

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Shawn Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Murray, Koehler, Norton, Sciotti, Testani, Shepard and Lockwood; City Attorney Joe Pelych and City Clerk Barbara Perrott.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Andrew Poole, Evening Tribune and Bill Dugan, WLEA

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. & Mrs. Lehman, Nigel Perrott, Claire Perrott and 13 High School students.

ABSENT: Aldermen Foreman, Buckley and Carbone.

INVOCATION: Rev. Jerry Springston, First Baptist Church

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Angelo Sciotti

By: Koehler/Norton

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meetings of May 9, 2011 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes (7)

Absent – (3) Foreman, Buckley, Carbone

By: Shepard/Murray

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

Carried – Ayes (7)

Absent – (3) Foreman, Buckley, Carbone

REPORTS FILED: Humane Society – 4/2011; Board of Public Safety Minutes – 4/4/11; Codes – 4/2011; Police – 4/2011; Fire & Ambulance – 4/2011.

By: Sciotti/Murray

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

May 20, 2011

To the Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor
And

Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Bills were audited and approved by Audit Committee member Joseph Testani on May 20 2011. Audit Committee member Jean Shepard and Audit Committee Chairman, Christopher Koehler audited and approved bills on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$403,768.97
CD	\$ 44,855.13
PAYROLL	<u>\$ 89,484.77</u>
TOTAL	\$538,108.87

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Koehler Chairman
Audit Committee

Carried – Ayes (7)
Absent – (3) Foreman, Buckley, Carbone

By : Norton/Koehler

RESOLUTION: HN-11-19 Support Charter Amendment 1

WHEREAS the Common Council of the City of Hornell has approved funding for the City Charter Commission review of the City Charter and the change of the Chamberlain position from a two-year elected position to a Four-year appointed position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Common Council of the City of Hornell does hereby support Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1 creating the appointive position of Director of Finance, replacing the current elective position of Chamberlain.

Mayor Hogan stated that as the Common Council had previously approved the funding and establishment of the Charter Commission, it was time for Council members to voice their support, one way or another. Hogan recapped the Commissions duties and thanked all who

served for the tremendous work they accomplished, with no compensation. Alderman Koehler added that the Chamberlain's position is a complex position and he strongly supports the change to Director of Finance. Alderman Norton remarked that times have changed and the City needs to move forward. He also expressed his support of the Charter Amendment.

Carried – Ayes (7)

Absent – (3) Foreman, Buckley, Carbone

CLAIMS: \$538,108.87

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There are many properties around town with high grass. Summer workers are being brought on to help mow City properties.

Alderman Sciotti commended Chief Smith and On-call fireman, Chris Kramer for their quick response to a fire on Oak Street before the trucks arrived.

In reply to a question about the Library Tax that Alderman Buckley asked at the May 9, 2011 meeting, Mayor Hogan said that the library currently raises \$150,000 throughout the school district. The County has informed the Library that they will be cutting funding. The Library will be holding a special election at the Library on June 21, 2011 to raise the \$20,000 shortfall.

The two apartment buildings on Prindle Ave. have been purchased and will be restored.

The city of Hornell will receive an award from the NYS Conference of Mayor's in the economic development category. The City finished first for its combined efforts on the Federation Building and the arts project to refurbish the Ponderosa building into a community arts center.

Alderman Murray commended the DPW crews on the work they have done on Washington St.

By : Shepard/Norton

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

Carried – Ayes (7)

Absent – (3) Foreman, Buckley, Carbone

SHAWN D. HOGAN
MAYOR

BARBARA M. PERROTT
CITY CLERK