

A regular meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: John J. Buckley Mayor; Council members Ponticello, Brown, McKay, Argentieri, Warriner, Cleveland, Lehman, Bassage, Shinebarger and Carbone; City Attorney Joe Pelych, Stenographer Karen Schu and City Clerk Barbara Perrott.

ALSO PRESENT: Michele Smith, Eileen Lehman, Mike Palmesano, Randy Weaver, Jason Jordan from the Evening Tribune, Bill Dugan from WLEA.

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION: Pastor Alan Bliss, Free Methodist Church

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mike Palmesano

By: Brown/Ponticello

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meetings of March 19, 2018 and March 26, 2018 be approved as read.

Carried – 10

Absent – 0

Councilmember Bassage pointed out a correction to be made on page 1 of the March 19 minutes. It says Mayor Hogan and should say Mayor Buckley.

By: Argentieri/Warriner

RESOLVED that the Reports of Officers be and hereby are approved and placed on file.

REPORTS FILED:

City Clerk – 3/2018; Codes – 3/2018; Gen Fund Exp. – 3/2018; Codes Log – 3/2018; Water Fund Exp. – 3/2018; Police – 3/2018; Humane Society – 3/2018; SRO – 3/2018; EDLP Summary – 2/2018-3/2018; Fire – 3/2018; OCR Summary – 3/2018; Ambulance – 3/2018; BPS Minutes – March 8, 2018; Gen Fund/Water Fund Rev. – 3/2018

Carried – 10

Absent – 0

By: Brown/Lehman

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AUDIT COMMITTEE

April 13, 2018

To the Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor
And
Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Bills were audited and approved by Audit Committee Members Jeff Brown, Jim Bassage, Fred Lehman, Richard Argentieri and Audit Committee Chairman John Carbone.

Bills audited and approved:

Common Council	\$1,933,060.15
CD	\$ 10,946.50
Payrolls	<u>\$ 117,103.45</u>
TOTAL	\$2,061,110.10

Respectfully submitted,

John Carbone, Chairman
Audit Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 16, 2018

To the Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor
And
Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentleman:

The finance committee met in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall. Committee members present were John Carbone, Joseph McKay, Steven Shinebarger, Dan Warriner and chair Melissa Ponticello. Also in attendance were Mayor Buckley, City Chamberlain Michelle Smith, and Alderman Jeff Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

Items discussed and or acted upon:

1. A discussion on salary for City Attorney change from \$30,000 annually to \$40,000 and no longer taking the City's health insurance. The salary change for the City Assessor to \$44,000 annually plus a 15% contribution for health insurance. The salary for the Deputy Mayor of \$1500 annually. The Deputy Mayor will be paid quarterly to coincide with the Alderman payrolls. The other 2 salary changes should be effective 4/1/18.

2. A discussion around the City's budget and where our revenue and expenses are year to date and where we think we will end up.
3. A discussion on overtime and utilizing a record sheet for any overtime to try to keep the expenses in check.

At 6:37pm a motion by John Carbone, second by Joe McKay was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Ponticello
Chairman

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable John J. Buckley
Common Council
Ladies and Gentleman

A Quality of Life meeting was held in the second floor conference room at City Hall on April 10, 2018.

Members Present: Fred Lehman, Melissa Ponticello, Steve Shinebarger and Dan Warriner

Others Present: Chief Smith- Hornell Fire Dept., Bud Burdett, Codes and Jason Jordan, Evening Tribune

The meeting started at 6:01pm.

The committee received an update from departments regarding drug use. Chief Smith indicated the fire department feels drug use has declined with fewer ambulance calls for deaths and overdoses. Codes indicated they are experiencing the same, noting they have and continue to provide assistance with landlords regarding the eviction process, noting the benefit of the nuisance law.

Committee members discussed the strong message sent by the recent drug sting and commended the police department for its hard work.

Discussion from the Fire Department regarding the new hospital: Chief Smith commended the staff at St James and the committee discussed services provided by the hospital, including desire of increased services and bed capacity.

