

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilman Williams, Bamonto, Heenan, Civiletto, and Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn.

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Morrisroe, City Treasurer Woods, Board of Assessors Mleczko, City Clerk, Public Works Director Woodbury, Fiscal Affairs Officer Beach, Building Inspector Zurawski, HR Director Campola, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Westling, Director of Development Yanus, Festivals & Special Events Director Rosas, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Certification of the Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Common Council Meeting was read by City Clerk Ramos.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Common Council Meeting be Dispensed with.

Councilman Williams made a motion to dispense with the minutes. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Lajewski of 953 Dove Street advised the Common Council she has a request on tonight's agenda to use Point Gratiot for a fund raiser to bring awareness to the need of clean water sources and specifically for the Ugandan Water Project out of Rochester. The goal is to assist in purchasing a special tank that collects rain water and will sit along the side of a school building in Africa.

Sara Dorogi of the Chautauqua County Women's Action Group (CCWAG) invited the Mayor, Council, and City Staff to join the local "March for Our Lives" walk on March 24, 2018 scheduled to be at the Dunkirk Middle School at 1:30 PM and end at the Washington Park gazebo. The demonstration is one of over 827 events registered nationwide looking to find common ground and work on a solution to the school safety crisis and complicated issue of widespread gun violence.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Communication from Mayor Rosas appointing Adelino Gonzalez to the Dunkirk Zoning Board of Appeals.

Received and filed.

Mayor Rosas announced the Dunkirk Renovation & Ownership Program is scheduled to start next week. It is a \$16 million dollar project and a step toward moving the City into a positive

direction. The Mayor recognized the individuals and corporations whose efforts made the project possible. The construction includes properties in close proximity to Main Street on Route 60 to be completed in the next two years and will comprise of 49 apartments in 25 buildings. A formal ground breaking will take place in April of this year. Mayor Rosas advised that this is a project that has been in the works for two years and that he delivered the proposal himself to Albany two years ago.

Mayor Rosas proclaimed the Month of March 2018 to be “Spread the Word to End the Word”, and recognized Beth Ray, vocational instructor and self-advocacy coordinator from The Resource Center, and Mary Hayes, self-advocate, for their participation to end the hurt that many citizens with mental and physical disabilities feel every day from hurtful words.

Mayor Rosas recognized Dunkirk High School Senior, Emilee Hanlon, for the second year in a row for her athletic and academic achievements. Emily holds both the Indoor and Outdoor NYS High School High Jump titles as well as many more accomplishments in soccer and softball.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Request from Katie Constantino on behalf of Catholic Charities WIC to use Washington Park to host their 3rd Annual Healthy Baby Festival on Friday, August 3, 2018 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

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 Bamonto made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from Richard J. Clark on behalf of “Score This!!!” to use City roads and facilities to host their triathlon event on August 26, 2018 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City of Dunkirk called “Tri Dunkirk”.

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 Bamonto made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from Sara Dorogi on behalf of the Chautauqua County Women’s Action Group for temporary safe crossing assistance from the Dunkirk Police Department to cross Eagle Street, Central Avenue, and Washington Avenue at 1:30 PM during the “March for Their Lives” walk from the Dunkirk Middle School to Washington Park on March 24, 2018. Also requesting use of the Washington Park gazebo until 3:00 PM.

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 Christine Lajewski to use Point Gratiot as part of the route for “A Water Walk” fund raiser on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Councilman Civileto advised that hearing Ms. Lajewski is a retired school teacher and that this fund raiser has a connection to Rochester reminds him of a story that is part of mandatory middle school reading called “The Long Walk to Water”. The story is about one of the lost boys of Uganda who eventually is adopted by a family in Rochester and goes on to set up his own non-for-profit that digs wells in Uganda. Councilman Civileto advised maybe knowing the story will bring more people out to the walk.

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 Civileto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Jeralyn Kubasik for alleged damages to front passenger tire due to a pot hole on Bucknor Street.

Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to the Law Department.

Councilman Williams made a motion to refer to the Law Department. Seconded by Councilman Civileto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Sheila Nance for alleged damages to her car from a sewer cover/manhole cover at the corner of Second Street and Plover on February 22, 2018.

Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to the Law Department.

Councilman Civileto made a motion to refer to the Law Department. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from the Northern Chautauqua Club, Inc. to use live bands and speakers from May 20, 2018 through October 1, 2018.

Councilman Bamonto made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Demetri's On the Lake Restaurant to use live bands and speakers from May 28, 2018 through September 14, 2018.

Councilman Bamonto made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Sara Dorogi on behalf of the Chautauqua county Women's Action Group to use a loudspeaker and microphone at Washington Park on March 24, 2018 from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM.

Councilman Bamonto made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Williams advised tomorrow there would be a DPW meeting at 4:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room and on Thursday this week the councilmembers are scheduled to be on WDOE's View Point radio program at 8:45 AM.

Councilman Bamonto inquired of Public Work's Director Woodbury if the City was still picking up brush from the storm a couple weeks ago, asked for an update on Howard Avenue, and wish all a happy and safe Easter.

Public Work's Director Woodbury advised the crews were still picking up brush today, he and Supervisor Porpiglia will be cruising the City tomorrow to see what it's going to take to finish it up, and that it took a few days longer than anticipated. As for an update on Howard Street, Public Work's Director Woodbury advised there have been a couple setbacks and though the City would like to finish with speed, safety comes first over speed.

Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn advised to Public Work's Director that today he observed the Street Crew picking up brush in the Fourth Ward and wanted all to know they were doing a great job and commend them for doing a thorough job of picking up even the smallest of branches.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 38-2018 MARCH 20, 2018

BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS:

FORCE MAIN AND RAS PUMP REPLACEMENT CHANGE ORDER FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk (Dunkirk) has recognized it must address inadequacies at the City's wastewater treatment plant that urgently require repair and/or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) granted the City of Dunkirk's application for funding in the amounts of \$2,543,750 in grant funds and \$7,602,250 in zero-interest loan funds for these replacements and repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the low bid of \$2,295,000 from STC Construction, 63 Zoar Valley Road, PO Box 459, Springville, New York 14141 (STC Construction), was accepted by Common Council Resolution 86-2017; and

WHEREAS, this work is included as a part of the emergency repair approved by resolution #32-2018; and

WHEREAS, the force main and RAS pump require replacement to continue this work, a \$1,270,000 change order is recommended by DPW and the City's consulting engineers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a \$1,270,000 change order for replacement in general construction contract 17-1G with STC Construction, which will still keep this portion of the project under budget, and contingent upon the contractor first supplying all necessary approvals from EFC to meet their funding requirements for this work, subject to the New York State Comptroller and the New York State Development Corporation approval, payment for such work will come from City Fund #21.

Councilman Williams requested Public Work's Director Woodbury to explain why this resolution is needed.

Public Work's Director Woodbury advised there will be \$14 million total of improvements to the WWTP that are going to fix some things that age has taken away from us. "We want to make sure that plant is ready for expansion of existing industry and be very welcoming to new industry like Athenex. As we did the work, we found that the main pumps that have a total of 1000 horse power have a discharge line that needs to be replaced. We found that the storm pumps that total 2000 horse power, those pipes need to be replaced too. So essentially this is re-piping things that are 70 years old and they were latent conditions that we didn't discover until huge rain storm in January that caused us to see these problems. So this will take care of that."

Vote on Resolution:

Carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Williams moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Heenan.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 5:54PM

Edwin C. Ramos, City Clerk
