

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Henry Pirowski presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Pirowski.

**Meeting called to order
NB: Meeting being recorded**

**Roll Call: Council Present: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski
Excused: Lewis
Dept Heads: Present: Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller, Development
Excused: Law, Recreation**

Approval of Minutes: of regular meeting of March 18, 2014

Moved by Pirowski, seconded by Noman to adopt minutes of March 18, 2014 as written
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski Carried 4-0

Departmental Reports:

1. City Compt. – AP Check listing #35, March 6, 2014.
2. City Compt. – AP Check listing #36, March 13, 2014.
3. City Compt. – AP Check listing #37, March 20, 2014.
4. City Compt. – Statement of Cond. Of Appropriations.
5. City Clerk – Monthly report for March, 2014.
6. City Treas. – Receipts deposited into General Fund, March, 2014.

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file departmental reports one through six
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski Carried 4-0

Communications from the Mayor:

Advertise for Mowing and Landscaping

7. To: City Council

I am requesting your Honorable Body to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for lawn mowing and landscaping of various recreational and public properties areas in the City of Lackawanna for the 2014 Calendar Year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Recreation.

GEOFFREY M SZYMANSKI-MAYOR

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to grant request, City Clerk to advertise for bids
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski Carried 4-0

Emergency Medical Ambulance Proposal

8. To: City Council

I am submitting for the agenda a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding emergency medical ambulance service for the City of Lackawanna.

This RFP is for the purposes of providing basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) paramedic ambulance services for the citizens of Lackawanna.

As you can see in the RFP, we are requesting more service from an ambulance company which will benefit all the residence of our City. It is thorough and comprehensive.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Galanti for more details.

(Complete proposal on file with City Clerk)

GEOFFREY M SZYMANSKI-MAYOR

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to grant request for RFP regarding emergency medical ambulance service

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

School Intervention Program

9. To: City Council

I respectfully request the City Council restore the amount of \$2527.00 to the **2013-2014** Lackawanna City budget for the Youth Bureau/Youth Board line item A7310.490 (School Intervention Program).

This will enable the City Comptroller to seek reimbursement for the NYS approved amount of \$2527.00 from the New York State Office of Child and Family services from the 2012-2013 City budget.

The factors involved in seeking this reimbursement are overlapping budget years:

City of Lackawanna budget year of 8-01-2012 to 7-31-2013

The Erie County budget year of 1-1-2013 to 12-31-2013

The NYS budget year of 04-01-2013 to 3-31-2014

The net effect on the budget is zero.

JAMES S SIERACKI-YOUTH DIRECTOR

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Demolition- Emergency- 114 & 116 Center

10. To: City Council

Please find attached for your review and approval an ordinance amending the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance adopted July 20, 2013, to provide funding for emergency demolitions of 116 & 114 Center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Police Department-Pistols & Holsters

11. To: City Council

The City of Lackawanna Police Departments semi-auto pistols are Generation 1 Glock pistols. The majority were purchased in 1997 and are at the point where they need to be replaced. The approximate cost for replacement, with lights and holsters is \$14,000.

I respectfully request to transfer funds from account #3120.418 to 3120.419 in the amount of \$14,000.00 to cover the cost of the new pistols, lights and holsters.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

JAMES L MICHEL, JR-POLICE CHIEF

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

E Scrap 4 Project

12. To: City Council

Please be advised that Tony DeSantis and I have made arrangements for the City of Lackawanna to participate in a fund raiser for “Camp Good Days and Special Times”, together with Sunnking electronics recycling. Sunnking, in partnership with Camp Good Days and Special Times, has created a program entitled “E-Scrape 4 Camp” that recycles old electronics into funds to improve the quality of life for children and families whose lives have been touched by cancer.

At no cost or expense to the City, Sunnking will deliver storage boxes and wooden pallets. The pallets & boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, April 2nd and picked up on Friday, April 18th.

The collection and drop-off will be located at the City Garage on Reddon Street behind Veteran’s Memorial Stadium; Monday, April 7th thru Friday, April 11th from 8AM until 6PM.

Kindly, distribute the attached flyers with the information so that your constituents can participate while cleaning out there old electronics. Hopefully this will cut down on the volume that is discarded at the curb for municipal pickup.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event there are any questions or comments.

FRED K HEINLE-DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Travel Expenditures-Director of Development

13. To: City Council

Please find attached for your review and approval an ordinance amending the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance adopted July 20, 2013, to provide funding for travel expenditures for the Director of Development.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Communications from Citizens

Dyngus Day Parade-Use of Engine 2

14. To: City Council

Monday, April 21st is the Dyngus Day Parade. I request permission to use Engine 2 to take part in the Parade.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

BILL TOJEK-VICE PRESIDENT IAFF 3166

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to grant request for use of Engine 2 for Dyngus Day Parade

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Annual Taste of Lackawanna-Youth Empowerment Program

15. To: City Council

The Lackawanna Youth Empowerment Program Inc. will be hosting its 7th Annual "Taste of Lackawanna". The event will be held Saturday June 7th 2014. Set up begins at 9am, but the actual event is held from 12pm until 8pm.

We are requesting permission to block off O'dell Street, between Ingham Ave and Wilmuth Street between the hours listed above.

Any further details needed, please contact our President at the phone number listed below.

We thank you in advance for your support.

WADE TURNER-LACKAWANNA YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to grant request

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Alcoholic Anonymous – Use of City Property

16. To: City Council

Our group would greatly appreciate if the City Council would consider an ordinance and allow our group to use city property during our yearly Alcoholics Anonymous anniversary event.

The Buffalo Group is celebrating our 17th anniversary on April 12 and would like to set up a tent with tables behind our building for seating before the event. There are a couple of areas that we looked at and are requesting approval to set up in the parking lot, or in the walkway that connects Nason Parkway to the police parking lot.

The event we are holding would be running from 5pm until 10pm on April 12th and would be using a small parameter on city property. It would require minimum set up and clean up on our behalf and there would be no leftover trash after the event.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

BUFFALO GROUP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

No motion on the floor, request is denied

Habitat for Humanity

17. To: City Council

I am a future homeowner of Habitat for Humanity. I would like very much to build my home in the Wonderful City of Lackawanna. I have spoken to 1st Ward Councilman Noman and the Honorable Mayor Szymanski about this item.

In the City of Lackawanna are abandoned properties and plenty land. Habitat for Humanity can take a home and refurbish it and give the home to a family in need.

I understand Lackawanna Homes are building forty-eight (48) single family homes in the 1st Ward but I feel Habitat for Humanity should also have the opportunity to do so.

I would like to request this item to be put on the agenda for Monday, April 7, 2014 Council meeting.

MRS. BETTYE JACKSON

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to receive and file.

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Commissioner of Deeds

18. To: City Council

Please put this matter on your agenda at the next Council Meeting. I request a Commissioner of Deeds appointment for Michelle Ciesla, residing at 120 Majestic Terrace, Lackawanna, NY 14218, an employee of my firm.

Thank you for your assistance.

ARC J PETRICCA

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to grant request for Commissioner of Deeds status for Michelle Cielsa

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Entertainment Licenses:

Winfield's Pub-1213 Ridge Rd-Class 1-Live Music

Moved by Pirowski seconded to Jerge to approve request for live music entertainment license

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Cagneys-1254 Electric Ave- Class 1-Live Music

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to approve request for live music entertainment license

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Business Licenses:

Elixer Vapor Lounge-283 Ridge Rd (lower rear)

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to approve business license
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

All Occasions by Cuzzins-283 Ridge Rd

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to approve business license
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Resolutions:

Council Meeting Date Change

RESOLUTION #6, 2014

Whereas, Chapter 3, Section 3.7 of the Charter of the City of Lackawanna provides for meeting dates of the Lackawanna City Council; and

Whereas, the City Council is desirous of complying with the City of Lackawanna Open Meetings Law of New York State; and

Whereas, the City Council is desirous of changing the meeting date of Monday, April 21, 2014 to be rescheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014; and

Be it resolved, that the Council meeting previously scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2014 is hereby changed to Monday, April 28, 2014.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the centrally located bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall and on the Council Bulletin board, in the City Clerk's Office and on the official website for the City.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to adopt resolution as written
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Ordinances:

(1.) School Intervention Program-Budget Amendment

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 20, 2013

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance adopted July 20, 2013 is hereby amended to increase revenues and appropriations for the youth initiative and services funds.

SECTION 2. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$2,527.00 to Budget code A.0000.3825 School Drop-Out Program.

SECTION 3. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase appropriations by \$2,527.00 for budget code A.7310.490 Youth Board School Intervention Program

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

(2.) Demolition of Buildings-114 & 116 Center Street-Budget Amendment

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013-2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 20, 2013

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance adopted July 20, 2013 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for emergency demolitions

SECTION 2. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$46,000.00 to Budget code A.3620.466 Development, Demolition of Buildings

SECTION 3. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$46000.00 of the City's Fund Balance

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

(3.) Travel-Development-Budget Amendment

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013-2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 20, 2013

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance adopted July 20, 2013 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for travel allowance for Director of Development

SECTION 2. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$250.00 to budget code A.3620.464 Development, Travel Allowance

SECTION 3. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$250.00 of the City's Fund Balance

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Tabled Items:

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to remove business license for Kelly's Chocolates from the table

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to approve business license for Kelly's Parkside Chocolates (1283 Abbott Rd)

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Waive Rules

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to waive rules to include ordinance amending the budget transferring \$14,000 to budget A3120.419 Police Department for purchase of new firearms

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013-2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 20, 2013

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance adopted July 20, 2013 is hereby amended to transfer appropriations for the purchase of new firearms

SECTION 2. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$14,000.00 to budget code A.3120.419 Police, Firearms and Ammo

SECTION 3. That the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$14,000.00 from budget code A.3120.418 Police, Uniforms and Accessories

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to waive rules to include a computer resources policy to govern and regulate the City of Lackawanna Electronic Technology Resources

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Computer Resources Policy

To: City Council

This letter shall serve to confirm that the City of Lackawanna does not currently have in place a Computer Resource Policy to govern and regulate the City of Lackawanna Electronic Technology Resources.

I would therefore encourage the City Council to pass the attached written policy in order to regulate the City's Electronic Equipment and Resources.

I believe it is in the City's best interest to adopt this policy.

(Complete policy on file with City Clerk)

FRANK E KRAKOWSKI-CITY ASSESSOR

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt policy as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Adjournment

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman, Iafallo, Jerge to adjourned in memory of Lynn Deren

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 4-0

Henry R. Pirowski, Council President

Jacqueline A Caferro, City Clerk