

Council Chambers
Tonawanda, New York
September 20, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council

Present: Council President Koch
Present Councilmembers: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth
Pledge of Allegiance Council President Koch
Prayer led by Chief Fire Chaplain Sam Ciffa

Bid Openings
Phase 5 SSES Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation

Thursday, September 8, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Milherst Construction 10025 County Road Clarence Center, NY 14032	Total Bid \$2,084,500.00
Yarussi Construction, Inc. 5650 Simmons Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14304	Total Bid \$2,168,775.00
Mark Cerrone, Inc. 2368 Maryland Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14305	Total Bid \$2,227,838.00
Kandey Co. Inc 19 Ransier Drive West Seneca, NY	Total Bid \$2,743,065.00

Bid Openings
Stand –By Power Generation- City Hall & Police Headquarters

Thursday September 16, 2016
2:00 P.M.

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate Bid
Frey Electric Constuction Co., Inc 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150	\$115,800	\$12,800
CIR Electrical Construction Corporation 400 Ingham Avenue Buffalo, NY 14218	\$124,800	\$11,970

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Copy of Letter to Mayor from Roswell Park requesting permission for the June 24, 2017 Ride for Roswell

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following reports were received by the City Clerk:

Comprehensive Revenue & Expenditure Control Report as of 9/20/16 from City Treasurer Joseph Hogenkamp

August Activity Report of the Fire Department

August Minutes of the Planning Board

August Minutes of the Board of Appeals

Report of Decision by the Planning Board on the application of 9274 Group for rezoning of 618 Delaware

Copy of Notice of Public Hearing for Rezoning of 618 Delaware Street on September 27, 2016 mailed to residents by the City Clerk

Copy of letter to Mark Roundtree of Erie County Environment and Planning Re: Application by 9274 Group, Inc for Rezoning of 618 Delaware Street from City Attorney Ronald Trabucco

Communication to the City Clerk from Belmont Housing Resources reintroducing their Housing Counseling Services.

Copy of Letter from Council President Jenna Koch sent to Chief Daniel Derenda, BPD thanking his department for the use of their Police Tower during Canal Fest

City of Tonawanda Insurance Summary from Lawley Insurance

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.

Roger Puchalski, 478 Adam Street- On item number 5 the \$121,000 bond from the city for the Intermodal Hub that is in addition to the \$255,000 that was passed last week?

Council President Koch ó That is correct.

Roger Puchalski ó In April, the Mayor was quoted in the Buffalo News the city's share of the Intermodal Hub is going to be around \$100,000. The Council has passed a resolution to bond twice that amount last meeting just they did three times that amount this meeting. I was just wondering if he would give (inaudible) why the city's share has tripled from what it was supposed to be (inaudible).

Council President Koch ó Mr. Puchalski these are just bond resolutions, it does not necessarily mean that this is what we are going to spend on these projects. There is also grant money that is coming in for this project as well.

Roger Puchalski ó This says the fiscal impact to the city is that amount. If you don't know why do you keep increasing the amounts? (inaudible) Is the city money (inaudible) over \$300,000 with this money on the Intermodal Hub?

Council President Koch ó Mr. Hogenkamp?

City Treasurer Joseph Hogenkamp ó I would say, right now the answer to that question is probably yes. After the Executive Session broke up, I talked about a couple of resolutions that are being passed now. The Intermodal Hub that is authorized that includes that parking lot over there and was originally authorized two years ago for \$740,000. We increased that by \$260,000 this year to a million and what I explained to the Council in the work session was in the world of public finance of capital projects you have to always authorize to spend, so we're authorized right now up to a million and I'm anticipating having to increase that authorization to probably a million three based on , I still need to double check with Jason on the figures, you always want to build in a contingency but, we're authorizing to spend where there are a lot of pots of money coming in on the other side (inaudible) to offset the spend to what we need to permanently finance. But I'm anticipating probably more like upwards of five or six. But I really don't know yet in terms of what the total project is going to come in at and how much we're going to be getting in grants from places like Dormitory Authority, Department of State and the Greenway Commission. But yes, I think \$300,000 we would probably end up permanently end up financing more than that even though we still have authorized \$1.3 million (inaudible) but we don't anticipate having to permanently finance that. And I think that this year I assumed a million that we were authorized we didn't borrow all that because I know that there are pots of money coming in from other places (inaudible) but we still have to authorize to spend. And I did want to mention along the same lines this emergency generator that we're putting in is the same thing. We authorized \$150,000 in July and that's already exceeded. We're anticipating probably going to another \$200,000 on that.

Roger Puchalski ó I just want to point out again that when you bonded the money you said it was going to go through the SEQR process, there's been no, the environmental impact study to take a look at the DEC website it says your supposed to have public input. There's been no public input, public meeting, to ask the residents whether they want to spend \$300,000 and maybe \$500,000 on a glorified restroom. (inaudible)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

219. By the Council seconded by the Council
Resolved, that the Common Council minutes from September 6, 2016, be accepted as filed.

Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

220. By Councilmember Toth Seconded by Councilmember Rautenstrauch
Resolved, that the bills be allowed as audited and that the City Clerk be directed to draw warrants on the Treasurer for the various amounts.

Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

221. By Councilmember Rautenstrauch seconded by Councilmember Smilinich
Resolved, at the recommendation of the City Engineer, Jason J. LaMonaco, P.E., that award of the Phase 5 SSES Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation be made to Milherst Construction, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$2,084,500.00.
Budget Impact: \$2,084,500 from the Capital Budget

Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

222. By Councilmember Rautenstrauch seconded by Councilmember Toth
Resolved, at the recommendation of the City Engineer, Jason J. LaMonaco, P.E., that award of Niagara River Bank Stabilization Construction Phase Services be made to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$49,675.

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$49,675 from City Bond

Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

223. By Councilmember Smilinich seconded by Councilmember Gilbert
Resolved, at the recommendation of City Engineer Jason J. LaMonaco, P.E., that award of the contract for Intermodal Hub construction phase services be made to C&S Engineers, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$134,000.00.

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$13,000 FROM ECWA
\$121,000 from City Bond

Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

224. By Councilmember Smilinich seconded by Councilmember Gilbert
Resolved at the recommendation of City Engineer Jason LaMonaco and Lt. Det. Scott Sheehan that the award of the contract for Stand-By-Power Generation Projectó City Hall and Police Headquarters be awarded to Frey Electric Construction Co, Inc at a cost not to exceed \$128,600.00

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$128,600.00 Capital Improvement Bond

Ayes: Gilbert, Smilinich, Rautenstrauch, Toth, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC AFTER RESOLUTIONS

No comments by the public

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS AFTER RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Toth ó I just want to remind this large audience we have here tonight that Fall Fest is this Saturday. I believe it is from 10 AM till 4PM at Veteranø Park. Hope to see a lot of the community members there. Itø always a good turnout. The weatherø always good. Thatø it.

Councilmember Smilinich- I have nothing.

Councilmember Gilbert ó I just want to piggyback on what Pastor Ciffa said about the 911 Ceremony. Every time I attend and Iøve attended a couple itø moving and itø a time for reflection on what this Country has and the freedoms we have that go along with it. I just want to thank everybody that was part if it from Congressman Higgins and Assemblyman Schimminger and both Mayors, they did a great job and Bill Miles especially for putting it all together, he did a great job. Also, Mr. Miles earlier in that day came up to the High School and we did a ceremony up there with the Tonawanda Football Clinic where he brought out a piece of the steel from the Tower Two and he got the kids to hold it. He did Taps and Chris Gallivan and some of the members over at TFC did a flag ceremony as part of it. It was really moving and everybody stood at attention the entire time so it was really nice to see. Just everybody take your time and thank any First Responder you see. They put their life on the line all the time and I donø think they get the mention and the honors they deserve. Thank you Madam President.

Councilmember Rautenstrauch- I have nothing.

Mayor Rick Davis ó Thank you Madam President. Just to piggy back on what Tim said about Fall Fest, proceeds from this go to our Recreation Department to keep going some of the programs that we do for the kids year in and year out so weather should be absolutely perfect so please come on out.

I would like to thank all of my department heads and everybody that showed up for the City Officials picnic. We were able to raise a substantial amount of money for the Viet Nam Veterans Helicopter Memorial and we will be presenting them with a check at our next council meeting. Councilman Gilbert touched on the 911 Memorial Service and again my hats off to Bill Miles. It was wonderful but if you had a chance to head over to North Tonawanda to check out the Healing Field it was absolutely awesome and it really doesn't hit you until you're walking up on the flags and I walked out to grab a flag that I sponsored for my grandfather and to walk through a field of three thousand flags kind of puts things into perspective at times so my hats off to both Cities and the Sunrise Exchange Club for putting on an absolutely phenomenal remembrance of that tragic day. And lastly the Main Street program web site is up and running and I know Allison, the program Director has been actively going around to all the businesses on Main Street in the city to assess what their needs are. There are work plans and stuff like that that the State needs to sign off on because we got a state grant in order to do this program so still a lot of red tape to get through but the program is off and running. I see it as a huge positive for our side of the bridge and also check out the facebook page, if you're not on facebook you don't know what you're missing. Thank you Madam President.

Council President Koch ó I want to echo Mr. Gilbert's sentiments about the 911 ceremony. It certainly leaves you appreciating life and thinking about those who have been lost and the families. Thank you to Chief Stuart as well as Captain Foels for coordinating such a moving event. I know Bill Miles said every five years but every September 11th take some time and reflect on what this day truly means. Saint Francis of Assisi Church Parish is holding their annual October Fest on Saturday November 5th. They are looking for donations to help defray the cost as well as gift baskets. So if you are interested you can contact St Francis of Assisi at 693- 1150 and if the Clerk could copy this letter to the Council. I want to thank Mayor Davis for joining me at my recent Council on Your Corner which was September 12th. We had nearly 30 residents attend and the feedback we received was positive and I thought the ideas were very thoughtful. With the absence of our local newspaper we'll continue on with these Councils on Your Corner so stay tuned for our next Meeting. On October 8th is our Fire Departments Annual Open House from 10 AM till 4 PM. I want to give a shout out to the Amanda Hansen Foundation who's agreed to donate carbon monoxide detectors for the event. Just to give you an idea of what the Amanda Hansen Foundation has done in the City, they've installed six furnaces, a hot water tank and donated over 250 carbon monoxide detectors in the city. So we certainly appreciate their support. And I have another heartwarming story to share with you; Tops Friendly Markets is donating 110 turkeys to the St Francis Food Pantry and the VVA Food Pantry this holiday season. Combined both organizations provide meals for over 150 families and veterans a month. So both organizations will be able to provide Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors and we thank Tops for the second year in a row donating 110 turkeys to our community. With that said starting October 1st we're going to be accepting non perishable donations right here at City Hall to assist the St Francis Food Pantry and the VVA. We'll have bins set up at the Senior Citizens Center as well as City Hall and I will also pick up any donations so please spread the word. I know it's been said about Fall Fest but it's always a great time so take your family and friends down to the event and I thank the Recreation Department and all the volunteers for all their hard work. Last but not least, tomorrow will be the season finale of our Warriors Walk Wednesdays and if you have not joined us yet, please I encourage you to attend tomorrow. We're going to meet at 6:30 at the Long Homestead and you know Skip Johnson, you've certainly enlightened our group with your humor and your history and we look forward to having you back next year and special thank you to Beth Rosokoff and Joyce Hogenkamp for all their help. Last but not least I'd like to thank our weekly walkers, we had about 200 walkers that have joined us on these two mile walks and it's been a huge success and every week we have contributed our donations to the St Francis Food Pantry. So we appreciate your support and Skip will be back in the Spring with a full schedule. That's all I have and I make a motion to adjourn.

