

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, July 19, 2004, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

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

ALSO PRESENT: The Rev. Phillip Kuhn, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church; Bill Dubensky of radio station WLEA; and Kyle Torok of The Evening Tribune.

ABSENT: Alderman Smith, who was out of town on business; and Alderman Foreman, who was out of town on vacation.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Phillip Kuhn, Christ Episcopal Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Koehler.

By Flaitz/Koehler:

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

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith

By Shepard/Norton:

RESOLVED, that the reports of officers be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

July 19, 2004

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Audit Committee met July 19, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Common Council meeting. Members present were Chris Koehler, Joe Testani and Bill Hogan; Jean Shepard reviewed the bills earlier.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$213,515.88
CD	5,228.77
PAYROLL	<u>84,114.98</u>
TOTAL	\$302,859.63

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler, Chairman
Audit Committee

By Testani/Hogan:

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

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – APPROVAL OF JARC FUNDING – HN-04-048

By Shepard/Koehler:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell is submitting a request for a grant of funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for a program of projects designed to meet the mobility needs of welfare recipients and low-income persons, as identified through a joint regional planning process, and consistent with the service(s) described in the Job Access and Reverse Commute Application approved by the Federal Transit Administration and the State Department of Transportation for the period from 07/01/2004 to 12/31/2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell and the State of New York are entering into an Agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and Payment of the Federal Share for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor, is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Hornell to sign the application and grant agreement and progress and complete the above-named project.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith

#2 – APPROVAL OF DEPOT LEASE – HN-04-049

By W.Hogan/Flaitz:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell and the Hornell Industrial Development Agency have recently rehabilitated the premises commonly known as the old Erie Depot located on Loder Street in the City of Hornell, County of Steuben, State of New York and,

WHEREAS, the majority of the old Erie Depot is currently leased and occupied by Alstom Transportation Inc. and,

WHEREAS, there are two rooms located at the western portion of the old Erie Depot which the city wishes to develop into a museum and community use space and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell has been in negotiations with the Hornell Industrial Development Agency and other individuals in order to develop said space and,

WHEREAS, the city wishes to enter into agreements in order to develop said space,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Mayor for the City of Hornell is hereby authorized to enter into the lease agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth with City of Hornell and City of Hornell Industrial Development Agency and the Mayor for the City of Hornell is further authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary in order to enter into said lease agreement.

ON THE QUESTION:

Alderman Shepard asked if cabinetry for the museum could be obtained from the old McHenry's Jewelers store. Mayor Hogan said that cabinetry apparently has been sold or is in other buildings, and that the city is in contact with Painted Post officials about cabinets and displays that is for sell there. Alderman Koehler asked about staffing at the new city museum, and Mayor Hogan replied the city is seeking a grant to pay for a part-time (20 hours a week) curator.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith

PETITIONS: None

CLAIMS:

By Shepard/Koehler:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims in the amount of \$302,859.63 as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell be approved and authorized paid as audited.

Common Council	\$ <u>213,515.88</u>
Community Development	\$ <u>5,228.77</u>
Payrolls	\$ <u>84,114.98</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>302,859.63</u>

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Hogan told aldermen that the city will revert back to the old, overnight street-sweeping schedule as of midnight July 26. He said this is being done because the city met with little cooperation from residents when it tried to clean streets from 7 a.m.-noon. Cars left on city streets overnight on street-sweeping days will be ticketed, according to the mayor.
- Mayor Hogan noted that the contract for Gateway Project fencing has been awarded to New York State Fence, and will put in decorative fencing on one side of Maple City Drive. A notice-to-proceed is expected to be issued soon to New York State Fence, the mayor said, and preparatory work on medians was begun today by city crews. Completion is expected by the end of summer, according to the mayor. No bids were received on directional drilling, so the city has re-bid the contract at the behest of the state DOT, with bids to be opened in two weeks.
- Mayor Hogan noted the city has held off bids on planned water improvements until late next winter in order to avoid delays from bad weather. Part of the work includes replacing an old, leaky 16-inch-diameter water main that runs under the Route 21 bridge at the city's border with the Village of North Hornell. Due to the urgent need to replace that main, a bid probably will be let on that work late this summer, with completion by early fall, according to the mayor.
- The project to improve the Hornell Municipal Airport is up for bid, Mayor Hogan said, with bid opening set for Aug. 9. It is unknown if any work will begin this year, he added. The \$440,000 project will replace lighting for safety, and will include new paving of the airport tarmac, hangars and parking lot.

- Upcoming public works projects still include Riverside Place, Mayor Hogan said, to be started Aug. 1 and completed in September. Other paving projects include Jane Street, he added.
- Work on the new yard waste disposal site/compost facility is under way, said Mayor Hogan. Equipment has been brought to the area by the Water Pollution Control Plant's old sludge-drying pits. The area will be paved and will be secured by fencing and personnel, he said. Alderman Koehler asked if the site will be limited only to residents, and Mayor Hogan said the city hopes to have an agreement with nearby municipalities to establish a fee schedule for non-city residents to use the site. The compost will be free for city residents, the mayor noted. Alderman Shepard asked about the current yard-waste site, and Mayor Hogan said the property, which actually is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be cleaned up. There are no plans for fencing the old area, he said.
- Alderman Testani said the picture quality of Time Warner Cable Channel 5, the Fox TV affiliate in Corning, has gotten worse lately. Mayor Hogan said he has received complaints about that problem, as well as the replacement of WPIX-Channel 11 with a WB affiliate owned by the same company that owns the the ABC affiliate in Elmira. Mayor Hogan said he would forward the complaints to Time Warner Cable.
- Alderwoman Shepard asked for a spotlighted flagpole and large American flag in a median of what will be the Gateway Project. Mayor Hogan replied that he will inquire with the state Department of Transportation, but noted the City of Hornell appears to be treated differently by the DOT than other communities, as witnessed by the number of Gateway Project items (such as trees and shrubs) that the DOT made the city take out of the Gateway medians but have let exist in other places. "They took a hard line and they have us a hard time," the mayor said.

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that this Council adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (8)

Absent – (2) Aldermen Foreman, Smith.

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk

