

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Flaitz, Koehler, Norton, Foreman, Testani, Shepard, Smith, Lewis and B. Hogan; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

ALSO PRESENT: Rich Rauber; The Rev. David Kilgore; Kyle Torok of The Evening Tribune; Hornell High School students Shane Rauber, Lisa Yanni, Brian Willsey, Josh Day, Kevin McHale and Matt Stewart.

ABSENT: Alderman Sciotti.

INVOCATION: The Rev. David Kilgore, pastor, United Presbyterian Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Shepard

By Flaitz/Shepard:

RESOLVED, that minutes of the last meeting held Feb. 14, 2005, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Alderman Sciotti (1)

By Norton/Testani:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Alderman Sciotti (1)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Feb. 17, 2005

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Members of the Planning & Development Committee met on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at 4:45 p.m. in Mayor Hogan's office. Members present were Aldermen Smith and Testani, and Chairman Hogan. Also present was Mayor Hogan.

Items discussed and/or acted upon:

- 1) Mayor Hogan presented the site plan for 30 Erie Ave. Mike Brownson and Jeanette Reed are proposing building a ranch-style house, approximately

2,000 square feet, with a two-car garage. This is a single-family unit. Motion by Smith, second by Testani, to approve the site plan. Passed, all ayes.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hogan, second by Smith, to adjourn at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William Hogan
Chairman, Planning & Development Committee

Feb. 24, 2005

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Audit Committee met Thursday, Feb. 23, 2005, at 7 p.m. Members present were Jean Shepard and Christopher Koehler, Chairman; Dan Smith audited on March 1, 2005.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$638,333.11
CD	79,351.35
PAYROLL	<u>76,037.39</u>
TOTAL	\$793,721.85

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler
Chairman, Audit Committee

By Smith/Shepard:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Alderman Sciotti (1)

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – APPROVAL OF QUALITY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION – HN-05-15

By Koehler/Norton:

(Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for a Quality Communities Program Grant for the creation of a Hakes Avenue Redevelopment Plan and signing of the associated state contract, under the appropriate laws of New York State.)

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for innovative community planning and development of implementation tools and strategies that link environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell, herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such STATE Aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell:

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York, including all understanding and assurances contained in said application, is hereby authorized.
2. That Shawn D. Hogan is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE.
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Hakes Avenue Redevelopment Plan.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Alderman Sciotti (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said the grant, if awarded to the City of Hornell, could improve Hakes Avenue. The money would pay for an in-depth architectural study of the types of uses that could be incorporated into the street, as well as architectural schematics on what it could look like.

PETITIONS: None

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Flaitz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$793,721.85, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

Common Council	\$ 638,333.11
CD	\$ 79,351.35
Payrolls	<u>\$ 76,037.39</u>
TOTAL	\$793,721.85

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Alderman Sciotti (1)

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Hogan noted the Common Council’s Finance Committee would review the proposed 2005-06 City Budget at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 02, 2005, in the Mayor’s Conference Room at City Hall. A public hearing on the budget will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- Mayor Hogan reported extensively on his NYCOM Winter Legislative Session trip to Albany, and distributed material to the Common Council that showed how pension bills have skyrocketed for Hornell and other New York cities in the past two years. In Hornell’s case, pension contributions have risen \$683,300, or 28 percent, in two years. Forty-three percent of New York’s cities, including Hornell, were forced to either borrow or amortize to pay for their contributions to the pension system. Mayor Hogan said he borrowed so as to not unnecessarily burden City taxpayers in case there were developments in Albany to relieve the pension burden. “The impact on communities is devastating, absolutely devastating,” Mayor Hogan told the Council, adding that the City may have to borrow \$148,000 more to pay for police/fire pension contributions next year. “Almost 10 percent of our budget is going to cover pension costs. Something is out of whack,” the mayor said. Gov. Pataki has proposed a revenue-sharing plan that could provide an extra \$362,000 to the City of Hornell over the next two years, if overall City spending does not rise more than 3.5 percent (whether this will include pension contributions, which are beyond City control, remains to be seen). Mayor Hogan said he was proud of the City of Hornell’s fiscal restraint in being well below the state average for tax increases. Alderman Norton, who accompanied Mayor Hogan to the NYCOM session, said he wanted residents to understand the City is not targeting retirees; Mayor Hogan agreed, saying pensioners will get what state constitutional law entitles them to.

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Alderman Sciotti (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk