

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council

Present: Council President Koch

Present Councilmembers: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Koch

Prayer led by Fire Chaplain Rick Oates

**Presentation of Check from Glory Be to Kids to City Recreation Department by  
Amanda Lofft**

Amanda Lofft- My name is Mandy Lofft as many of you know, but I am wearing a different hat today. I am here on behalf of Glory Be to Kids. We are a local children's charity that has been around since 1981. We started actually because we were a group of ladies that played softball together and we actually lost a teammate to a tragic car accident. That first year we did a softball tournament in memory of Gloria Doody. We did a scholarship for her son that first year for a \$1,000. The community embraced us so much that first year that they asked us to do the tournament the following year. Now, it is 37 years later and we still continue to raise funds every year. What we do is we choose a different children's charity every year to donate the funds to. This year, actually 2017, our beneficiary was the Matthew Foster Foundation. It was our greatest year yet. We donated \$36,000 to the Matthew Foster Foundation. About ten years ago, my aunt who was actually one of the co-founders of Glory Be to Kids, we lost her about ten years ago. At that time we had decided that we were going to take our first \$1,000 and in memory of Gloria Doody and my Aunt Felicia Roggow. That first \$1,000 we would split between Tonawanda and North Tonawanda; each would get \$500 towards their recreation programs. The City of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda have been really gracious to us over the years; we have used their softball diamonds for over 35 years. At this point we now do two different softball tournaments, we do a bowling tournament, we do a 5K Run, we do disc golf, we do a golf tournament, we do pretty much everything. We are very honored to be here today and just want to present a check to the City of Tonawanda for \$500.00.

Council President Koch- Thank-you Mandy. I would like to turn it over to the Mayor for the State of the City.

Mayor Rick Davis- Thank-you Madam President. I present the State of the City as per the Council's Agenda. Thank-you Madam President.

Council President Koch- Thank- you Mayor.

## **State of the City 2018**

It is my honor to present my fifth State of the City speech. I am happy to report that the State of the City is good. As I have stated numerous times in the past the basic principal of my administration is two-fold: to continue to provide the excellent city-services our residents demand, while at the same time guaranteeing the fiscal stability of our government a difficult task given state and other mandated costs. However, through the excellent work of our department heads, my staff, and our City Treasurer, we are meeting my two-pronged goal.

### **GENERAL FUND**

The City of Tonawanda General Fund began fiscal year 2017 with an undesignated fund balance of approximately \$1.8 million. There was no appropriation of fund balance in the 2017 Budget to reduce the property tax levy, \$200,000 was reserved for future tax stabilization, and \$466,300 was reserved for self-insured worker compensation and liability insurance claims. The

undesignated fund balance represented approximately 8.4% of annual General Fund expenditures. From a general municipal accounting standpoint, the preservation of a 5-10% fund balance is the recommended minimum standard. (This is particularly true in the case of the City because it does not begin to fund current year operating expenditures until property tax bills are mailed in April.)

The \$200,000 reserve for tax stabilization was included as part of a total appropriation of \$300,000 into the 2018 General Fund operating budget and is now eliminated.

The City's total outstanding indebtedness at the end of fiscal year 2017 is \$21.04 million. Sewer Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes of \$140,000 and General Fund Public Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes of \$5.7 million will be permanently financed in 2018.

An initial, pre-audited review of 2017 General Fund budget expenditures indicates that the City will exceed its budgeted projection of \$21.17 million. Our auditors still must perform a comprehensive review of all expenditures for 2017, including a thorough analysis of health, liability and workmen's compensation insurance reserves to ensure that they are adequately funded.

General Fund Revenues, including property taxes, should approach \$20.8 million for fiscal year 2017. The City's share of Sales Tax Revenues will approximate \$4.8 million. The City also received \$2.6 million in State Aid.

An analysis of City expenditures requires more detailed narrative in the following areas:

## **1. Health Insurance**

The cost of this benefit to the City has increased from \$2.95 million in fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$4.66 million in fiscal year 2017. This represents an average annual increase of approximately six percent over the past ten years. The City continues with initiatives to transfer its Medicare eligible retiree population onto less expensive Medicare managed plans that do not compromise the level of benefits provided. 2017 was a difficult claim year for the City's self-funded health insurance model, and this will have a negative impact on the City's fund balance at the end of 2017. The most recent collective bargaining agreements do not change the level of health insurance benefits it is contractually obligated to provide. There are many pieces to the City's insurable population, including active employees, pre-Medicare retirees, and Medicare eligible retirees. Each segment of this population poses its own unique set of circumstances and funding mechanisms. The City is responsible for approximately 278 employees and retirees. Approximately 126 policies are paid for on behalf of retirees and or their spouses which are generally insured, and approximately 152 are for current employees and families (113) and pre 65 year old retirees and their families (39) which are generally self-insured. It is a scenario where the City insures more retired employees than active employees. As per the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 45, the City is now required to measure and disclose the actuarial valuation of post-retirement health care benefits. The Post Employment Benefit Liability of City paid Health insurance is currently valued in excess of \$52 million. The significance of this expenditure on City finances cannot be understated. It is a model that is unsustainable.

## **2. NYS Retirement Contribution**

All levels of municipal government are obligated to pay the New York State Retirement System a percentage of gross salary annually for its employees as a means of funding their future pensions. In 2017 the City's total retirement bill was \$1,642,124, up from \$1,611,361 in 2016. A 3% increase to \$1,687,000 is anticipated for 2018.

### **3. Liability/Workmen's Compensation Insurance**

The City's liability insurance program has been relatively successful and adequately funded. The reserve for liability insurance claims at the end of 2017 is approximately \$100,000.

In the area of Workmen's Compensation, the City has participated in an insured/high deductible program administered by Public Employers Risk Management Association (PERMA) since 2007. PERMA's Workmen's Compensation experience is exclusively with local governments. We believe that the influence of PERMA has had a positive impact on the City's worker compensation program. At the end of fiscal year 2017 it is estimated that the City will have accrued and fully reserved workmen's compensation liabilities in excess of \$600,000.

### **4. Payroll/Personnel**

The total amount of wages paid in 2017 for 211 employees was approximately \$9.7 million. The total cost of salaries and benefits citywide is approximately \$17.5 million or 78% of total City expenditures (\$23 million). While our employees are our greatest resource, the control of salaries and benefits is vital to controlling the growth of property taxes. Contracts with all collective bargaining groups have been negotiated through December 31st, 2023.

### **WATER FUND**

The Water Fund began fiscal year 2017 with a fund balance of approximately \$38,000. The City continues to receive revenues from the Erie County Water Authority via the surcharge of 49 cents per thousand gallons to help pay off outstanding debt service incurred by the City prior to the ECWA takeover. This surcharge generates approximately \$200,000 annually. The 2018 General Fund Operating Budget includes an inter fund transfer from the Water Fund to the General Fund of \$125,000.

### **SEWER FUND**

The Sewer Fund began 2017 with a positive fund balance of approximately \$409,000. The City continues progress through the mandated \$30 million Sanitary Sewer remediation capital improvement required as part of the New York State consent order. This particular debt issue will be financed through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) at 0% interest. The City's annual cost to the Town of Tonawanda for sewage treatment is approximately \$950,000, or 45% of the annual Sewer Fund Operating Budget. Improvements need to address unnecessary infiltration of ground water into the sanitary sewer system, which increases the City's treatment bill to the Town. The 2018 General Fund Operating Budget includes an inter fund transfer from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund of \$395,000.

### **BOND RATING**

The City's most recent bond rating from Standard & Poor's was maintained as **A+** stable+. In general this means the City's finances are stable. Across New York State, compared to other small cities, the City of Tonawanda's bond rating is satisfactory.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT LIMIT**

The City's State computed Constitutional Debt Limit is estimated to be \$43.9 million. The City's outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$21.04 million is reasonably well below its Debt Limit.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT**

The City's State Computed Constitutional Tax Limit for 2018 is preliminarily calculated to be approximately \$12.96 million. Similar to our debt limit, this is a State Constitutional limit that caps the total amount of a city's tax levy by a percentage of the total assessed valuation. With a 2018 tax levy of \$11.9 million, less exclusionary debt service costs of \$1.95 million, we have calculated that the City is currently about \$3 million (23%) below its State computed constitutional limit.

## **BEYOND THE NUMBERS**

We've updated our Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) and are within a month of completing the update of our Comprehensive Plan. I look forward to implementing the important and exciting changes and projects presented in those documents in the years to come. We have already secured \$600,000 for two of the projects. The City has also been the driving force behind the Main Street Program. Its many accomplishments has included the huge success of the City's December 1st Winter Walk. It's a Wonderful Life. Now, that Program has evolved into the City of Tonawanda Local Development Corporation (CTLDC), giving our central business the strong and district advocate it rightfully deserves. I look forward to working with the Corporation to further improve our downtown for our residents' enjoyment and potential investors. This year we will also focus on our neighborhoods. Our Housing Task Force is working hard. We fully expect its findings and recommendations to lead to gains for our residents. For example, we will be able to be more aggressive with Zombie Homes. We will establish a Foreclosure and Landlord Registry to assist to go after financial institutions and absentee landlords whose practices can lead to lowering the quality of life in our neighborhoods. In 2017, we opened the two-acre Intermodal Hub on Young Street downtown. In addition to its attraction to boaters and bikers and residents, we have had quite a few events there including our first ever New Year's Eve ball drop and the big expansion of our Food Truck Thursdays. I'm excited to build off of that with the possibility of adding a couple mixed use buildings in our downtown, a Farmer's/Artisan market starting in May and running through October, and some outdoor concerts. We've added properties to the tax rolls with 618 Delaware and the Little League Property. I look forward to working with Ellicott Development and David Homes to finish those 2 projects. We've partnered with North Tonawanda in submitting a grant to help Re-imagine the Canal. This grant would include wifi downtown, public art, an interactive historical virtual reality app to experience what our downtown looked like 100 years ago, bike rentals, and so much more. Speaking of public art I'm excited to move forward on The Canal Remembered sculpture. It will be located in Niawanda Park and will pay homage to the park was uses 100 years ago and today. We were successful in receiving a grant to look at the possibility of reconfiguring the Niagara St corridor from City Hall to our Central Business District. By the end of March we should hear back on our \$1 million dock expansion program along our waterfront. Currently, the streets that will be repaved in the Spring/Summer will be a portion of Delaware Ave, Sharon Dr, and Belhurst Rd. Additional streets may need to be added once winter is over. We've also received notification of grant monies to help build a Marine Command and Control Center, The installation of an LED information sign outside of City Hall, upgrades to our Historical Society, and possible upgrades to the Millstream Educational Gardens are also in the works for 2018. Finally, after 3 years, we should see upgrades to Ives Pond Park.

## **IN CLOSING**

We have made great strides over the past four years. The stage is now set for even greater accomplishments. We need to continue to grow our tax base while at the same time find innovative and aggressive ways to change how we do business. If we do not do these things, then some tough decisions will have to be made in the future regarding the levels of services we provide. I thank our City Department Heads and all our city workers that take great pride day in and day out in their jobs and are true ambassadors for the city. I look forward to continuing to work with the Council on making our wonderful city an even better place to live. Thank you and God Bless.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Letter from Paul K. D'Orlando of Erie County Department of Environment and Planning advising that City's submission for Sewer Lining Funding was not recommended for funding to Community Development Block Grant Consortium for 2018

Communication from Assemblyman Robin Schimminger regarding the City's request for Capital Funding for a Digital Outdoor Display at City Hall, Construction of Marine and Dive Operations Center for Police and acquisition of solar powered accessory charging benches with Preliminary Application to Joseph Hogenkamp

Copy of letter to Assemblyman Robin Schimminger from NYS Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie regarding the City of Tonawanda application for the \$125,000 from the State and Municipal Facilities Program.