Bud Burdett reviewed zombie properties. They have decreased from 40 to 9. Bud said that Codes is also providing focus on preventing future foreclosures and getting the word out regarding assistance for those within the foreclosure process. Education assistance is provided at City Hall every Wednesday afternoon. Codes are also reviewing the city street-by- street for an accurate list, number and percentage of rentals in the City.

The committee discussed the recent storm on March 2 and the response. The departments and NYSEG were praised for their response to the community. The committee discussed future topics for discussion and potential guests.

With no further business, there was a motion by Dan Warriner, seconded by Melissa Ponticello to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Cleveland
Chairwoman

Carried – 10
Absent – 0

RESOLUTIONS:

By: Ponticello/Cleveland
HN 18-39 – Accept the IT Audit

WHEREAS the Office of the New York State Comptroller conducted an audit of the City of Hornell's Information Technology, and

WHEREAS the City of Hornell received said audit dated March 2018 and

WHEREAS said audit was presented to the Common Council on April 16, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said audit be accepted and received as filed by the Common Council for the City of Hornell.

Carried – 10
Absent – 0

By: Carbone/Brown
HN-18-40 – Authorize Mayor to submit TTA CDBG application

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Hornell, Steuben County, New York, is hereby authorized as the official representative of the City to execute and submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process for the proposed TTA Systems project, all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is hereby directed and authorized to act in connection with the submission of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Carried – 8
 Absent – 0
 Recused – 2 (Argentieri, Warriner)

By: Ponticello/Brown
HN-18-41 – NEPA – TTA Project

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the related authorities listed at 24 CFP Part 58, the Common Council of the City of Hornell announces its intent to conduct an environmental review of a project to provide economic development assistance to enable TTA Systems, LLC to expand and create new jobs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council designates John Buckley, Mayor as the Certifying Officer, responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the NYS CFA#78842.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby accepts the environmental review of the project prepared by LaBella Associates, DPC and determines that the project is Categorically Excluded under 24 CFR 58.25(a) and converts to exempt under 58.34(a)(12) because the project activities do not require any mitigation for compliance with and listed statutes or authorities, nor do they require any formal permit or license.

Carried – 8
 Absent – 0
 Recused – 2 (Argentieri, Warriner)

By: Lehman/Carbone
HN-18-42 – SEQR – TTA Project

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell is considering the provision of economic development assistance to enable TTA Systems LLC to expand and create new jobs, to be undertaken as part of the CFA application #78842 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding that will be submitted to the NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR) for approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations, the Common Council has determined that the proposed action is a Type II action, as defined by OCR. The project qualifies as a Type II action as it involves the renovation of an existing industrial building (without exceeding the Type I thresholds), the acquisition of equipment and the use of working capital for training and related expenses.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Common Council will take no further action with regard to SEQR for this project as Type II actions are not subject to review under SEQR.

Carried – 8
 Absent – 0
 Recused – 2 (Argentieri, Warriner)

Resolutions HN 18-43 and HN 18-44 were pulled from the agenda on the advice of Attorney Pelych. He will review the charter and provide his opinion to the Common Council.

Claims:

By: Argentieri/Cleveland

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$2,061,110.10, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

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Carried – 10
 Absent – 0

New & Unfinished Business:

Mayor Buckley said that the Main St. repaving project will begin on Monday, April 23. They will begin at the East Main St. Bridge and work along to Rt. 36. It will be done in sections so that at no time will it be completely closed. The projected completion date is July 15, 2018.

County Legislator Weaver said that there is money in the Governor's budget to hire counselors at the jail to provide rehab to inmates instead of just letting them dry out and be released back out into the public.

By: Ponticello/Bassage

RESOLVED, that the council adjourn into Executive Session at 7:31 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Carried – 10
 Absent – 0

By: Carbone/Brown

RESOLVED, that the council return to regular session at 8:16 pm. The discussion held was solely to discuss a personnel issue and no action was taken.

Carried – 10

Absent – 0

By: Argentieri/Cleveland

RESOLVED, that there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Carried – 10

Absent – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Perrott
City Clerk