

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, June 9, 2008, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable David Oakes, Deputy 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:
None.

ALSO PRESENT: Capt. Bob Kurtz of the Hornell Salvation Army; and Hornell High School students Caitlin VanDuser, Josh Drew, and Brittany Smith.

ABSENT: Alderman Testani, due to a work conflict.

INVOCATION: Capt. Bob Kurtz of the Hornell Salvation Army.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderwoman Shepard.

By Sciotti/Shepard:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the public hearing and Common Council meeting of May 27, 2008, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

By Norton/Foreman:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

REPORTS FILED: Clerk 5/2008; General Fund Expenditures 5/2008; Water Fund Expenditures 5/2008; River St. Bridge Minutes 5/2008; Bid Opening Minutes 6/2/08; Humane Society 5/2008.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

May 28, 2008

To: the Honorable Mayor Hogan
and members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 5 p.m. in the conference room of City Hall. Members present were Aldermen Koehler, Flaitz, Carbone, and Foreman. Others present were Mayor Hogan and Bob Clark of The Evening Tribune. Items discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Discussed the possibility of offering a veterans' tax exemption. The matter was referred to the City Assessor to determine the impact on City taxes.

Discussed the possibility of a City Director of Finance/Chamberlain position in the future. The matter has been referred to the City Attorney for further research.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foreman, Chairman

By Carbone/Koehler:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SUBMIT SMALL CITIES APPLICATION – HN-08-42

By Flaitz/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Hornell, Steuben County, New York, is hereby authorized as the official representative of the City to execute and submit a Small Cities Preliminary Evaluation Questionnaire and an application for an Economic Development Project on behalf of Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc., all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is hereby directed and authorized to act in connection with the submission of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

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

#2 – SEQRAS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS – HN-08-43

By Shepard/Lewis:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby designates itself to serve as lead agency to coordinate the environmental review of the following activities to be undertaken within the City:

Provision of an economic development loan to assist an entrepreneur to establish a barber shop at 346 Canisteo Street, to be known as Hall of Fame Barber Shop.

Provision of an economic development loan to assist an entrepreneur to establish a property management service based at 12 Stephens Street and to be known as Brothers/Sisters on Call.

In its capacity as lead agency, the Common Council has caused to be prepared as environmental assessment of the significance of and potential environmental impact of these projects. The Common Council hereby accepts the environmental assessment of the projects, prepared by the Community Development Office. The Common Council further declares that, based on the environmental assessment which has been prepared, it finds that the projects will result in no significant damage to the environment. Therefore, the Common Council has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and hereby issues a Negative Declaration under SEQR for each project.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

- **ON THE QUESTION:** Alderwoman Shepard asked about the nature of the Brothers/Sisters on Call property management service. City Attorney Pelych said it probably would not need a zoning variance to operate on Stephens Street.

#3 – AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FAA GRANTS – HN-08-44

By Koehler/Foreman:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell is continually seeking to upgrade its Municipal Airport to improve its viability and safe use and to promote economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the City has formally submitted an Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) to the FAA which includes one project in fiscal year 2008 consisting of the rehabilitation of existing main asphalt concrete apron; and,

WHEREAS, the FAA has tentatively agreed to provide funding assistance for the 2008 projects in the amount of \$111,243 as indicated in their letter of May 19, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to obtain a federal grant from the FAA to cover eligible expenses related to professional engineering services, construction

costs, inspection services, and administration services: and,
WHEREAS, the local share of the total cost of the apron project, including contingencies, is not expected to exceed \$ 2,800, inclusive of those items listed above; and,

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell grants the Mayor of the City of Hornell, Shawn D. Hogan, authority to submit a grant application to the FAA for fiscal year 2008 funding for the project identified in the ACIP; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Shawn D. Hogan shall have the authority to sign a grant agreement between the City of Hornell and the FAA should a grant offer be made by the FAA; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Hornell is hereby empowered to sign contract documents for professional engineering design services, and for professional construction inspection services for the Main Apron Rehabilitation project at the Hornell Municipal Airport.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS: None.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Heather Kaszynski of the Mayor's Planning Office briefly explained the Comprehensive Plan upgrade now under way, saying it was time to have a "fresh ... flexible" document. She asked for a council member on every subcommittee, and every alderman subsequently signed up.

By

Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Testani (1)

David Oakes
Deputy Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk