

COMMON COUNCIL
Regular Session
April 5, 2016

Present: Alderman Gressler, Alderman Shaffer, Alderwoman Jodway, Alderman Welyczko, Alderman Ruffing, Alderman DeLuca, Alderman Carter, Alderman Atutis, City Treasurer David Petkovsek, City Attorney Jennifer Chrisman, Mayor Mark Blask, City Clerk Kira Andrilla.

Mayor Blask welcomed the Boy Scout Pack #31 for attending the Common Council meeting. Mayor explained the Pack is working on their Community Service Badge.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 1, 2016 Regular Session were approved as printed and placed on file in the City Clerk's office on motion of Alderman Welyczko and seconded by Alderman Atutis.

All in favor: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca Carter, Atutis

Bills:

Bills for the period of March 1, 2016 through April 5, 2016 in the amount of **\$175,772.67. Current Check numbers 19723-19745, prepaid \$10,151.84 Check numbers 19617, 19618, 19619, 19656, 19657, 19658, 19715, 19718** were approved as audited on motion of Alderman Carter and seconded by Alderman Shaffer.

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Monthly Report:

The report of the City Clerk and Court Clerk for the month of March, 2016 was accepted and placed on file on motion by Alderman Atutis and seconded by Alderman Gressler.

All in favor: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Resolution #29

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 2014 FUNDING AWARD THROUGH THE NYS MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE LIGHTING UPGRADES AND RELSATED IMPROVEMENTS TO PROMOTE CONTINUED PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Little Falls desires to sustain and improve recreational and supporting public facilities at Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has awarded the City **\$484,000** in funding available for municipal park development and rehabilitation projects the Municipal Parks Program under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Act of 1993, which is administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, this funding award will support eligible lighting upgrades and related recreational facility (basketball and tennis court) improvements to increase user safety, promote more public use, and maintain and enhance the existing recreational opportunities at Veterans Memorial Park and specifically Veterans Field used and enjoyed by the public; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mark Blask, as Mayor of the City of Little Falls, is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$484,000, and enter into and execute a Project Agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Little Falls for the Veterans Memorial Park Economic Improvement Project, and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation/public access covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Motioned by Alderman Welyczko and seconded by Alderman Shaffer
Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Mayor Blask answered any questions that the Council had and also brought the Council up to date with the grant from 2014. Mayor Blask explained the steps that will be taken for this grant.

Resolution # 30

April 5, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 30 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, there is a **vacancy** on the Board of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 2, Section 204 of the Charter, the Mayor of the City of Little Falls, with the consent of the Common Council, has the authority to appoint members of the Board of Public Works;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Common Council consents to the appointment of **Scott Tooley** to the **Board of Public Works**. Said term(s) shall expire pursuant to Article 2, Section 204(a) of the City of Little Falls Charter.

This resolution and appointment shall take effect upon passing hereof by the Common Council.

Dated: April 5, 2016

Motion Alderman Ruffing

Second Alderman Gressler

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Kira Andrilla

City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Resolution # 31

April 5, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 31 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2016, adopted on March 1, 2016, separated the Canal Harbor & Tourism Commission into two separate boards - the Canal Harbor Commission and Tourism Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 2016 and Article 2, Section 204 of the Charter, the Mayor of the City of Little Falls, with the consent of the Common Council, has the authority to appoint members of the Tourism Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Common Council consents to the appointment of Tony DeLuca; Chris Van Meter; Mike Potter; Mary LaBreche; Rob Richard; Katie Marhaver and Mike Lonis to the **Tourism Board**. Said term(s) shall expire pursuant to Article 2, Section 204(q) of the City of Little Falls Charter.

This resolution and appointments shall take effect upon passing hereof by the Common Council.

Dated: April 5, 2016

Motion: Alderman Welyczko

Second: Alderman DeLuca

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Kira Andrilla

City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Resolution # 32

April 5, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 32 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2016, adopted on March 1, 2016, separated the Canal Harbor & Tourism Commission into two separate boards - the Canal Harbor Commission and Tourism Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 2016 and Article 2, Section 204 of the Charter, the Mayor of the City of Little Falls, with the consent of the Common Council, has the authority to appoint members of the Canal Harbor Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Common Council consents to the appointment of Jeff Gressler – Council Member; Tony Deluca; Mike Potter; Rob Richard; and Mike Lonis to the **Canal Harbor Commission**. Said term(s) shall expire pursuant to Article 2, Section 204(p) of the City of Little Falls Charter.

This resolution and appointments shall take effect upon passing hereof by the Common Council.

Dated: April 5, 2016

Motion: Alderman Ruffing

Second: Alderman Welyczko

Roll Call: Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter. Atutis

Abstained: Gressler

Kira Andrilla

City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Resolution # 33

April 5, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 33 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, an offer was made to purchase a portion of a vacant lot owned by the City of Little Falls (Tax Map No. 115.62-2-41.1); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee, after due deliberation recommends that the City of Little Falls create and sell a new lot from the vacant lot described above to Stacey Kulla; and

WHEREAS, said new lot shall be .115 acres more particularly described in the survey map and legal description provided to the Finance Committee by Stacey Kulla; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls has sold portions of said property in the past; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Kulla has agreed to pay \$375 to the City of Little Falls for said new lot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Common Council consents to the sale of .115 acres as described more fully above to Stacey Kulla and hereby authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute all necessary documents for said real estate transaction.

This resolution and appointment shall take effect upon passing hereof by the Common Council.

Dated: April 5, 2016

Motion: Alderman Shaffer

Second: Alderman Atutis

Roll Call: Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Nay: Gressler

Kira Andrilla

City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Resolution passed with a 7-1 vote.

Mayor:

Mayor Blask informed the Council about Hansen Bridge. Mayor explained that the bridge was red flagged and has been worked on in the past. The engineers have been contacted and looked at the bridge. The adjustments came to roughly \$6,000. Some minor adjustments have been made such as: a one lane bridge, stop sign at each end, 5 mph. The red flag has been removed. Mayor explained that he is looking into some permanent solutions to get this bridge fixed.

A special meeting to pass the budget will be on April 11th. He thanked all the department heads, City Treasurer, Common Council for a great job with the budget. The taxes will not be going up. There will be an increase in the sewer. This will bring the sewer up roughly \$6.00 per quarter.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21p.m. With the motion made by Alderman Carter and seconded by Alderman DeLuca with all in favor.

Next meeting will be May 3, 2016. Bills will be at 6:30 pm with a regular session of the Common Council at 7:00 pm. **Any questions please contact City Clerk.** Thank you