

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
6:34 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Rizzo
Alderman Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro

Absent: Alderman Braun

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Katherine D. Alexander

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – Said she would like to know from the City Attorney, given the fact that the Water Front Committee and Traffic Safety Committee had their December meeting at Vito's Sports Bar, are those meetings considered legal. Said if they are not considered legal, then the Traffic Safety recommendations are null and void and the agenda would need to be redone. Questioned if the Council was going to make a decision in tonight's meeting, on whether those meetings are considered to be legal. Stated The Buffalo News advertised that the meeting was being held at City Hall and the Open Meeting Law indicates the meeting should be available to the public. Said that they should be null and void. Asked what is the difference between the contract that will be signed with All Dawgs Academy LLC and SPCA. Wanted to know if All Dawgs Academy LLC manages stray cats, and how do we enforce the cat ordinance. Wanted to know how the city holds the people responsible who own these cats and allow them cats to run wild.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REORG SESSION JANUARY 4, 2016

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the minutes of the reorganization meeting held January 4, 2016 be approved as
circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

III. Clerk-Treasurer

December 31, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and All Dawgs Academy LLC

Dear Honorable Body,

01-05-2016

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body accept the contract between the City of North Tonawanda and All Dawgs Academy LLC, 363 Delaware Street Tonawanda, NY 14150 to be the city's 24 Hour Animal Control Agency. The one-year contract will begin on January 4th, 2016 and end on December 31, 2016.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council award the bid for 24 Hour Animal Control to the All Dawgs Academy LLC for a one year term of this contract and further authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Sincerely,
Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
The Common Council hereby approves the aforementioned agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and All Dawgs Academy LLC, 363 Delaware Street Tonawanda, NY 14150 to be the city's 24 Hour Animal Control Agency for a term of (1) year effective January 4, 2016 till December 31, 2016 and authorizes the Mayor to sign said agreement, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

VII.1 Accountant

December 31, 2015

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
& Common Council
City Hall —216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the City Charter, an Abstract Sheet, comprised of a Warrant of Claims, has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common Council audit, dated January 5, 2016, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated January 5, 2016 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$818,958.00
02	Water Fund	60,473.51
04	Sewer Fund	119,432.11
06	Capital Project Fund	138,180.18
07	Trust & Agency Fund	12.98
08	Community Development	<u>599.69</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$1,137,656.47</u>

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XVII. Traffic Safety Committee

December 15, 2015

Daniel R. Quinn
 City Clerk-Treasurer
 216 Payne Ave.
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The December meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 Hours. Roll call showed all members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new requests/concerns were discussed, and recommendations made.

1. A request for handicapped parking in front of 25 First Avenue was discussed. The request will be researched and discussed at the January meeting.
2. A Terrace Parking Permit Application for 115 Goundry Street was discussed. Due to the location of the request, near an intersection and underpass, possibly causing problems for snowplows clearing the road near both, and the fact there is a driveway for the property, the Committee does not recommend approving this request.
3. A second Terrace Parking Permit Application from 6 Christiana Street was also discussed. The City of North Tonawanda does not own the "terrace" area requested to park vehicles. For this reason the Committee does not recommend approving this application.

Meeting Adjourned at 1945 hours.

Travel Safely,
 Joseph D. Sikora
 Chairman

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Traffic Safety recommendations: #2 and #3 – declining a terrace parking permit for 115 Goundry Street and 6 Christiana Street.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

- .1 Clerk-Treasurer .2 Youth Center

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
 CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
 Gratwick Hose Company

December 14, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Please remove the name of Delton Ossman from the Fire Rolls

Thank you.

David A. Rogge
Membership Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves removing the name of Delton Ossman from
the North Tonawanda Fire Rolls.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

B.
Gratwick Hose Company

December 14, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Please add the names of Amme Fingerlow, Donald Hemmerling III, Amanda Miller, and
Jason Whipple to the Fire Rolls.

Thank you.

David A. Rogge
Membership Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby approves adding the names of Amme Fingerlow, Donald
Hemmerling III, Amanda Miller, and Jason Whipple to the North Tonawanda Fire Rolls.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

C.
Active Hose Fire Company

December 12, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

As secretary for the Active Hose Fire Company No. 2, I hereby request 35 year
certificates for Ricky Van Hise, Ross Warblow, Ronald Piwtorak and Paul Priano for their
commitment and longevity to the volunteer fire service of North Tonawanda.

