

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, 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; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Bob Clark of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: The Rev. Mike Childs; Steuben County Legislator Randy Weaver; Hornell High School students Tao Lawrence, Vincent Vogt, Steve Hanrahan, Adam Eason, Jackie Kerr, Adam Wing, and Matt Ashdown.

ABSENT: Alderman Joe Foreman; Stenographer Karen Schu.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Mike Childs of First Baptist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Koehler.

By Hann/Carbone:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of Sept. 8, 2008, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

By Shepard/Flaitz:

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

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

REPORTS FILED: BPW Minutes 8/21/2008; DPW 8/2008; WTP 8/2008; Sewer 8/2008; WPCP 8/2008; LaBella 9/18/2008.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Sept. 17, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Audit Committee met and audited bills at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008. Bills were audited and approved by members Glenn Hann, Jean Shepard, and Chris Koehler,

Chairman. Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$ 276,005.57
CD	87,934.75
PAYROLL	86,575.60
TOTAL	\$ 450,515.92

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler, Chairman
Audit Committee

By Lewis/Norton:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.
Carried – Ayes all (9)
Absent – Foreman (1)

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – APPROVE 2008 SMALL CITIES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT –
HN-08-55

By Koehler/Shepard:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell has received approval for a Small Cities grant to implement a housing rehabilitation program in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has solicited and received proposals from qualified firms to provide administrative and program delivery services and lead based paint testing services to assist the City in the implementation of the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby awards the administrative and program delivery services contract to Stuart I. Brown Associates Inc. and the lead based paint testing services contract to Eco Spect Inc.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted lead-based paint testing is a new requirement. Most of the homes in Hornell are old enough to have been painted with lead-based paint, which is known to cause health problems, the Mayor added.

#2 – APPROVE 2008 JARC FUNDING – HN-08-56

By

- Koehler/Sciotti:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell is submitting a request for a grant of funds to the New York State Department of

Transportation, pursuant to the Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for a program of projects designed to meet the mobility needs of welfare recipients and low-income persons, as identified through a joint regional planning process, and consistent with the service(s) described in the Job Access and Reverse Commute Application approved by the Federal Transit Administration and the State Department of Transportation for the period from 05/01/2008 to 04/30/2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell and the State of New York are entering into an Agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and Payment of the Federal Share for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor, is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Hornell to sign the application and grant agreement and progress and complete the above-named project.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted the City would receive a grant of \$126,082 from the Federal government, administered by the State, to help subsidize six daily runs to and from Bath by Hornell Area Transit. Alderman Koehler asked if this were a continuation or new funding, to which the Mayor replied that this was a continuation and that it has to be sought every two years. Alderman Sciotti asked if this money will be used to purchase buses, and the Mayor replied no, that it is just to run the buses to Bath. He added that the daily runs are full.

PETITIONS: None

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$450,515.92, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

	Common Council	\$	276,005.57
CD		\$	87,934.75
	Payrolls	\$	86,575.60
	TOTAL	\$	450,515.92

Carried – Ayes all (9)
Absent – Foreman (1)

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Hogan noted the students in the audience and had them introduce themselves, and noted County Legislator Weaver.

- Two years ago, the Mayor said, the City spent about \$139,000 to conduct its first Citywide property revaluation in a dozen years. Now, New York State is pushing a program where valuation would be reviewed every six years through a cross-section of the community and compiling data returns. The Mayor said he will continue to study the proposal and may recommend it to the Finance Committee and the full Council.
- Mayor Hogan asked Alderman Norton, chairman of the Law & Ordinance Committee, to hold a meeting soon for the purpose of reviewing recommendations from the Codes Office.
- Mayor Hogan said the home built by BOCES and the City of Hornell on Washington Street has had a positive effect on the neighborhood and advised aldermen to visit the street. The City and BOCES will enter into another contract to build another home, this one on a vacant lot at 66 Elm St., he said.
- Mayor Hogan proclaimed Oct. 8, 2008, at American Association of University Women Alfred-Hornell Chapter Day in the City of Hornell, in recognition of the Chapter's 70 years of service to the community.
- Mayor Hogan said paving remains to be done on Stephens and Brickman lanes.
- Alderman Shepard asked about the lights on the new River Street Bridge. Mayor Hogan replied that they might be installed by NYSEG this week.

Mayor Hogan said he still is waiting for word from the police union on if it accepts a proposed contract.

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Foreman (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk