

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, 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; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Members of Webelos Pack 7 and their parents; Joe Duffy; and Hornell High School students Stephanie Hill, Emily Feenaughty, Justin Haynes, Alicia Kiefer, Danna Plank, Enrique Gonzalez, Dantae Mears, and Kalyn Broderick.

ABSENT: Alderman Foreman; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; and, Stenographer Karen Schu.

INVOCATION: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Webelos Pack 7.

By Carbone/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Sept. 24, 2007, regular meeting and the public hearing of Sept. 24, 2007, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

By Shepard/Hann:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

REPORTS FILED: Public Hearing Minutes 9/24/2007; City Clerk 8/2007; General Fund Expenditures 9/2007; Water Fund Expenditures 9/2007; Hornell Area Humane Society 9/2007.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None, but Mayor Hogan asked members of the Common Council's Finance and Planning & Development committees to have a joint meeting after the Council meeting ended.

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SEEK MARCHISELLI AID FOR EAST AVENUE PROJECT – HN-07-53

By Shepard/Flaitz:

(Authorizing the implementation and funding in the first instance 100-percent of the federal aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.)

WHEREAS, the Hornell East Avenue Reconstruction Project, Main Street to Henry Street, P.I.N. 6753.94 (“the Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs, such program to be borne at the ratio of 80-percent Federal funds and 20-percent non-federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100-percent of the non-federal share of the costs of the East Avenue Reconstruction Project, Main Street to Henry Street, City of Hornell, Steuben County, P.I.N. 6753.94;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council duly convened does hereby RESOLVE, that the Common Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Hornell to pay in the first instance 100-percent of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering, Design, Right of Way Incidentals and Acquisition, and Construction Work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,150,000.00 is hereby appropriated from East Avenue Capital Account No. H5110.2 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Hornell be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Hornell with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first-instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted the City received a \$2 million federal grant for this project several years ago. Winning bidder Babcock Enterprises will do the work for \$2.3 million, slightly less than the engineers’ \$2.4 million estimate. Contract

documents were signed today, the Mayor said. The project will result in not only a new riding surface, but also new underground utilities, storm drains, a 10-inch-diameter water main, sidewalks, and decorative lighting for the street. Preliminary work could begin this winter. Mayor Hogan noted there might be some inconveniences for residents of that neighborhood as construction accelerates next year.

PETITIONS: None

CLAIMS: None

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Hogan read a letter from the New York State Housing Trust Fund, noting the City has been awarded \$400,000 in the 2007 funding round. Hornell was one of only 65 communities, out of 175 applicants statewide, to receive funding. The money will be used to fund 700 feet of a 20-inch-diameter water main and new valves at Shawmut Park, to replace an old main that twice burst last winter. Installation is expected to begin next spring and complete later in 2008. It is expected a private contractor will do the work.

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk