

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Flaitz, Koehler, Sciotti, Testani, Shepard, Smith, Lewis and W. Hogan; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Torok of The Evening Tribune; Bill Dubensky of WLEA; The Rev. Beth Kottemann; Hornell High School student Jason Jordan.

ABSENT: Aldermen Norton and Foreman; and Stenographer Karen Schu.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Beth Kottemann, pastor of United Methodist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: City Attorney Pelych.

By Shepard/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – Aldermen Norton and Foreman (2)

By Smith/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Officers be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – Aldermen Norton and Foreman (2)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sept. 13, 2004

TO: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor
And Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Audit Committee met Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Daniel Smith, Jean Shepard and Christopher Koehler, Chairman.

Bills audited and approved:

CC \$371,154.00

CD 70,227.67

PAYROLL	75,670.64
	\$517,052.31

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Koehler, Chairman
Audit Committee

By Shepard/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – Aldermen Norton and Foreman (2)

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER – HN-04-63

By Testani/Koehler:

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of supporting the Board of Public Works in providing a new, modern street sweeper for the City of Hornell Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has previously established a 2004-2005 fiscal year Equipment Apparatus Account for Public Works Equipment Purchases, and

WHEREAS, this is a recurring budget line item for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$33,251.27 and subsequent yearly payments of \$33,251.27 through the year 2008 to pay for said Sweeper truck.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – Aldermen Norton and Foreman (2)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said the new street sweeper has been acquired through a lease-purchase agreement that avoids the cost of bond counsel and related expenses. Alderman W. Hogan asked if city employees will perform repairs on the vehicle under warranty, to which Mayor Hogan said no, that the sweeper is under the manufacturer's warranty. In addition, there is not expected to be many repairs because the vehicle is new, the mayor said. In a related matter, Mayor Hogan said that by long-standing practice, the parking ban is in effect year-round, but the city chooses to enforce it only in the spring, summer and fall, when the sweeper is running. In response to a query from Alderman Koehler, the mayor said enforcement of the ban in winter – due to recent difficulties in plowing around parked vehicles – would be looked at.

PETITIONS: None

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$517,052.31 as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell be approved and authorized paid as audited.

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Absent – Aldermen Norton and Foreman (2)

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Hogan reported that he talked with David Whalen, regional vice president of Time Warner Cable, after receiving complaints from residents about no longer being able to pull clear FM radio signals through the cable. Mayor Hogan said that, according to Whalen, Time Warner dropped the FM capability in order to use the cable bandwidth for high-definition television. Time Warner did not announce the change because it never charged for the FM service, Mayor Hogan said.
- Mayor Hogan said the Big Fox television station in Corning would correct its poor reception in Hornell through new equipment that will be installed on a tower in Cohocton. The equipment is supposed to transmit a stronger signal from the Cohocton tower to Hornell, the mayor said. The equipment is to arrive Thursday (Sept. 30) and will take 16 hours to install. A better reception is expected by Sunday.
- Mayor Hogan updated the Common Council on the progress of the Gateway Project. Decorative fencing along Maple City Drive will start on Monday (Oct. 4). In response to a question from Alderman Koehler, the mayor said the pre-existing tall lights along the highway would remain in place to meet federal requirements on candlepower illumination. Trees and flower beds will be planted along the highway as part of the project; more than 75 trees will be planted citywide this year, according to the mayor.

- The city's Yard Waste Facility off Park Drive will be closed this Thursday and Friday (Sept. 30 and Oct. 1) due to paving at the site. Mayor Hogan advised council members to alert their constituents.
- Alderman Testani said he has received complaints from Terry Street residents about Bryant Elementary School staff parking their vehicles on the street instead of in school parking lots. Mayor Hogan said he would contact Elementary Principal Colleen Argentieri.
- Alderwoman Shepard praised the repairs done at the old Miami Hotel on the corner of Hakes Avenue and Main Street.

By Flaitz/Shepard:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – Aldermen Norton and Foreman (2)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk