

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

A regular and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was convened on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called. Presiding: Mayor Gary Henke

Members Present: Alderpersons Dennis Herter, Dave Morack, Bob Besaw, John Romberg, Mary Tate, Tom O'Connell, Mike Barrington, Lori Dean, Ron Steinhorst, Ron Way

Officers Present: Kent Hager, Administrator; Earl Luaders, City Attorney; Susan Tennie, City Clerk; Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director; Jeff Schlueter, Chief Police; Steve Thompson, Utility Manager; Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Director

Others Present: Ginger Arndt; John Faucher, NL Press Star; Nettie McGee

AGENDA: O'Connell/Tate to adopt agenda. Carried 10-0.

MINUTES: Steinhorst/Barrington to approve the Council minutes of September 8, 2015 as written. Carried 10-0.

BILLS: Romberg/Morack to authorize the payment of invoices incurred during September 2015 in the amount of \$561,213.96. Carried 10-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the public expressed concerned about the shortage of recycling containers during distribution in neighboring communities.

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS –

1. The minutes of 10/5/2015 were read by Barrington.
2. Barrington/Steinhorst to adopt Resolution No. 1299. Carried 10-0.

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE HIGHWAY 15 BYPASS PROJECT ON SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION No. 1299

WHEREAS, WI 15 is a busy commuter route and that commuter traffic flows into and out of the City; and

WHEREAS, WI 15 has insufficiencies in roadway structure and design that, along with the commuter traffic, creates an increased number of safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 15 Bypass project will address these safety issues and enhance vehicles travel through the area; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WI DOT) has completed their studies and preliminary engineering and purchased many properties along the proposed route in preparation for the start of the Highway 15 Bypass construction; and

WHEREAS, delay of the Highway 15 Bypass project will continue to have a negative effect on safety, planning, and economic development in the City of New London; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of New London City Council supports the WI 15 Expansion Project as proposed by WI DOT and supports the beginning of construction on schedule in 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to representatives in the State Legislature and to the Outagamie County Highway Commissioner.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2015

BY: _____
Gary Henke, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan Tennie, City Clerk

3. Barrington/Herter to approve the proposal from Mid-State for Snow Removal for City-owned Parking Lots and Alleys. Carried 10-0.
4. Barrington/Dean to approve the proposal from Bob & Dave's Lawn and Landscaping for Snow Removal for Neglected Sidewalks. Carried 10-0.
5. Barrington/Tate to approve proposal for snow removal for alley and parking lot between Lincoln Court and St. John's Street from Rowl's Auto Body & Snow Plowing. Carried 10-0.
6. Barrington/Herter to accept the first reading of an Ordinance which changes the direction of the flow of traffic on the Lincoln Court Alley to go from West to East. Carried 10-0.
7. Barrington/Steinhorst to approve the purchase of recycling carts for New London citizens. Carried 8-2 [O'Connell & Tate against]
8. Barrington/Herter to approve placing one-time charge for recycling carts for each household on 2016 tax roll. Carried 8-2 [O'Connell & Tate against]
9. Barrington/Steinhorst to approve purchasing Toter Recycling carts and having all residents start out with 96-gallon cart with option to switch to small 64-gallon cart after 3 month trial. Carried 8-2 [O'Connell & Tate against]
10. Barrington/Herter to approve purchase of Dump/Plow Truck in the amount of \$129,012. Carried 10-0.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL -

1. Minutes of October 7, 2015 were read by Romberg.
2. Romberg/Morack to approve Contractual Assessment services with Keystone Appraisal Group beginning January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$138,800. Carried 10-0.
3. Romberg/Tate to approve the License List. Carried 10-0.

OCTOBER LICENSE LIST

BEVERAGE OPERATOR LICENSES

Jennifer L. Meyer N4645 Larry Road New London, WI 54961	Sociables
Gabrielle R. Euhardy 420 E. Pine Street New London, WI 54961	Sociables
Katie Selk 527 Douglas Street New London, WI 54961	Sociables
Bree-Ann Leone 1203 ½ Lawrence Street New London, WI 54961	Waterfront Bar

PARKS & RECREATION -

1. Minutes of October 6, 2015 were read by Way.
2. Way/Dean to approve Roof Top HVAC Unit Contract with Central Temperature Equipment Services in the amount of \$5,249. Carried 10-0.
3. Way/Herter to approve 2016 Fee Policy & Schedule. Carried 10-0.

PLAN COMMISSION –

1. Minutes of September 24, 2015 were read by Steinhorst.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -

1. Minutes of September 29, 2015 were read by Morack.

REPORTS & MINUTES DISTRIBUTED:

1. Housing Authority – 7/29/2015 & 8/19/2015
2. Library & Museum – 9/21/2015
3. Police & Fire Commission – 9/9/2015 & 9/21/2015
4. Utility – 8/31/2015 & 9/15/2015
5. Cemetery Superintendent – September Report
6. Building Inspector – September Report

Councilperson Mary Tate announced the anniversaries for the New London Fire Department: Ryan Bednarowski - 5 years; David Bellile 33 years

Mayor -

1. Appointments approved by a unanimous vote by Council.
Utility Commission –
Reappointed Roger Steingraber – term to expire 2018;
Ted Coppersmith to replace Russ Gerhard – term to expire 2018

Russ Gerhard had been a Commission member since 1990 – The Mayor thanked him for his many years of service.

City Administrator –

1. Announced that the City has hired a new assessment firm – Keystone Appraisal Group. They will be conducting a revaluation of the whole City which will start in December. All citizens will be contacted as it will be necessary to review your property.

City Attorney – Nothing to report

City Clerk –

1. Trick or Treating hours will be on October 31st from 5 to 7 p.m.

Director of Public Works –

1. Leaf and brush pickup has started and will continue for the next 6 weeks. Do not put your debris in the street.
2. Keller Structures has started excavation work on the new City garage site.

Director of Parks & Recreation –

1. The annual Hatten Park Haunted Trail will be held on Friday, October 30th. Trick or treating for the youth 12 and under will be from 6-7:00 p.m. and from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. the trail will become completely haunted with no treats...only tricks. Admission is \$3.00. Volunteers needed.
2. The 4th annual Howl-o-ween Event will be held at the New London Jaycee's Dog Park on Saturday, October 31st 11-1 p.m. The event will include concessions and a dog costume contest. Donations for the Waupaca Area Humane Society will be accepted.
3. Annual Haunted swim at the Aquatics Center will be on October 30th from 1:15-3:15 pm.
4. The Aquatics Center is actively looking for adults who are interested in becoming part-time lifeguards.
5. Radtke Contractors have moved their equipment in at Riverside Park. Replacement of the 3 bent pilings will begin soon.
6. Congratulations to Julia Martinson, Assistant Aquatics Coordinator, who will be receiving the WI Parks and Recreation Association's Outstanding Young Professional of the Year Award for the Aquatics section.

Chief of Police –

1. The Chief announced that Josh Wilson and Tom Algiers have been promoted to Staff Sergeants. Chris Dearth will become the new School Liaison starting January 1st.

Fire Chief –

1. Dick Muskevitsch, Assistant Fire Chief, introduced himself as the temporary Interim Fire Chief.

Utility Manager –

1. Steve announced the Holiday Light Exchange Program that the Utilities will be sponsoring from November 1 – December 15. Bring in a set of old Christmas lights and 3 non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry and receive 2 sets of new multiple colored or white LED Christmas lights.
2. Hydrant flushing went well and showed good water quality. One hydrant had to be repaired north of the City.
3. Electric crews are working on the service for the 3-12 unit apartments. Crews will install service panels at the new McDonald's Restaurant when the walls are constructed.
Anniversaries: Tracy Strong – 3 yrs; Steve Thompson 30 yrs. and 44 years in the Utility business.

Romberg/Tate to go into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. per 19.85(1)(c) to evaluate the City Administrator and review Goals. Carried 10-0.

O'Connell/Dean to return to open session at 8:10 p.m. Carried 10-0.

There being no other business, Dean/Way to adjourn. Carried 10-0. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Susan Tennie, City Clerk
October 13, 2015