

COMMON COUNCIL
Regular Session
August 2, 2016

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

Comments from the floor:

Michael Bulger informed the Council that there will be a fireworks display, Thursday, August 18th, after the Cruise Inn car show. The event will be held at Rotary Park. Fliers were handed out.

Minutes:

Minutes of the July 5th, 2016 regular session were approved as printed and placed on file in the City Clerk's office on the motion by Alderwoman Jodway seconded by Alderman Shaffer with all in favor.

Bills:

Bills for the period of in the amount of were approved as audited on the motion by Alderman Carter seconded by Alderman DeLuca with all in favor.

Monthly Reports:

The reports of the City Clerk and Court Clerk for the month of July, 2016 were accepted and placed on file on the motion by Alderwoman Jodway and Alderman Ruffing with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 48

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, federal and state grant funding is available through New York State Homes and Community Renewal and other state agencies to support local housing and community development activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls is eligible to apply for such funding as applicable to local housing and community development needs and priorities and specific funding program application requirements; and

WHEREAS, certain funding sources including the Housing Resources portion of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program may require one or more Public Hearings to discuss funding opportunities and local housing and community development priorities with the Public; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council is authorized to schedule any required Public Hearings to discuss housing and community and economic development needs and priorities for consideration for possible 2016 funding applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the first such Public Hearing will be scheduled for the regular Common Council meeting to be held at 6:15 PM on September 6, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Dated: August 2, 2016

Motion by: Alderman Gressler

Seconded by: Alderman Ruffing

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

RESOLUTION 49

RESOLUTION No. 49 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls passed Resolution No. 44 at a regular meeting held on July 5, 2016 appointing members to the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution and appointments must be amended to comply with the Public Health Law and City of Little Falls Charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 44 is hereby amended and the Common Council hereby consents to the appointment of Julie Perlanski, M.D., Deborah Ackerman, Marc Verri, Philomena Cerone, Nicholas Regan, and Marlon Richardson; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mary Metott shall be reappointed to the position of Health Officer.

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

Dated: August 2, 2016

Motion by: Alderwoman Jodway

Seconded by: Alderman Welyczko

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

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Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:07 PM by: Alderman DeLuca

Seconded by: Alderman Jodway

All in favor: Aye

Motion to reconvene at 7:21 PM by: Alderman Carter

Seconded by: Alderman Jodway

All in favor: Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Gressler spoke about the sister city signs that are places at each entry way into the City. There is also a sign on City Hall. Through the culmination of a lot of work, we officially have sister City status with Myjava, Slovakia. This was at no cost to the City, but paid for through the generosity of a Little Falls resident.

Alderman Jodway asked the City Treasurer if budgets are tight with some departments. The City Treasurer informed the Council that departments are well under budget for this time of year.

Alderman DeLuca informed the Council that a grant has been awarded to fix Moreland Park. He thanked the Mayor, Urban Renewal and whoever else was responsible for obtaining it. Mayor Blask said it was through the Community Foundation of Utica, in the amount of \$25,000.00 and thanked Urban Renewal Director Mark Feane for working on it. The work at Moreland Park will done the beginning of September.

Alderwoman Jodway expressed her desire to have more communication with Council members, by possibly sending more emails to be informed.

Mayor Comments

FANY Ride:

105 bikers from the FANY Ride spent the night in the park and at the YMCA. The Tourism Commission did a fantastic job organizing this event. There were many visitors from around the area, and from out of state. This was a positive event, and the City would like to welcome them back next year. The coordinator of the FANY Ride spoke highly of the City.

Shared Services:

Chief Masi and the Mayor have been attending shared services meetings, along with other police departments and State Troopers. They are looking for savings in the purchasing of supplies, such as ammunition and gasoline.

Canal Day Parade:

The Canal Day parade will be held Friday, August 12. The Mayor is requesting that all Common Council members march in the parade. A flatbed truck will also be provided to ride on.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on the motion by Alderman Ruffing seconded by Alderman DeLuca with all in favor.