

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, July 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, Foreman, 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; and Brian O'Neal of radio station WLEA-AM.

ALSO PRESENT: The Rev. Dan Fuller of Hornell Bible Church.

ABSENT: None.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Dan Fuller of Hornell Bible Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Koehler.

By Flaitz/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the June 26, 2006, regular meeting be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Alderman Norton noted that on the first page, it should be Alderman Foreman
, not
himself, who read the Planning & Development Committee minutes. The correction was noted.

By Shepard/Carbone:

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

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

REPORTS FILED: BPS Minutes 6/8/06; BPW Minutes 6/15/06; City Clerk June 2006; General Fund Expenditures June 2006; Water Fund Expenditures June 2006; General Fund Revenues June 2006; Water Fund Revenues June 2006; HPD June 2006; HFD June 2006; Codes June 2006; DPW June 2006; WTP June 2006; Sewer June 2006; WPCP June 2006; and HAHS June 2006.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

July 20, 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, July 19, 2006. Bills were audited and approved by members Jean Shepard, Glenn Hann, and Christopher Koehler, Chairman.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$314,225.67
CD	13,234.20
PAYROLL	87,390.73
TOTAL	\$414,850.60

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler
Chairman, Audit Committee

July 24, 2006

To: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor
and members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Law & Ordinance Committee met on July 24, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall. Members present were Angelo Sciotti, Joe Foreman, Jean Shepard, Les Lewis and William Norton, Chairman. Also present were Alderman Glenn Hann, Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune and Mayor Hogan.

Items discussed and/or acted upon:

Discussed placing stop signs on Hartshorn Street at the intersection of Sherman Street, along with placing stop signs at every intersection that intersects with Hartshorn Street – those being Adams Avenue, Ellsworth Street, and Sherman Street. Motion by Les Lewis, seconded by Angelo Sciotti, to amend the resolution to include stop signs at all intersections with Hartshorn Street. Ayes all.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Shepard, to place stop signs at the intersection of Hartshorn at Adams Avenue, Hartshorn at Sherman street, Hartshorn at Ellsworth Street. Motion carried, ayes all.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William Norton, Chairman
Law & Ordinance Committee

By Hann/Testani:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.
Carried – Ayes all (10)
Absent – None

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – SEQR FOR RIVER STREET BRIDGE PROJECT – HN-06-47

By Shepard/Hann:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby designates itself to serve as lead agency to coordinate the environmental review of the River Street Bridge over Canisteo River Project (B.I.N. 2218220, P.I.N. 6753.78).

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 hereby accepts the environmental assessment of the project, prepared by LaBella Associates P.C. The Common Council further declares that based on the environmental assessment, which has been prepared, 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 – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#2 – CANCEL TAXES FOR PROPERTIES ON SHERWOOD AVENUE, RIVER STREET AND EAST MAIN STREET – HN-06-48

By Carbone/Sciotti:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell acquired the following properties from the County of Steuben:

82 and 84 Sherwood Avenue
170 River Street, and

109 East Main Street

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following taxes levied against such properties be hereby canceled in the following amounts:

170 River St., tax map number 166.25.02.053.00
2006 City Tax \$635.62
109 East Main St., tax map number 166.34.01.038.000
2006 City Tax\$376.61
82 Sherwood Ave., tax map number 166.26.02.035.000
2006 City Tax\$314.63
84 Sherwood Ave., tax map number 166.26.02.036.000
2006 City Tax\$39.73
1996 City Tax\$33.13
Carried – Ayes all (10)
Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted these are properties the City has acquired or is in the process of acquiring. All of the properties will be demolished, he added. Once acquisition is complete, the City will conduct asbestos removal and bid for demolition.

#3 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AIRPORT GRANT—HN-06-49

By Testani/Koehler:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell is continually seeking to upgrade its Municipal Airport to improve its viability and safe use, and to promote economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the City has formally submitted an Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) to the FAA, which includes two projects in Fiscal Year 2006 consisting of the reconstruction of existing T-Hangar taxi lanes and a Master Plan Update; and,

WHEREAS, the FAA has tentatively agreed to provide funding assistance for the 2006 projects in the amount of \$297,350 as indicated in their letter of June 5, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to obtain a federal grant from the FAA to cover eligible expenses related to professional engineering and planning services, construction costs, inspection services, administration services and independent fee analysis services; and,

WHEREAS, the local share of the total cost of the two projects, including contingencies, is not expected to exceed \$9,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell grants the Mayor of the City of Hornell, Shawn D. Hogan, authority to submit a grant application to the FAA for Fiscal Year 2006 funding for the two projects identified in the ACIP; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Shawn D. Hogan, shall have the authority to sign a grant agreement between the City of Hornell and the FAA should a grant offer be made by the FAA.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#4 – TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: STOP SIGNS AT
HARTSHORN/SHERMAN – HN-06-50

By Hann/Sciotti:

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., and the same hereby is resolved, ordained and enacted, that §300-54 of the Traffic Ordinance of the City of Hornell is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

That stop signs replace yield signs in northerly and southerly directions at the intersections of Hartshorn and Sherman streets, Hartshorn and Adams Avenue, and Hartshorn and Ellsworth streets.

This amendment is to take effect immediately and the same is to be published immediately.

Any ordinances heretofore adopted, which are inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby rescinded.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$314,225.67 as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

	Common Council	\$ 314,225.67
CD	\$ 13,234.20	
	Payrolls	\$ 87,390.73
	TOTAL	\$ 414,850.60

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Hogan noted paving would be done soon on Dennis Avenue and West Genesee Street.

The Mayor said he is working with the consulting engineer to determine the amount of money available for street restoration for those roads needing repairs following the Water Distribution System Improvement Project. There appears to be some money available, upon approval of the state Environmental Facilities Corp. Among the streets that could be repaired are Clay, Webster, a portion of West, Fairlawn Avenue, South Division, Adam, Shamrock Lane, Upper Bennett, and Dennis Avenue. It is hoped that paving occurs by early fall.

Mayor Hogan noted the bid to demolish properties at 34-36 Washington St. has been awarded to KS LaForge Excavating of Wellsville. That property is expected to be demolished this week.

Mayor Hogan updated the Council on his plan to establish a fund for the demolition of blighted properties acquired by the City. The City will work with its bond counsel to determine how long demolition expenses can be financed. Presently, the City is paying for razing through its "rainy day fund." Alderman Norton referred to the Board of Public Safety minutes and suggested Codes Enforcement Officer Tim Aiken re-check some of the blighted properties listed to see if others have acquired them at a Steuben County tax sale. Mayor Hogan said a letter would be sent to the county regarding the property at the rear of 98 Crosby St., saying the site is not habitable.

Alderwoman Shepard asked about the disparity between the two bids in the recent bid-opening for new controls at the City Water Pollution Control Plant. Mayor Hogan explained that it appears the one bid was so high because the person preparing it was called away by a family emergency and someone unfamiliar with the project finished it. Engineers have estimated the job should cost about \$50,000.

Alderman Koehler suggested placing American flags from the lampposts downtown. Mayor Hogan said the kind of flags and banners than can be flown is limited by the nature of the lamppost.

Alderwoman Shepard asked about the overabundance of weeds in the median of the four-lane. Mayor Hogan said he would meet with Peter White, director of Region 7 NYSDOT, on the morning of July 27 to discuss that issue. The Mayor said he has been told the DOT does not have the staff or resources necessary to cut the grass along the four-lane as regularly as in the past.

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk