

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Councilman-at-large Dolce followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmen Michalski, Muldowney, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilman-at-large Dolce. Absent: Councilwoman Floramo.

Also present: Mayor Frey, City Attorney Cerrie, Public Works Director Gugino, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Curtin, Building Inspector Zurawski, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczo, Director of Development Ahlstrom, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Fire Chief Ahlstrom and Police Lt. Rob McAffie.

Certification of July 5th, 2011 meeting was read by City Clerk Mleczo.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the minutes of Tuesday, July 5th, 2011 be dispensed with.

Motion by Councilwoman Szukala to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Michalski.

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nick Penque, 745 Grant Avenue, Dunkirk, NY representing the CAC read the following communication on their behalf:

"Dear Common Council Members and Mayor:

Prior to the meeting of the Dunkirk Common Council held June 21, 2011, several recommendations from the CAC were submitted with the expressed request that they be read into the minutes. They were not; rather they were only "received and filed". These recommendations were unanimously agreed upon and the culmination of much discussion of the entire CAC over the past two years or more.

The CAC is an unpaid official Advisory Committee to Dunkirk's Common Council and Mayor. The CAC is comprised of Dunkirk citizens who volunteer their time and effort to meet together, solicit input from other citizens and provide input to the Council and Mayor. The CAC represents a voice of the voters. As such, it is only common courtesy that the CAC not be ignored. When recommendations are made to the Council and Mayor, we do not expect that action be taken on all of them, but we do at the very least expect feedback on every recommendation made so that we can have some idea of what the Council is thinking on the matter. Feedback acknowledges CAC members' involvement, helps us to be more helpful with future recommendations and gives the CAC the respect it deserves.

We appreciate your consideration and feedback on the CAC recommendations of record on June 21, 2011 as well as those made in the future.

As always, the members of the Council and Mayor as well as the public are invited and encouraged to attend CAC meetings.

In service to City of Dunkirk Citizens, Council and Mayor,

Humbly,
Members of the Dunkirk Citizens' Advisory Committee"

Bill Reardon, 3 Fairview Avenue, Dunkirk, NY spoke in regard to the city's brush pickup, stating that this was just a repetitious pickup five times by individuals we hire, with no industry or group that has money involved. He also advised that one of the trucks picking up brush has a passenger who never once got out of his seat, stating that he observes a lot from his position on Central Avenue, and he felt that this is a costly item for the city, but necessary and should have one more pick up added to it, but this is money well spent.

Arlene Langendorfer, 86 E. Pine Street, Dunkirk, NY related to an article published in the Buffalo News of which she previously gave copies to the Mayor, Council and Kory. She stated that this pertains to the same situation on Pangolin Street She stated that she had a lengthy conversation with Kory, and did understand that this was not their ball field but the city's, and every taxpayer is entitled to every park in the city of Dunkirk. She further stated that the main thing that caught her eye was the amount of money (\$800,000.00) that city put up front for infrastructure, one house was put up there, and three lots out of twenty-one were sold which does not add up to getting tax money back for the city. Mrs. Langendorfer stated that in these hard economic times, everyone that expressed an interest in the neighborhood of \$300,000 explaining that by the time they came to do this, there was no one there, and the city was on the hook for a lot of money, with nothing coming in. Mrs. Langendorfer also related to Dick Mirth's comments about the city not having a plan, and agreed that when it came to development, there should be a solid plan for everyone.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Petition from Walgreens requesting Police presence/awareness and to check the area around the Clarion Hotel on August 20th between 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM for a motorcycle and car cruise to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Councilman-at-large Dolce advised that this was cleared up due to questions from the previous meeting.

Councilman Muldowney moved that permission be granted and referred this to the Police Department and Public Works. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Petition from the Chautauqua County Youth Corps of Chautauqua Opportunities requesting permission to use Washington Park on July 28th from 3:00 to 9:00 PM for a community touch football tournament.

Councilman-at-large Dolce advised that this was pulled per their request at the workshop.

Loudspeaker application from the Nathan George Foundation for speakers and amplified music on August 15th for their softball tournament at the Stadium.

Councilman Michalski moved that permission be granted. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Ron Hall for a live band at 200 Lake Shore Dr. West on August 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM for the grand opening celebration for Hometown Insurance.

Mayor Frey stated that this was the former Unemployment Office, and this was another business relocating and expanding in the City with additional employees.

Councilman Muldowney moved that permission be granted. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Starr Waller on behalf of Mad Dads of NCC for a microphone/stereo system at the Wright Park basketball courts on August 27th.

Councilman Michalski moved that permission be granted and referred this to the Public Works Department and PBA. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Petition from Mari Ellen Szwejbka requesting to close Robin Street between Fourth & Fifth Streets on August 20th from 3:00 PM to midnight (raindate Sunday, August 21st) for their annual Block Party.

Councilman Muldowney moved that permission be granted and referred this to the Public Works & Police Departments. Seconded by Councilman Michalski.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #43-2011
JULY 19, 2011

BY ENTIRE COUNCIL:

**AUTHORIZING \$500.00 STIPEND FOR
THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk requires the services of an Animal Control Officer on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Steven A. Purol is currently the Animal Control Officer, and is willing and able to provide such services to the City of Dunkirk on a contract basis for the Fiscal Year of 2011, and has and will provide such services in a workmanlike manner; and

WHEREAS, due to added expenditures that are paid out of pocket by the ACO, a one-time Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) stipend will be paid to the ACO for the period beginning July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Animal Control Officer be issued a one-time Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) stipend for the period beginning July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #44-2011
JULY 19, 2011

BY ENTIRE COUNCIL:

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH
FAMILY SERVICE OF THE CHAUTAUQUA REGION, INC.,
FOR THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)
(AUGUST 1, 2011 THROUGH JULY 31, 2012)**

WHEREAS, Family Service of the Chautauqua Region, Inc., located in Jamestown, New York, had developed a comprehensive education and counseling program servicing employees, retirees, and the employees' immediate family members; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be for the period of August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the twelve-month program will be Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$3,675.00); and

WHEREAS, funds were budgeted for this item in the 2011 Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a contract, on behalf of the City of Dunkirk, with Family Service of the Chautauqua Region, Inc., located in Jamestown, New York, for the provision of an Employee Assistance Program to cover eligible City employees for the period from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that the funds for the above will come from Account #001-1430-4036 Personnel Department Employee Services EAP.

Carried, all voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned at 7: PM

Tom Mleczko, City Clerk
