

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Flaitz, Koehler, Norton, Sciotti, Foreman, Shepard, Hann, Lewis, and Carbone; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; Stenographer Karen Schu; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Jen Carpenter of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Duffy, Johnny Buckley, Hannah Snowden, Andrea Prete, Bradi Hanrahan, Ben Noble, the Rev. Mike Childs, and Hornell High School students Emily Ramirez, Dan Bassage, Jessie Lieb, Jimmy Giglio, Justin Hammond, Kara Carbone, Hilary Burdett, John Damrath, and Tom Walsh.

ABSENT: Alderman Testani, who was out of town.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Mike Childs of First Baptist Church in Hornell.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Norton.

By Carbone/Hann:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Jan. 8, 2007, public hearing and regular meeting be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

By Shepard/Flaitz:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

REPORTS FILED: BPS Minutes 12/13/2006; BPW Minutes 12/21/2006; HPD 12/2006; HPD, Year-End 2006; HFD 12/2006; Codes 12/2006; DPW 12/2006; Sewer 12/2006; Sewer, Year-End 2006; WTP 12/2006; WPCP 12/2006.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Jan. 17, 2007

To: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan

and Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Audit Committee met and audited bills at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007. Bills were audited and approved by members Jean Shepard and Glenn Hann. Chris Koehler audited the bills on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$257,655.12
CD	375.03
PAYROLL	94,422.93
TOTAL	\$352,453.08

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler
Chairman, Audit Committee

By Koehler/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.
Carried – Ayes all (9)
Absent – Testani (1)

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – LIBRARY REAPPOINTMENTS – HN-07-03

By Norton/Flaitz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that the following be appointed to the Hornell Public Library Board of Directors:

David Hardy, of 58 Church St., reappointed to a term expiring Jan. 31, 2010;
Jon Cleveland, of 82 Maple St., reappointed to a term expiring Jan. 31, 2010; and,
Betty Arcangeli, of 37 Collier St., to succeed to the seat formerly held by Frank Rizzutto, to a term expiring Jan. 31, 2010.

Carried – Ayes all (9)
Absent – Testani (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan commended the time and effort of citizen volunteers who serve on non-paying public committees like the Hornell Public Library Board of Directors.

#2 – AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION – HN-07-04

By Shepard/Foreman:

(Authorizing submission of application by City of Hornell Planning Office for grant funds from Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund of New York State Archives and Records Administration/New York State Education Department.)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education is offering Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grants from the New York State Archives and Records Administration of the State Education Department for Records Management Improvement Projects within the counties of New York State, and

WHEREAS, in order to receive such grant funds, applications must be submitted to the New York State Grants Administration Unit, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell applied for and received grants from the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund in 1999, 2005, and 2006 for records management activities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell has been successful in its direction of all activities funded by the LGRMIF in 1999 through 2006, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell seeks to continue its record management improvement efforts and activities in ways that will benefit the City of Hornell,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Heather Kaszynski, Director of the Mayor's Planning Office, is authorized to execute and submit an application for an individual (not to exceed \$75,000) LGRMIF grant from the New York State Archives and Records Administration of the State Education Department under the Direction of the Mayor for the year 2007, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said grant agreement shall be deemed executory only to the extent of monies available to the City for the performance of the terms hereof and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the City beyond monies available to or appropriated by the City for the purpose of the grant agreement and that said grant agreement shall automatically terminate upon the termination of State or Federal funding available for such contract purposes.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan reviewed the recent history of seeking grant to enable the City to have digital storage of records now on paper, including sewer/water lines, hydrants and other infrastructure to be record on GIS/GPS. This is Phase I, the Mayor said, with Phase II coming next year.

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$352,453.08, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

	Common Council	\$ 257,655.12
CD	\$ 375.03	
	Payrolls	\$ 94,422.93
	TOTAL	\$ 352,453.08

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Hogan discussed the current budget process. He noted the City is on the same fiscal year calendar as New York State, which has hurt in the recent past as the City has missed hundreds of thousands of dollars in “spin-up” state aid. Mayor Hogan noted that because his administration just took office, Gov. Eliot Spitzer wouldn’t deliver his gubernatorial budget proposal until Jan. 31, so the City will have to wait on its own budget process in order to see what kind of state aid is called for. “He already is on record to increase aid to local governments and school districts,” the Mayor said of Gov. Spitzer. The biggest revenue source for the City is sales tax. The City’s health insurance premium will go up only 5.6 percent in the 2007-08 City budget, he said, a marked decrease of the 13- and 14-percent increases in recent years. The City is awaiting premium notices for general liability insurance, worker compensation, and other costs. The City has contract agreements with three of its five unions, with one expected soon with the Hornell Fire Fighters Association. The Police Association contract is going to interest arbitration, the Mayor said. Alderman Koehler asked about pension costs. The Mayor said pension costs skyrocketed from \$70,000 annually to nearly \$700,000 after 9/11, but the Mayor is hopeful the gubernatorial budget will reflect pension costs not nearly as high as recent years.

#3 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – HN-07-05

By Koehler/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that it enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Jan. 22, 2007, to discuss

personnel.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

By Shepard/Flaitz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that it ends Executive Session, in which no action was taken, and re-enters open session at 7:48 p.m. Jan. 22, 2007.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk