

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, July 17, 2018
5:04 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Zadzilka
Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
Assistant City Attorney Nick Robinson

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JULY 3, 2018

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held July 3, 2018 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 6/30/2018

1) Legal Notice – The 2018 Final Assessment Roll Has Been Completed – City Assessor

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 6/30/2018

1) Public Hearing – Submission of an Application to the NYS Office of Community
Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funding – Director of Community
Development

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

V. Supt. Wastewater/Water

June 26, 2018

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

07-17-2018

Re: Cooperative Bid for Water/Wastewater Chemicals

Dear Honorable Body:

The Cooperative Bid for Water & Wastewater Chemicals will be expiring on December 31, 2018. The City of Niagara Falls is the "Lead Agency" for this joint purchasing consortium and your approval is necessary for the City of North Tonawanda to participate again in 2019.

Please see the attached letter from the City of Niagara Falls regarding this issue. Our participation in the consortium ensures that we get the lowest price for our chemicals at the Water & Wastewater Treatment Plants.

I respectfully request that you add this to your next available Common Council meeting agenda for approval. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our participation in this Cooperative Bid.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
William Davignon
Superintendent Wastewater/Water

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to NFWB to act as Lead Agency on behalf of the City of North Tonawanda for the award of the Cooperative Bid for Water/Wastewater chemicals.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

July 11, 2018

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 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 July 17, 2018 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Regards,
Amanda Reimer
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated July 17, 2018 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$305,482.84
02	Water Fund	14,838.27
04	Sewer Fund	85,715.85
06	Capital Project Fund	309,007.35
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>591.79</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$715,636.10</u>

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

IX. Supt. Public Works

July 11, 2018

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

Re: Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Provisional
 Appointment of John Urban

Dear Mayor Pappas and Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I have provisionally appointed Mr. John Urban to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works effective July 13, 2018, at step two salary set forth in the OPEIU contract Section 6.11.

I have requested the Niagara County Civil Service to schedule an Examination for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works.

On Mr. Urbans behalf I would request the Council grant him a leave of absence from his previous position of Heavy Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, until such time as his return to the position or he receives another permanent appointment.

Very truly yours,
 Mark A. Zellner
 Superintendent of Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby accepts the provisional appointment of John Urban to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works effective July 13, 2018, at step two salary set forth in the OPEIU contract, and grants him a leave of absence from his position as Heavy Equipment Maintenance Supervisor until said appointment is permanent.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

XI. Fire Chief

July 11, 2018

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
 And Common Council
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: "SAM" Grant

On June 28, 2018, the City received notice that we have been awarded a State and Municipal Facilities Program grant for the purchase of a Fire investigation Vehicle for the fire Department. In accordance with the requirements of the grant, the City must commit \$50,000 to fund the project budget. In order to secure this grant, the Common Council must pass a resolution permitting the Accounting Department to Budget the necessary funds for 2019 and allow me to start the preliminary application.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

passed:

WHEREAS, the Lumber City Development Corporation desires to apply for \$315,000 in financial assistance through the 2018 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist the redevelopment of 211 Main Street, North Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community and downtown revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda approves and endorses the 2018 New York Main Street Program application for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Lumber City Development Corporation.

Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXXII.2 Community Development

July 11, 2018

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

**Re: Discussion to consider applying for grant funding to support a Sweeney Street/
 Erie Canal Bike Path Extension and Connection Project**

Dear Honorable Body:

The Community Development office and Engineering office have recently had discussions with multiple representatives from numerous State agencies as well as our neighboring municipalities to discuss the current status of the Niagara River and Erie Canal bike trail network and potential improvements to the trails. Through these discussions we have developed a potential project which we believe would benefit North Tonawanda residents as well as complement the larger regional trail network.

This project would include the extension of the existing path along Sweeney, which currently ends at Mayor's Park, further east to connect to the Botanical Gardens as well as a short but critical connection at the western end of Sweeney Street between Webster Street and the Riverwalk Trail along River Road.

The total current cost estimate for this project is \$1,600,000. Through upcoming grant applications to NYSDOT TAP program, NYS CFA program, and Niagara Greenway Commission, we believe the City could apply for up to \$1,440,000 in grant funding to support the project.

At this time we would like to request this Honorable Council to authorize the City to submit grant applications in the approximate amount of \$1,440,000 for the Sweeney Street/ Erie Canal Bike Path project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michael Zimmerman
 Director of Community Development

07-17-2018

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,
Michael Zimmerman
Director

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 5:00 PM on July 17, 2018 the following resolution was passed:

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, The City of North Tonawanda has identified a public infrastructure project consisting of storm-sewer separations on 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue, as well as water main replacement on 5th Avenue, 6th Avenue, and 7th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this project is located within U.S. Census Tract 230.01 and this Census Tract qualifies as low-to-moderate income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in substantial benefit to area residents by reducing localized flooding, reducing the strain on aging city infrastructure, and improving the local water pressure flow to homes and fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) administers Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for eligible communities and projects in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing on July 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM to obtain citizens' views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR and the Project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in the approximate amount of \$750,000 to the OCR to support the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute documents between the City and the OCR and all related documents associated with the OCR grant application, such documents to be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Gratwick Hose Co. Inc.

July 3, 2018

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

Dear Council Members:

07-17-2018

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 5:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer