REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, 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, Testani, Shepard, Smith, Lewis, and Carbone; Stenographer Karen Schu; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune and Brian O'Neal of radio station WLEA.

ALSO PRESENT: The Rev. Michael Childs, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hornell and president of the Hornell Ministerium; resident Nigel Perrott; and Hornell High School students Amanda McLaughlin, Melissa McInerney, Aaron Griffin, and Justin Flint.

ABSENT: City Attorney Joseph Pelych.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Michael Childs.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Lewis.

By Smith/Norton:

RESOLVED, that minutes of the last meeting held Sept. 28, 2005, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent - None

By Koehler/Flaitz:

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

Carried – Aves all (10)

Absent - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – WAIVE AGENDA – HN-05-51

By Koehler/Flaitz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby agrees to waive the agenda for the purpose of considering a

resolution on the State Environmental Quality Review Act designation for the South Yards Annexation.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#2 -- ACCEPT SEQRA FOR SOUTH YARDS PROJECT - HN-05-52

By Testani/Norton:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the Common Council of the City of Hornell designates itself to serve as lead agency to coordinate the environmental review of the South Yards Annexation.

In its capacity of lead agency, the Common Council has caused to be prepared an environmental assessment and potential environmental impact of the above project. The Common Council further declares that, based on the environmental assessment, it finds that this activity is an Unlisted Action under SEQR. The Council further finds that the project will result in no adverse impacts and therefore, will not cause significant damages 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 the project identified above.

Carried—Aves all (10)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: See Appendix H for full resolution.

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS: None.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Alderman Foreman praised the performance of Lippincott's, the City's contracted garbage collector, but said better communication was needed because his Ward was not picked up on this date. The mayor said the delay, which was due to the Columbus Day holiday, was advertised in both the print and broadcast media.
- Alderwoman Shepard asked if East Avenue would be lined before winter. The mayor said striping would take place as soon as the weather permitted.

- Mayor Hogan updated the Council on the upgrading of Icehouse Road and the preparation for a new composite-material bridge on Catherine Street. The new bridge is expected to arrive Nov. 3, 2005.
- Mayor Hogan said the City's water project is proceeding quite rapidly and is predicted to finish on schedule.
- Mayor Hogan said restoration of areas excavated for the water project would take place before the fall closure of plants. Restoration of trench areas will start first, with the hope that there is enough money left over to pave all the affected streets. The water improvement project is expected to open up 32 acres of land in the Fairlawn area for housing development.
- The River Street bridge project is in the funding cycle, the mayor said, and is expected to go to bid in 2006 with completion the same year.

By Shepard/Flaitz:
RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at
7:15 p.m.
Carried – Ayes all (10)
Absent – None

Shawn D. Hogan
Robert J. Roberts
Mayor
City Clerk