said 25 years ago a local nursery said the Cities terraces are too small for big trees. Said the issue with terrace parking is an easy fix if you talk to City Planners, they can give suggestions. Said also code enforcement is another reason the City is having problems with terrace parking, if the rules were enforced there wouldn't be so many problems. Said she remembered when the City was built up and it had a rhyme and reason to it, no code enforcement causes the City to go down. Said the solution is to get more bodies to perform code enforcement. Said the cost you would incur to have more people working in code enforcement would pay for itself with the fines collected. Stated that there was no agenda for the Zoning online, and when she finally looked at an agenda a property near here house was wanting to put a 30' x 60' metal structure on his property. Said all she has to say is scale, scale, scale.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**Time of Adjournment: 7:20 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Daniel R. Quinn**
**City Clerk-Treasurer**