Please also recognize with exemption status, Haley O'Conner as she has completed
her 5 year commitment of active duty to the fire service.

We also recognize Charles Richards for his 50 years of service for the city of North
Tonawanda.

Sincerely,
Rick Van Hise
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby issues the following Exemption Petitions for years of
service from Active Hose Fire Company:

50 years
Charles Richards

35 years
Ricky Van Hise, Ross Warblow
Ronald Piwtorak, and Paul Priano

5 years
Haley O'Conner

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

D.

Gratwick Hose Company

December 18, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Common Council:

The following members of the Gratwick Hose Fire Company have reached the years of service indicated;

50 years
Walter Broniszewski
Harold Roberts
Stephen Holesko
Gary Gordon
David Rogge

35 years
Keith Chapman
Stanley Golonka, Jr.
Gregory Karre
Robert Brennan

25 years
Thomas Croop

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby issues the following Exemption Petitions for years of service from Gratwick Hose Fire Company:

50 years
Walter Broniszewski
Harold Roberts
Stephen Holesko
Gary Gordon
David Rogge

35 years
Keith Chapman
Stanley Golonka, Jr.
Gregory Karre
Robert Brennan

25 years
Thomas Croop

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

E.

Randall Rider

December 30, 2015

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
And Common Council, City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas, First off, let me congratulate you on the fine job which you have completed in your office during 2015. May your success continue through 2016.

At this time our Conrad F. Kania Detachment of the Marine Corps League is requesting the use of the facilities at the Raymond Klimek Park on Saturday, July 9th, with a rain date of Sunday, July 10th. As in the past, your office has been quite helpful in procuring whatever our needs have been. Examples are, bleachers, trash bag placement, as well as containers for trash. Also highway security has been extremely helpful. Mr. Welch has been our main contact, and he has always been a great asset in assisting in our preparations.

We would also be pleased to have you as one of our invited dignitaries again, for our Annual Marine Appreciation Day 2016.

I remain, yours in service.

Randall (Randy) Rider
Past Commandant

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Marine Corps League the facilities at Raymond Klimek Park on July 9th with a rain date of July 10th for Marine Appreciation Day 2016. The Council also directs the North Tonawanda Recreation Dept. to provide bleachers, trash containers, bags and also directs the North Tonawanda Police to assist in highway traffic security.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

To bring the following communication to the floor.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

#1.

William Davignon

December 18, 2015

Honorable Mayor Pappas
And Common Council Members
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

I am accepting a promotion to the position of Superintendent of Wastewater & Water as of January 5, 2016. Therefore, I respectfully ask for a leave of absence from my position as Sanitary Chemist at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from January 5, 2016 until the time of my permanent appointment as the Superintendent of Wastewater & Water.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Respectfully yours,
William M. Davignon

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to William M. Davignon to take a leave of absence from his position as Sanitary Chemist at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to take the position as Superintendent of Wastewater & Water effective January 5, 2016 till his position becomes permanent.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ann Finkel 896 Sun Valley Drive – Said she would like to discuss the efficiency of the city’s meeting dates. Stated she would encourage the city to cut the meetings from 4 times a month to twice a month, said that the workshop and regular meeting should be consolidated into one session. Stated by having four meetings the city is wasting her tax dollars, by having to heat and cool the building, and electricity.

Megan Campbell 774 Harding – Stated her neighbor at 770 Harding has constructed a fence between their shared driveway that looks horrible and it is just held in place by sand bags and cinder blocks. Stated they have talked to code enforcement and they have no record of a building permit. Said that they would like the fence removed, it is an eye sore.

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street –Said that she commends this couple for coming in and speaking out, “when you see something say something”. Stated on Monday at the reorganization meeting the Council designated newspapers for the City of North Tonawanda. Asked the City Attorney if there is a difference between designation of papers and official paper of record. Said she would be opposed to these newspapers, especially the Niagara Gazette, the coverage the papers provide for the City of North Tonawanda is lacking. Said if you follow these papers you would see for yourself, The Sun does a good job, the best of all the other papers.

Kevin Hodgson 67 Jesella Drive North – Said that he would like to request more information on the agenda so the people that show up to the meeting have a better understanding of what is transpiring with some of the agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.
CARRIED

Time of Adjournment: 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer