

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D.

Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Flaitz, Norton, Sciotti, Foreman, Testani, Shepard, Hann, Lewis, and Carbone; City Attorney Joseph Pelych [at 7:05 p.m.]; Stenographer Karen Schu; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: None.

ALSO PRESENT: The Rev. Mike Childs; Johnny Buckley; and Hornell High School students Mitchell MacNaughton, Tylre Kepner, Thomas Brown, Jeremy Campbell, Trevor Hess, Alicia Grimm, Andrea O'Dell, and Jamie Petrilli.

ABSENT: Alderman Koehler.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Mike Childs of the First Baptist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderwoman Shepard.

By Carbone/Hann:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Dec. 27, 2006, regular meeting be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Koehler (1)

By Shepard/Norton:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Koehler (1)

REPORTS FILED: Clerk 12/2006; General Fund Expenditures 12/2006; Water Fund Expenditures 12/2006; General Fund Revenues 12/2006; Water Fund Revenues 12/2006; Humane Society 12/2006.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Jan. 8, 2007

TO: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan
and members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Law & Ordinance Committee met on Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. Members present were Joe Foreman, Angelo Sciotti, Les Lewis, Jean Shepard, and William Norton. Also present was Mayor Shawn Hogan.

Items discussed and/or acted upon:

- 1) Discussed Local Law #1, dealing with the State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Motion by Sciotti, seconded by Foreman. Carried, ayes all.
- 2) Discussed prohibiting any skateboards from being operated within the City of Hornell Business District. No action taken at this time.
- 3) Discussed the number of yard sales that any one residence can have, which would limit yard/garage sales to three within a calendar year. Tabled for further review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Bill Norton

Chairman, Law & Ordinance Committee

By Lewis/Flaitz:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Koehler (1)

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2007 – HN-07-01

By Sciotti/Flaitz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Local Law #1 of 2007, providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, is hereby approved and shall be in effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State, and that notice of this enactment shall be published immediately.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Koehler (1)

ON THE QUESTION: [Full text of Local Law #1 in Appendix Q]. Mayor Hogan noted the local law becomes official once notice is received that it has been filed with the Department of State.

#2 – CANCEL TAXES ON FOUR PROPERTIES – HN-07-02

By Hann/Shepard:

WHEREAS, the taxes listed below are deemed uncollectible as the owners have lost the properties by means of County Tax Sale or Repossession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that the following taxes be hereby canceled:

Tax map number 151.56-01-057, John and Julia Shaut

1995 City Tax\$391.70

1996 City Tax\$388.30

1995 Due to School \$388.55

1996 Due to School \$408.85

Tax map number 151.09-02-014, William Remchuck

1996 City \$312.42

Tax map number 151.71-01-003, Elizabeth Stiles

1995 Due to School \$278.49

1996 Due to School \$293.04

Tax map number 166.26-02-036, Jerald Herneckar

1996 Due to School\$ 34.88

Carried –Ayes all (9)

Absent – Koehler (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said a 1997 agreement with Steuben County gave the County clear title to tax-delinquent properties, in return for the County making the City whole on City taxes that were owed. Some properties, however, were not picked up under that original agreement, and Mayor Hogan said these are the last of the properties that were not covered.

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS: None

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Hogan updated the Council on the situation with the business on Broadway formerly known as Grady's Grill. The City had no choice but to exercise the foreclosure option as a way to protect its investment, the Mayor

said. The City is in touch with a prospective buyer, and hopes to have a new business there within several months.

- Mayor Hogan reported on his attendance last week in Albany for new Gov. Eliot Spitzer's first State of the State address. Mayor Hogan said he was pleased that Gov. Spitzer placed so much emphasis on upstate New York. "In my twenty-one years in office," Mayor Hogan said, "I never heard a governor spend so much time in the speech on upstate." Mayor Hogan praised Gov. Spitzer's plan for an Upstate Economic Development Office and plans to aid upstate cities and school districts. While the City of Hornell has had a strong economy, thanks to companies like Alstom and Trikeenan, Mayor Hogan said other areas have suffered. "What we need now is an abundance of jobs and opportunities for our young people, and I believe it will happen," he said.

By

Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Koehler (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk