

COMMON COUNCIL
Regular Session
May 3, 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.

Comments from the floor:

Mr. Michael Bulger was present and talked about the Car shows that start Thursday, June 2, 2016. Mr. Bulger gave a brief background about the event and talked about some events that will be happening this year.

Mr. Dave Burleson gave some input on Resolution #37 regarding Veterans Memorial Park resolution.

Mr. Marc Verri talked about the new group the Outsiders. This is through the YMCA. A brief background about the Outsiders was given. Mr. Verri talked about different events that will be coming up.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 5, 2016 Regular Session were approved as printed and placed on file in the City Clerk's office on motion of Alderman Carter and seconded by Alderman Welyczko. April 11, 2016 Special meeting minutes were also approved by Alderman Ruffing and seconded by Alderman Gressler.

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

Bills:

Bills for the period of April 5, 2016 through May 3, 2016 in the amount of **\$124,058.36. Current Check numbers 60001-60021**, were approved as audited on motion of Alderman Shaffer and seconded by Alderman DeLuca.

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 April, 2016 was accepted and placed on file on motion by Alderman Atutis and seconded by Alderman Shaffer.

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

Resolution #35

May 3, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 35 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the NYS requires employers to have a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement pursuant to 12 NYCRR 800.6; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Attorney, City of Little Falls Department Heads and Union Representatives have met and reviewed a proposed Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Common Council formally adopts the following Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement:

The City of Little Falls is concerned and committed to our employees' safety and health. We refuse to tolerate violence in the workplace and will make every effort to help prevent violent incidents from occurring by implementing a Workplace Violence Prevention Program. We will provide adequate authority and budgetary resources to responsible parties so that our goals and responsibilities can be met.

All elected officials, department heads, supervisors, and employees are responsible for implementing a maintaining our Workplace Violence Prevention Program. We encourage employee participation in designing and implementing our program. We require prompt and accurate reporting of all violent incidents whether or not physical injury has occurred. Any and all violent incidents shall be reported to the employee's department head or supervisor and a Violence Incident Report shall be filled out. The employee's department head or supervisor shall advise the employee of his/her right to file a criminal complaint with the City of Little Falls Police Department. We will not discriminate against victims of workplace violence.

A copy of this Policy Statement and our Workplace Violence Prevention Program is readily available to all employees from their department head or supervisor.

Our program ensures that all employees, including elected officials, department heads and supervisors, adhere to work practices that are designed to make the workplace more secure, and do no engage in verbal threats or physical actions, which create a security hazard for others in the workplace.

All employees, including elected officials, department heads and supervisors, are responsible for using safe work practices, for following all directives, policies and procedures, and for assisting in maintaining a safe and secure work environment.

The management of our municipality is responsible for ensuring that all safety and health policies and procedures involving workplace security are clearly communicated and understood by all employees. Department Heads and Supervisors are expected to enforce the rules fairly and uniformly. This Workplace Violence Prevention Program will be reviewed and updated annually.

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

Dated: May 3, 2016

Motion: Alderman Gressler

Second: Alderman Atutis

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

Resolution #35 passed with 8-0 vote.

Kira Andrilla, City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

RESOLUTION # 36

May 3, 2016

RESOLUTION No. 36 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, it is a requirement that the City of Little Falls adopt an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy Statement in order to be eligible to apply for certain grants; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Common Council adopts the following Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement:

The City of Little Falls provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, marital status or genetics. In addition to federal law requirements, the City of Little Falls complies with applicable state and local laws governing nondiscrimination

in employment in every location in which the municipality has facilities. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation and training.

The City of Little Falls expressly prohibits any form of workplace harassment based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. Improper interference with the ability of the City of Little Falls' employees to perform their job duties may result in discipline up to and including discharge.

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

Dated: May 3, 2016

Motion: Alderman Gressler

Second: Alderman Shaffer

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

Resolution #36 passed with 8-0 vote.

Kira Andrilla, City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Mayor Blask explained the background of resolution #36 and why the City needs this resolution in place.

RESOLUTION # 37

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 3, 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SERIAL BONDS FOR THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Memorial Park is need of certain upgrades including lighting and surface upgrade to the tennis and basketball facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council by resolution dated April 15, 2016 has resolved to accept NYS Municipal Park Grant Funding and proceed with lighting and surface upgrades to the said park facilities; and,

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such purchase;

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the object or purpose of purchasing said new item, and to provide funds to defray the cost thereof, \$646,000.00 of the General Obligation Serial Bonds of the City of Little Falls, New York, shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. \$646,000.00 is estimated as the maximum cost of said new item.

Section 3. The plan for the financing of the purchase of said new item consists of the issuance of General Obligation Serial Bonds of the City in the principal sum of \$646,000.00 to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness for the improvements is 15 years, pursuant to Subdivision 19 of Paragraph A of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is further determined that the maximum maturity of the Serial Bonds herein authorized will not exceed 15 years.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said city a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the Power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Serial Bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the treasurer, chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner as may be prescribed by said treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such bonds are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication, or
- (3) Such bonds are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent of purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.50-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the **TIMES TELEGRAM**. The official newspaper of said city, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The Common Council of the City of Little Falls, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to, and in accordance with the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law, the Treasurer of the City of Little Falls be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to issue and sell, in the manner provided by the Local Finance Law, a bond anticipation note or bond anticipation notes of the City of Little Falls in an amount not exceeding \$646,000.00, at such rate of interest as the said Treasurer of the City of Little Falls shall prescribe. Said bond anticipation note (or notes) is being authorized in furtherance of a Bond resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls on May 3, 2016 for the Veteran's Memorial Park Upgrade Project.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

City Treasurer David Petkovsek answered any questions that the Council had. Mayor Blask updated the Council on the work that will be getting done. Alderwoman Jodway informed the Council of her concerns regarding money coming from Senator Seward's office. Alderman Welyczko expressed his feelings on the grants that are being awarded and the City not following through with them. He feels that this is a place that families can go for enjoyment.

A motion to approve resolution #37 was made by Alderman Ruffing and seconded by Alderman Welyczko.

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

Nay: Jodway

Resolution #37 passed with a 7-1 vote.

Comments from the floor:

Mr. Bob Albrecht thanked and congratulated the Council and Mayor for doing a good job during the meeting.

Mr. Bill Bennett also thanked the Council, Mayor and City Officials for doing a good job.

Mayor:

Mayor Blask presented a proclamation to Brynn Shepardson for receiving an award for her art work. Brynn Shepardson is a Benton Hall Academy third grader who participated in the Herkimer County Legislature's "Journey to Mars – My Trip to Space" art contest. Brynn was named one of the winners out of 135 entries from nine different schools in the Herkimer County Elementary school district.

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 June 7, 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