Letter to Andrew J Grimaldi appointing him as Chairperson of the City's Plumbing Board effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Letter to Mark Fremont Appointing him the City's Plumbing Board effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

Letter to City Attorney S. Michael Rua appointing him to the Community Development Agency as the Attorney Liaison effective January 1, 2018.

Letter to Charles M. Gilbert appointing him to the Community Development Agency effective January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2021

Communication from the Mayor regarding negotiations with Spectrum Communications

Communication to Mayor Davis with a proposal for a 5 year Agreement with the Tonawanda Housing Authority from Dale Kokanovich, Executive Secretary of the Authority

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes of the Tonawanda Plumbing Board for January 2017 through December 2017.  
Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board for January 2017 through December 2017  
January Minutes of the Tonawanda Traffic and Safety Advisory Board.  
January 2018 monthly report of the City Clerk  
2017 Activity Report of the Tonawanda Fire Department

Letter to Council President Jenna Koch from Dennis Angelo, President Tonawanda UFA Local 859 requesting a meeting with the Common Council

Memorandum from City Engineer Jason LaMonaco, P.E to Asbestos Abatement Contractors regarding Asbestos Abatement Cost Proposals

Communication from Gale R. Burstein, M.D, Erie County Commission of Health regarding ECDOH Policy Change

Letter from Cindi Barraclough objecting to change to Multiple Dog Permit Rules

Letter from Elaine Garrity objecting to change to Multiple Dog Permit Rules.

Communication to Leonard F. Kowalski, P.E., Director of Engineering, ECWA on behalf of the Common Council regarding the relocation of damaged Fire Hydrant at Two Mile Creek and Niagara Street to 20 Two Mile Creek and additional installation of Fire Hydrant at 799 Niagara Street.

Memo from Joseph Warthling, Supt of Public Works with spreadsheet on tonnage and costs of bulk waste disposal.

Notice for City Assessor Judy Tafelski of Presentation on February 15, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. by Emminger, Newton, Pigeon and Magyar, Inc regarding the up coming City Wide Reassessment due March 1, 2018

Referred to the Committee of the Whole  
Ordered filed

### **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS**

The Tonawanda Common Council, in an effort to conduct business in a timely fashion and maintain an open line of communication with the public, welcomes comments on resolutions and other City business.

- Persons wishing to speak and be recognized by the President of the Common Council are to be courteous, respectful, non-repetitive and brief.
- All questions and/or comments should be addressed to the President of the Common Council.
- Please state your name and address clearly for inclusion in the Common Council minutes. In the event any person wishes a response outside the confines of the Common Council meeting, please leave all necessary contact information with the City Clerk after the meeting.
- Persons may address the Common Council during (2) separate sessions of the meeting for a total of 30 minutes per session. Once prior to the resolutions and also after the resolutions prior to Common Council comments.
- Individuals may speak a total of (3) minutes per speaker per session. The President of the Common Council will adhere to this (3) minute guideline in an effort to allow everyone an opportunity to speak who wishes to do so.
- The President of the Common Council reserves the Council's right to limit or expand upon these limits as he/she may deem necessary and prudent.
- Usage of cell phones other than for emergency is prohibited during all Council Sessions.

Lynn Casal, 69 Grant Street- I am here today, first just let me just say this is about the position and the salary appointed to it, it has nothing to do with the person that is going to be appointed. I have the utmost respect for Mr. Kossow, so I just wanted to let you know that. I just really have a problem with paying the City Clerk \$60,000 to start off. When Mrs. Bodie retired I believe you left at \$68,000 and now we are paying someone to start brand new at \$60,000, Gayle started at \$61,000 to \$62,000. I did an average salary for a City Municipal Clerk; a licensed Clerk is \$37,500. Now, I understand it is an important job. I've been an Administrative Assistant for a Public Director for eight years. I also helped several managers on top of that. I don't get paid anywhere near \$60,000. We are a very small community and have people that can't even buy food, they can't buy their medications, and they are having trouble. I just feel we really need to start looking at ways to save money and paying a City Clerk \$60,000 to start is not the way to do it. Thank-you.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

23. By the Council seconded by the Council  
 Resolved, that the Common Council minutes from January 16, 2018 be accepted as filed.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
 Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
24. By the Council seconded by the Council  
 Resolved, that the reading of the resolutions be waived.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
 Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
25. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Mileham  
 Resolved, that James P. Kossow is hereby appointed City Clerk, effective March 9, 2018, at an annual salary of \$60,000 per the 2018 Adopted Budget. Said appointment shall run for a term to expire on December 31, 2019, or until such time thereafter as another appointment is made per the City Charter.
- Ayes Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Mileham, Koch  
 Nays: Young
- Resolution declared adopted
26. By Council President Koch seconded by Councilmember Kammerdeiner  
 Resolved, that the Erie County Water Authority be authorized to relocate a damaged Fire Hydrant from the corner of Two Mile Creek and Niagara Street to the area of 811 Niagara Street and to install an additional hydrant at 20 Two Mile Creek Road per the recommendation of the Erie County Water Authority and Fire Chief Chuck Stuart.
- Per the ECWA tariff, this installation will be a no cost to the City.  
 Budget Impact - \$229.30 annual charge for additional Hydrant.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
 Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
27. By Councilmember Gilbert seconded by Councilmember Young  
 Resolved, that the Erie County Water Authority is planning the replacement of the water line on Main Street from Kohler Street to Seymour Street and has recommended the installation of an additional fire hydrant to maintain adequate spacing between hydrants (600 feet) and
- Whereas Fire Chief Chuck Stuart has reviewed their recommendation and is in support of same
- Now, therefore be it resolved that the Erie County Water Authority be authorized to install an additional Fire Hydrant on the southeast corner of Main Street and Minerva Street adjacent to the property at 284 Main Street per the recommendation of the ECWA and Chief Chuck Stuart. Per the ECWA Tariff, this installation will be a no cost to the City.
- Budget Impact - \$229.30 annual charge for additional Hydrant
- Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
 Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
28. By Councilmember Young seconded by Councilmember Gilbert  
 Be it Resolved, that the salaries for the following be established:

Monica Ljiljanich, Executive Secretary for the Tonawanda Civil Service Commission  
Effective January 1, 2018 \$24,552  
Effective July 1, 2018 \$24,982

Jace Kowsky ó Dog Control Officer ó  
Effective January 1, 2018 - \$19.00 per hour

Jeff Leidolph ó Electrical Inspector  
Effective January 1, 2018 ó per hour \$22.64

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

29. By Councilmember Gilbert seconded by Councilmember Young  
Whereas, a \$25.00 Special Events application fee and application were received by the City Clerk for Green Beer Sunday, and  
Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents, and  
Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated with Captain Fred Foels and the Tonawanda Police Department and the event chairperson, now, therefore be it  
Resolved, that permission is granted to Gateway Harbor to conduct its Green Beer Sunday Parade on March 4, 2018 at from 12:00 P.M. till 2:00 P.M.  
Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance is on file naming the City of Tonawanda as additional insured.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

30. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Mileham  
Whereas, a \$25.00 Special Events application fee and application were received by the City Clerk for the American Legion Classics on the Niagara and  
Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents, and  
Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated with Tonawanda Police Captain Fred Foels and Amanda Lofft, Parks and Recreation Director and the event chairperson, now, therefore be it  
Resolved, that permission is granted to American Legion Post 264 to hold the Classics on the Niagara in Niawanda Park from Wheeler Street Parking Area to City Hall on September 2, 2018 from 6 A.M until 9:00 P.M. and be it further  
Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Tonawanda as additional insured be filed with the City Clerk no later than August 1, 2018

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

31. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Gilbert  
Whereas, a \$25.00 Special Events application was received by the City Clerk from the American Legion Post 264 and the Viet Nam Veterans Chapter 77 for the Fill the Helmet Fundraiser,  
Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents,  
Whereas, all details and locations for the above named event must be coordinated with Tonawanda Police Captain Fred Foels,  
Therefore, be it resolved that permission is granted to the American Legion Post 264 to hold their Fill the Helmet Fundraiser on May 19, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. ó 2:00 P.M.  
Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Tonawanda as additional insured be filed with the City Clerk no later than April 15, 2018.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

32. By the Council seconded by the Council  
 Resolved, The City of Tonawanda Common Council has reviewed the proposed Inter-Municipal Shared Service Agreement between the City of Tonawanda and Niagara County for Stormwater Management Coordinator services, approves the terms and conditions in that Agreement, approves providing Stormwater Management Coordinator services to Niagara County for the sum contained in the Agreement and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Agreement.

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$43,300 from Niagara County to the City of Tonawanda Engineering Department for services rendered

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

33. By Councilmember Gilbert seconded by Councilmember Kammerdeiner  
 WHEREAS, the title of this Resolution/Ordinance has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation, specifically on January 26, 2018, in accordance with Section 2.047 of the City Charter.

Now therefore, be it resolved that Chapter 50 entitled SOLID WASTE, Article 1, IN GENERAL, Section 50-1, DEFINITIONS, of the Tonawanda City Code shall now include:

*Bulk Waste* means any discarded materials, except garbage, that is not placed inside the garbage tote.

Be it further resolved that Chapter 50 entitled SOLID WASTE, Article 2 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, Division 1 GENERALLY, Section 50-43, COLLECTION GENERALLY; PLACEMENT OF WASTE MATERIAL AT CURB of the Tonawanda City Code shall now include:

- (i) (5) Bulk waste material pick up is limited to quantities of four (4) cubic yards (~~3~~~~3~~~~12~~) per property, with a maximum of two pick-ups per month. Bulk waste should be placed at the curb and must be in compliance with the requirements as stated in Chapter 50 of the Tonawanda City Code.

Be it further resolved, that all other Sections of said Ordinance shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect; and

Be it further resolved, that the above amendment shall take effect upon publication of its title in an official newspaper of the City of Tonawanda.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

34. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Young  
 Whereas, a Special Events application was received by the City Clerk from Tonawanda Gateway Harbor, Inc for Food Truck Thursdays  
 Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents, and  
 Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated with Captain Fredric Foels and Parks and Recreation Director Amanda Lofft and the event chairperson, now, therefore be it

Resolved, that permission is granted to the Gateway Harbor Inc. to conduct Food Truck Thursdays from 5-8:00 P.M. on 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/26, 8/2, 8/09, 8/16, 8/23, and 8/30, 2018

Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Tonawanda as additional insured be filed with the City Clerk no later than May 10, 2018.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

35. By Councilmember Mileham seconded by Council President Koch  
Whereas, an application was received by the City Clerk from Tonawanda Gateway Harbor, Inc for and Old Fashioned Street Dance  
Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents, and  
Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated with Captain Fredric Foels and Amanda Lofft, Parks and Recreation Director and the event chairperson, now, therefore be it  
Resolved, that permission is granted to the Gateway Harbor Inc. to an Old Fashioned Street Dance on June 09, 2018 from 6 P.M. till 10:00 P.M.  
Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Tonawanda as additional insured be filed with the City Clerk no later than May 10, 2018.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

36. By Council President Koch seconded by Councilmember Gilbert  
Whereas, a Special Events application was received by the City Clerk from Amanda Lofft for the Glory Be to Kids Softball Tourneys and  
Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents,  
Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated Amanda Lofft, Parks and Recreation Director,  
Therefore, be it resolved that permission is granted to Glory Be To Kids to hold their Softball Tourneys on July 21, July 22, August 18<sup>th</sup> with rain dates of July 28<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> and  
Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Tonawanda is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

**COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC AFTER RESOLUTIONS**

Jim Kossow, 40 Elmwood Park West- First is I would like to thank the Council for putting their trust and confidence in me to appoint me as the next City Clerk. I really appreciate that. Also, I would like to thank Gayle Syposs for her service as City Clerk and all that she has done for the City. I look forward to working with her during my transition. Also, I look forward to working with the Council, Mayor, all Department Heads, everyone in the Clerk's Office, and lastly there is something that former Judge Joe Cassata stated and I'm sure everybody on the Council has heard it before at a Swearing in Ceremony that has always stuck with me. He always said that serving the City residents and having a key to City Hall is a true honor and a privilege. I wholeheartedly and firmly believe in that. I will always remember that everyday that I serve as City Clerk. Thank-you.

**COMMENTS BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS AFTER RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Gilbert- Thank-you Madam President. I just want to thank Mandy and the group for the Glory Be to Kids for their efforts in raising that money for the Matthew Foster Foundation. I would like to thank Pastor Oates, Chaplain Oates for his prayer. We are one of the few cities that do that and it means a lot. I would like to congratulate Jim and welcome him to the City. Thanks Jim! Thank-you Madam President.

Councilmember Kammerdeiner- Jim, Welcome! I look forward to working with you the next two years. That's all I have to say.

Councilmember Young- First of all, I would like to congratulate Officer Kitson on his promotion as Detective. It is well deserved. Also, I would like to thank the Police Department for the outstanding job Chief that your guys did on January 16, the lady

waiting for the bus; I truly believe that you saved that young lady's life. Thirdly, I'd like to thank Mr. Rua. Last month, I wanted to congratulate him on his promotion to City Attorney but he stated that it was Ron Trabucco's day not his. I told Mike for forty-five years we grew up together. We lived in the same neighborhood. After talking to him I know how much he has learned from Mr. Trabucco and I believe we are going to be in the same great hands with Mike as we were with Mr. Trabucco. Thank-you Madam President.

Councilmember Mileham- Welcome aboard Jim! I look forward to working with you the next couple of years. That's about it for me this evening.

Mayor Davis- I would also like to extend my congrats to Officer Kitson on becoming Detective Kitson. I think he is going to be a great addition to the Detective Staff. Also, to the Chief and the Police Department with that young woman, could have been ugly. I served with Jim (Kossow) on the Council for two years, he is a great stand up guy and this is all I have to say ó welcome back Kotter. Look forward to working with him over the next few years as he gets acclimated to the Clerk's position.

Having a little turn over in my office, you know I asked Charlie to be my Administrative Assistant as a temporary thing four years ago while I looked for a full time person to take that position knowing all well that I wanted him to be that person even if it was part time so I threw the bait out there and he latched on and has been with me for four years. I cannot express my gratitude enough, he has been pretty much the planning arm here in the City from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan to the Comprehensive Plan to the Main Street Program to the City of Tonawanda Local Development Corporation, all of those would not be where they are without his expertise and for those of you who don't know, Charlie has a Masters in Planning so this is right up his alley. I am going to be sorry to see him go but he is still going to be a part of the City's Community Development and Local Development Corporation so he is not going to go far, he is just going to go downstairs in the basement where we send everyone when they are bad but I just want to express my appreciation to Charlie for all the years of service and for your expertise. I'll come down and visit you every once in a while.

With that in mind, starting Friday my new Administrative Assistant will be Councilman Chuck Gilbert. I grew up with Chuck, played baseball together I used to beat him up and still do and even though we are on the other ends of the political spectrum, Chuck and I share the same goals and ideas and I think Chuck is going to be an integral part of taking a lot off of Joe Hogenkamp's plate. I think Joe has been City Treasurer, HR, jack of all trades and I think Chuck will be able to relieve a lot of the HR duties off of Joe and I look forward to working with him over the next few years. Thank you for agreeing to be my Administrative Assistant.

Councilmember Gilbert ó Thank you for the offer Mayor.

Council President Koch ó I want to congratulate Councilman Gilbert who became a Pappa again over the weekend so congratulations and congratulations on this new opportunity for you. Congratulations to Detective Kitson on your recent promotion. Please stay safe out there and thank-you for serving. Congratulations to Mr. Kossow thank-you for serving our City and I look forward to working with you. On February 15 there is going to be a presentation regarding the City wide Re-assessment. It will be at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Please spread the word. The community is encouraged to attend. Lastly, May 19 the Special Olympics will be held at the high school so mark your calendars for that and go check it out. And with that have a great evening. Thank-you.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

37. By the Council seconded by the Council  
Resolved, that this Common Council adjourn until February 20, 2018

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Date Filed