

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 26, 2021
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson, Barry Smith,
Paul Myers, Janet Koch
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
Grant Writer/Youth Bureau Director: Sandra Brundage
City Comptroller: Kathleen Sarver
Acting Police Chief: Jamie Deck
BPU Electric Supervisor: Jeffrey Pond Jr.
BPU Water Supervisor: Justin Chudy
Police Commission Members: Lane Hoag, Heather Jackson,
Robert Kennedy

Mayor Magiera called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Magiera asked for a moment of silence.

CLD TO ORDER
PLEDGE
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At this time the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law to amend the City Charter to provide that the Common Council shall have the sole authority to appoint, hire, remove and set the compensation of all City Officers and Employees, unless specifically provided otherwise by law, was opened.

PUBLIC HEARING
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TO APT, HIRE, &
REMOVE, & SET
COMPENSATION OF
ALL CITY EMPS

Police Commission Member Hoag asked if the Council has read the Cities 101 Municipal Charter. They noted they had not. He asked why a Charter Commission was not formed according to Section 36 of the Municipal Home Rule. Mayor Magiera stated she has read that and was told a Charter Commission was not necessary for this one change but would be for a complete Charter review. Mr. Hoag stated "But you are still amending the City Charter. It shouldn't be amended by five or six people, it should be a referendum of nine to sixteen members according to Section 36. I don't understand what the rush is here. The Salamanca Press doesn't come out until Wednesday and some people are not online." He noted that the Police Commission members were told they were to receive and discuss the amended version of the proposed law, but they never saw the second draft. He noted that the Council already passed this at the last Council meeting and this is the formal hearing. He stated to the Council "The way you are directing this in regards to the City Police Department and Police Commission is that you want to put politics in place of a Commission. You want to hire and fire. Are you going to do the interviews? Do you have the time to stay on top of it, like me, daily, weekly, monthly-no?" He noted there is a Chairman from the Council- but he knows a lot more of what goes on at the Police Department than any of the Council. Stating "I eat, breath and sleep it- and you want to take our power away. We stand in between you, the Council, and regard to the PD and the public. Now you want to put politics in it and have politicians deciding this; it should go to referendum if not a Charter Commission."

DISCN BY L. HOAG,
POLICE COMM

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Council Member Hill noted that he was away when this was adopted by the Council. He read it over and it says the Commission may submit recommendations to the Common Council. He stated he still does not like the way it is written. He feels the only thing that should have changed was the setting of the wage for non-union employees.

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COMM & ALDERMAN
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Mr. Hoag noted a copy of the Local Law was not available for the public. He feels this should be tabled and allow the public ample time to see the Local Law. City Clerk Chamberlain stated she is sorry she did not get the Commission members a copy of the Local Law. She noted it is a part of the last set of minutes, which she did not bring copies of, and it was approved by the Council at the last meeting. Mr. Hoag stated the public has a right to see the full resolution. City Attorney Swiatek clarified there are different procedures to amend a Charter. One procedure that is available, that the City has used in the past, is amending the Charter through the adoption of a Local Law. Mr. Hoag stated that doesn't make it correct. Attorney Swiatek stated that it is one of the legally available ways to do it and the Council would decide if they want to do it a different way. Police Commission Member Jackson stated that she feels this is not a Local Law because it is giving power to an entity and according to the Municipal Home Rule there is certain criteria that has to be met for the Council to make this decision. If it is not met then there needs to be a Commission or a public referendum. Attorney Swiatek stated that the City Council having the right to appoint, terminate and set the compensation is usually the rule across the State. Ms. Jackson stated she is okay with what the Council wants to do, she wants it to be done the right way. She notes the City residents are entitled to what is right, and because it was done as past practice doesn't make it right. As a representative of the Police Commission she wants it to be done the correct way by the policy and procedures through NYS. She is not saying if she agrees or disagrees with what the change is. She notes that the Attorney should know if it is being done correctly. Attorney Swiatek stated yes this is an available way to do the change and a history of the City doing it this way.

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LAW BY COMM
MEMBER HOAG
AND COMM MEMBER
JACKSON & CITY
ATTORNEY SWIA-
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Mr. Hoag stated "If it was left up to the Council to make the changes made at the Police Department it wouldn't have happened. I spoke on deaf ears, some of these people sit here today. There was one Council Member, Janet Koch, that stepped up and helped. With the way the Police Department is structured, if you put politics into the Commission there are going to be problems. If this is what all these people want to do, that is political suicide. Sandy, you have the power to veto this, I expect you to veto it."

