

Council Chambers
Tonawanda, New York
August 4, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council

Present: Council President Zeisz

Present Councilmembers: Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall, Koch

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Zeisz

Prayer led by Chaplain Ciffa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

A letter from Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, dated July 28, 2015, regarding a legislative grant for a 4 x 4 Pick-up Truck with Snow Plow attachment for the DPW.

A letter to Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, dated August 4, 2015, respectfully requesting assistance for various Capital Projects in the City of Tonawanda.

A letter to Kelly Richal, 293 Rogers Avenue, dated August 4, 2015, appointing her to the Youth Board, term to expire December 31, 2016.

Ordered filed

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following monthly reports were received by the City Clerk:

July minutes of the Board of Appeals

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Ordered filed

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COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS

There were no comments by the public on the resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

191. By Councilmember Gilbert seconded by Councilmember Smilinich
Resolved, that the reading of the resolutions be waived.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall, Koch, Zeisz
Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
192. By Councilmember Koch seconded by Councilmember Gilbert
Resolved, that the Common Council minutes from July 28, 2015, be accepted as filed.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Koch, Zeisz
Nays: None
Abstain: Hall
- Resolution declared adopted
193. By Councilmember Gilbert seconded by Councilmember Smilinich
Resolved, that the Common Council authorizes and approves the sales of twelve surplus items of City equipment/vehicles conducted online by Auctions International, Surplus Auction #5569, totaling approximately \$12,442 per the report on file in the office of the City Clerk.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall, Koch, Zeisz
Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
194. By Councilmember Smilinich seconded by Councilmember Hall
Resolved, that resolution #168 from the June 16, 2015, Common Council minutes, granting permission for Crazy Jake to close the Renaissances Bridge from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. for the Weekend On Webster Summer Concert Series be amended to include the date of Saturday, August 15, 2015.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall, Koch, Zeisz
Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
195. By Councilmember Gilbert seconded by Councilmember Koch
Resolved, that permission be granted to the residents of Ilion Street, from Maldiner Street to Amsterdam Street, to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 1:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., and be it further
Resolved, that ingress and egress be provided for local traffic and emergency vehicles.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall, Koch, Zeisz
Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted
196. By Councilmember Smilinich seconded by Councilmember Koch
Resolved, at the recommendation of the City Engineer, Jason J. LaMonaco, P.E., that award of the contract for Sidewalk Replacement 2015 be made to Millennium Construction, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$227,195.00.
- Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall, Koch, Zeisz
Nays: None
- Resolution declared adopted

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AFTER RESOLUTIONS

There were no comments from the public after the resolutions.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCILMEMBERS AFTER RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilbert ó Nothing at this time, Mr. President.

Councilmember Smilinich ó I just want to thank the Boyø and Girlø Club for the awesome baseball game, softball, whatever they were playing.

Councilmember Hall ó Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Koch ó Iø also like to thank the Boyø and Girlø Club, and City Officials for a game this past Friday. The City won game one, I think 16-10, and we lost game two a lot to a little, and I look forward to upcoming Boyø and Girlø Club interacting City events.

Mayor Davis ó Iø like to thank the Courier and Buffalo News for writing spots for the Hometown Heroes Banner Program starting here in the City, and I encourage everybody to share that with any family, friends, loved ones that qualify to have a banner put up on our street light poles. Second Annual COT City Wide Clean Up event met this Saturday in memory of Jed Woomer. I would encourage anybody from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. to come out and help some wonderful people do some great things in our community. As was mentioned, the softball game, Iø like to thank Councilwomen Koch and Smilinich for putting that together. We actually won the first game, 17-10 which I was part of the winning team and I had to leave to go to a family party and our team tanked after that, so I think I have the answer as to why. Lastly, Pastor Ciffa presided over the baptism two weekends ago of my grandson and did an absolutely fabulous job. It was a very touching, very moving ceremony and I know he left but Iø like to thank him for honoring my family by doing the baptism.

Council President Zeisz ó Thank you to all of you for coming tonight, have a great night, drive home safely and I think the sun might even be back out now. You know what they say in WNY, if you donø like the weather, just stick around for a few minutes. Have a great night, God Bless you.

