

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, April 24, 2006, 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, Testani, Shepard, Hann, Lewis, and Carbone; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; Stenographer Karen Schu; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: Capt. Bob Kurtz.

ABSENT: Alderman Foreman, due to a family illness.

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Norton.

By Carbone/Hann:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 10, 2006, regular meeting be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

By Flaitz/Norton:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

April 19, 2006

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, April 19, 2006. Bills were audited and approved by members Jean Shepard and Glenn Hann. Christopher Koehler, Chairman, audited the bills on Thursday.

Bills audited and approved:

CC \$929,327.30

CD	57,557.07
PAYROLL	128,929.52
TOTAL	\$1,115,813.89

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler
Chairman, Audit Committee

By Lewis/Shepard:

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

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$1,115,813.89, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

	Common Council	\$ 929,327.30
CD	\$ 57,557.07	
	Payrolls	\$ 128,929.52
	TOTAL	\$1,115,813.89

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

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Hogan noted City taxes are being prepared in Bath and should be mailed by the end of the week. There is no tax increase, he reiterated.
- Mayor Hogan noted that at 1 p.m. May 11, he, Public Works Superintendent Oakes and Planner Kaszynski would attend a DOT meeting on enhancement

projects. Mayor Hogan said the City would seek funds for improve the southern entrance of the City and up the arterial. The western entrance to the City also needs improvement, he added.

- The new City water towers are on line and are in the trial stage, the Mayor said. There is a marked improvement in pressure in the hillside areas.
- Public works projects are under way on Jane and Oak streets, Mayor Hogan noted.
- Mayor Hogan re-addressed the underpass/subway issue raised at the last meeting. He noted it has been repainted again, and said the City is constantly working there on improvements. "I do not know the legal ramifications of abandoning it," Mayor Hogan said of the subway. "I don't know if you can't provide two means of access" to the other side of the railroad tracks. "I want to make sure we do not leave ourselves open to liability." The choice may to either spend \$100,000 or more to improve security measures there, or to abandon it.
- Alderman Koehler asked about the green area off Seneca Street. Mayor Hogan said he is in preliminary conversations with Steuben Trust, which is interested in working with the City on the site. There still are monitoring wells there for subsurface contamination, and Mayor Hogan said it could be another year before the site is ready. The Mayor has been in contact with an iron works company in Alabama about possibly building a replica of the old Union Park fountain that has been gone for more than 60 years. "Nothing is finalized," Mayor Hogan said, but added that the green area is "a great location for that fountain." He said drawings of the fountain and the green area as "a nice little gathering place" will be shared with the Common Council.
- Alderman Carbone asked about rumored Walgreen's interest in the American Legion. Mayor Hogan said he knew a Walgreen's representative had made offers, then counter-offers, to property owners in that area.
- Alderwoman Shepard inquired about development of the former Hornell Waste Material site off Adsit Street. Mayor Hogan said the original developer has been put on hold, but another developer met with site owner Frank Spitulnik. Mayor Hogan said he did not know the status of the meeting, but added the site was "very prime property."

Alderman Hann asked about the status of Camelot Apartments. Mayor Hogan said nothing apparently has been done there, but the new water project opens up 22 acres on the hillside for development, from West to Wood streets.

By

Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk