

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 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-at-Large Woloszyn, Councilmen, Bamonto, Heenan and Civiletto.

Excused: Councilman Williams. Board of Assessors Mleczko.

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Morrisroe, City Treasurer Woods, City Clerk, Public Works Director Woodbury, Fiscal Affairs Officer Beach, HR Director Campola, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Westling, Director of Development Yanus, Lieutenant Polowy and Chief Edwards.

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

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

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

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Reese of 433 Dove Street spoke to strongly urge all members of City Government who have a say in the 2019 budget decision to consider allocating funds to enable the hiring of up to 3 new employees for the Streets and or Parks Department this coming year. I understand that members of these departments are sometimes shared, serving where the need is greatest. I have been told and please correct me if my information is wrong that a few decades ago that there were 35 employees to do the work assigned to 10 Streets Department workers today. As has been pointed out to me that although the City has 2/3 fewer employees to keep our snow ways and our streets plowed, pot holes filled and our aging infrastructure repaired. The size of the territory for which they are responsible remains the same. Although I fully expect that funding these new positions would require raising taxes in the short run, I believe that ultimately the benefits resulting in approved services through a larger City work force would outweigh the cost. Like most Dunkirk residents I am anticipating an economic lift for our community when the more than 900 jobs expected when the Athenex plant and cold storage plant on Roberts Road are operational. Undoubtedly some of the higher skilled, highest paying jobs in both places will require hiring from outside our immediate area. If these well payed future employees buy houses in Dunkirk and live, shop and pay taxes here that will provide significant boost to our local economy. In addition to that the salaries of many jobs that may be filled by long time residents. It is crucial to realize that anyone hired from outside of Dunkirk for these new jobs has a choice on where to live. They can easily commute from Fredonia, Silver Creek, Westfield or even Hamburg. If we want these potential home buyers and property tax payers to choose Dunkirk, it is important that the City makes a good first impression on them with clean, attractive and well maintained Streets, Parks and Public spaces. It is often said that you need to spend money to make money. I believe that if an increase in taxes for current residence is needed to fund more

employees for the Department of Public Works to perform vital maintenance. This upfront expense ultimately will result in reduced taxes for all of us by increasing home ownership, property value and tax revenue in The City of Dunkirk.

Jeannette Delgado of 321 Robin Street inquired for an update on the tunnel situation that was discussed prior, I do realize that due to the current weather and temperature outside its impossible to start and finish it by the end of the year but I was looking at what the game plan is in April or May when there could be more accomplished. Also, I can't remember the date of the City Council meeting but the owner of A Cab Company had come in and stressed that he does not want Lift and Uber in the area due to unfairness to him. Since that time he has reduced his hours. His hours of operation now only run from 5:00am-9:00pm. I feel that the need for those services in this area have actually risen due to that. We having second shifters that get out of work at 11:00pm, they are now using buddy systems to get home in the weather. We need it when it comes to the Holiday Season when everyone likes to be festive at the local bars for them to be able to have a safe ride home. I feel now due to this its actually causing an issue where we need outside people to come in and to help our community and transport them.

DPW Director Woodbury stated that he and the Mayor looked at the current budget and were able to encumber some funds to do the work in that tunnel. Unfortunately the temperature is too low for the material to stick adequately so we will acquire the material for the tunnel and store it over the winter or if we get a break in the winter we will apply it at that time and I believe Councilman Heenan has also made a donation toward that account. We are waiting for the weather to be a little bit better so we can do the work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Rosas announced that Dunkirk Resident Mason Schrantz who is 8 years old has been selected to light the Tree of Hope at Roswell Park Hospital on December 14th. Nathan is a young man who was diagnosed with Leukemia last year and has been undergoing treatment at Roswell and is currently in remission. Congratulations to Mason. Also congratulated Director of Planning and Development Rebecca Yanus and all of her staff for doing a wonderful job. In 2018 we have incurred 8.5 million dollars for projects here in the City. These funds come from all levels of government local, county state and federal. Happy Thanksgiving and have a safe and wonderful holiday.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Request from William Haskas on behalf of The Adams Art Gallery asking to close Sixth Street between Central Avenue and Washington Avenue on December 8th from 10:00am-5:00pm for the purpose of hosting street hockey games.

Councilman Civiletti stated that since Chief Ortolano isn't here I wanted let everyone know that I did have a discussion with him and he said that it would be okay in his opinion to close a portion of that street. The Adams Art Gallery is actually just asking to close from the sign on Sixth Street that says no parking from here to corner which goes to Central to the end of the parking lot in the Library. The Chief said that what we could do is on Washington and Sixth we could put a local traffic only half barrier so that people could still get into the library's parking lot because on Saturday they are open now and he will notify the ambulance service who uses Sixth Street to ask them if they could use Fifth and Seventh during that time. He said he doesn't expect any problems. Adams Art Gallery has

the correct insurance and William Haskas who is leading this tournament has done this in other venues and is experienced in this type of event.

Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn stated a motion is needed to refer to the appropriate departments and approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions.

Councilman Civiletto made a motion. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Bamonto thanked Director of Development Yanus on the 8.5 million dollars in grants that was brought in by her department. Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see everyone at small business Saturday at the D & F Plaza and the tree lighting after that from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Councilman Civiletto wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and Congratulated Director of Development Yanus and her department on the 8.5 million dollars in grants.

Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn congratulated Director of Development Yanus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #107-2018

November 6, 2018

BY: COUNCILMAN HEENAN

AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE HOURS FOR CITY HALL EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk's departments and staff that work at City Hall typically work from 9AM to 5PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk has maintained alternative hours since the summer with no staffing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City should have the option of adopting alternative hours for city hall departments and staff, be it 8AM to 4PM, or 8:30AM to 4:30PM; and

WHEREAS, such changes in the work schedule are subject to Department Heads staffing and rotating shifts as needed for offices that need to remain open until 5:00 pm, and subject to review by union representatives for the respective bargaining units affected by any change in work schedule; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dunkirk Common Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and the City Hall departments and staff to have the option of alternative hours year-round.

Councilman Civiletto made a motion to TABLE. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Ayes: Acting Councilman-at-Large Williams, Councilmen Bamonto and Civiletto.

No: Councilman Heenan.

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Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn stated a motion was needed to take this off the TABLE.

Councilman Civiletto made a motion. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Ayes: Councilmen Bamonto and Civiletto.

No: Councilman Heenan and Councilman-at-Large Woloszyn.

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PREFILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #109-2018
November 20, 2018

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT EXTENSION
(POLICE SERVICES – TOWN OF DUNKIRK)**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk (City), by Resolution No. 118-2017 (December 19, 2017), and the Town of Dunkirk (Town), entered into a shared services agreement for certain police services, which was extended through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City and Town desire to extend the mutually-beneficial agreement for calendar year 2019; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary for a shared services agreement with the Town of Dunkirk, for police services, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, at a cost of One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Zero

Cents (\$1,785.00) per month for January, 2018 through December, 2018, with the City providing not less than twelve (12) hours per week of patrol in the Town.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #110-2018
November 20, 2018

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING SALE OF 4 PAPER STREET PARCELS TO 4 DUNKIRK RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk (City), by Resolution No. 41-2018 (April 3, 2018), created a local law allowing direct sale of city-owned real estate to interested buyers; and

WHEREAS, four city residents have asked to purchase parcels of paper streets adjacent to their homes, including:

- Richard & Patricia Sullivan, purchase of 33' x 110' portion of the unopened Talopoin Street, directly behind their home at 56 Otter Street.
- John & Valerie Mackowiak, purchase of 33' x 114' portion of the unopened Talopoin Street, directly behind their home at 46 Otter Street.
- Noel Ames II, purchase of an 18' x 100' unopened portion of Franklin Street adjacent to his home at 108 S. Warsaw Street.
- Carl Lis, purchase of a 33' x 92.5' unopened portion of Perry Street, adjacent to his home at 10 Finch Street.

WHEREAS, the City's various departments have reviewed the parcel purchase requests and have determined the parcels too small and to too restricted to be reserved for future development; and

WHEREAS, the City will retain an easement in said parcels for utility and infrastructure access and maintenance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to sell said parcels to the aforementioned Dunkirk residents at a price of \$50.00 each, along with the cost of Chautauqua County Clerk's Office filing fees to be borne by the purchasers.

Carried, all voting aye,

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Bamonto moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Heenan.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 5:46 PM

Edwin C. Ramos, City Clerk