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MEMBER HOAG
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VETO

Ms. Jackson stated in the Municipal Home Rule there is an exception as to when the Council can or cannot make a ruling. This case falls under a referendum and that is what she is asking for, what is fair to the public. One exception is when they abolish, transfer or curtail any power of an elective officers. She feels that the Council is trying to take power from the Commission for themselves. Attorney Swiatek notes that the authority the Commission has was delegated by the Council. He noted his job is to move the process along in a way that is legal. A referendum is only required if you are affecting the balance of authority between elected officials, in this case it is not. The Council is

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MEMBER JACKSON

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modifying the authority they gave to Commissions previously through amendments. This is returning the authority back the Council. Ms. Jackson feels he is being broad and not saying anyone is incorrect. She thinks in order to be on the safe side the Council would want to do the right thing. She is asking that everyone do their homework and figure it out from there. She would appeal this and does not want to be taken advantage of and if they have been in the past, shame on the Council. Mr. Hoag stated past practice does not mean correct practices. Attorney Swiatek stated he feels this practice is not unique and does conform with the law as previous attorneys have also determined. Ms. Jackson stated "I don't know if a court would actually see it that way. I think because it has been done for so long and no one wants to fight it, I just thinks it's accepted. I am not saying that I can sit back and accept that, as being a part of this community. I think something really needs to change, because no one fights anything here and just goes with what the Council says and the Council isn't following their own Charter. It's whatever makes the Council happy. The first page of the Charter says you will hold meetings twice a month and yet made a vote that you will only meet once a month for the summer. That is not what the Charter says, you can't just make those decisions based on what you want to do for the summer. So, it's like you are lenient on some aspects and then on the other hand you're not. That is on you to run a solid Council and have a solid Mayor. I give each of you the respect you deserve for being up there. All I am asking for is an open mind to anything, just because it has been done in the past; step and do what's right. Thank you."

With no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING
CLOSED

Moved by Hill and seconded by Johnson:

RESOLVED: That we hereby approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of May 11, 2021.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

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Old Business:

OLD BUS:

At this time the tabled item, to approve the use of a Police Department vehicle by the On-Call Police Investigator, was discussed. Council Member Hill asked that the item remain on the table until clarification is provided by the City's insurance carrier. There was some discussion regarding concerns of liability of the City owned vehicle and also when the On-Call Investigator uses their personal vehicle. It was noted this could be done on a trial basis. City Attorney Swiatek stated this should be done with a Memorandum of Agreement with the Union to allow flexibility. It was decided to obtain the information from the insurance carrier and vote at the next Council meeting.

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ITEM TO APV
USE OF POL VEH
BY ON CALL OFCE

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Moved by Koch and seconded by Myers:

RESOLVED: That we hereby confirm amending the City of Salamanca Face Covering Requirement Policy to state "This Policy will be in effect in accordance with the CDC, NYS Health Department and Cattaraugus County Health Department guidelines. Employees and customers/visitors, if fully vaccinated, will no longer be required to wear a face covering while in City Buildings. Those who are immunocompromised or who feel more comfortable wearing a mask due to pre-existing medical conditions, may still wear their masks if they so choose."

RESOL TO CONFIRM
AMENDING CITY
OF SALAMANCA FACE
COVERING REQUIREMENTS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CDC, NYS HEALTH
DEPT & CATTARAUGUS
COUNTY HEALTH
DEPT, NO LONGER
TO REQUIRE MASKING
IF FULLY VACCINATED

Council Member Smith asked if this would include sporting events at the City parks. Youth Bureau Director Brundage stated that there are separate NYS guidelines for the sporting events. The schools are requiring them; for municipal purposes we do not know if the City can enforce them. The reopening plan provided, at the time of the field use request, stated that they require the masks. The rule is now, if vaccinated fully, they would not be required to wear a mask.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

Moved by Myers and seconded by Smith:

RESOLVED: That we hereby approve the contract agreement with Lawley Insurance, Buffalo, NY effective July 1, 2021, upon review and approval by the City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT
AGREEMENT WITH LAWLEY
INSURANCE, EFFECTIVE 07/01/
2021 UPON REVIEW
AND APPROVAL OF CITY
ATTORNEY

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

Moved by Smith and seconded by Hill:

RESOLVED: That we hereby authorize the following appointments of the Mayor: RESOL TO AUTHORIZE
MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Appointment of Laurie Hunt, Salamanca, NY, to fill the unexpired term on David Koch, who resigned, beginning on May 27, 2021 and ending January 31, 2023.

ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS- LAURIE
HUNT, EFFECTIVE 05/27/
2021-01/31/2023
(REPLACE DAVID KOCH
UPON HIS RESIGNATION)

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Myers:

RESOLVED: That we hereby waive the agenda rule to consider other business.

RESOL TO WAIVE
AGENDA

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

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Moved by Johnson and seconded by Hill:

RESOLVED: That we hereby authorize the City to apply for Senator Kristen Gillibrand's Discretionary funds in the amount of \$752,284.00 for a DPW Standby Generator, the Ray Evans Seneca Theater roof repair or replacement and Municipal Building energy efficiency upgrades.

Grant Writer Brundage stated the requested funds are \$302,284.00 for Municipal Building Energy Efficient Upgrades, \$150,000.00 for a DPW standby generator and the remaining \$300,000.00 for the Theater roof. She noted that the request for funds has been submitted.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

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DISCRETIONARY
FUNDS, \$753,284
FOR DPW STANDBY
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THEATER ROOF RPR
OR REPLCMT, &
MUNICIPAL BLDG
EFFIC UPGRADES

Moved by Hill and seconded by Smith:

RESOLVED: That we hereby request the City Clerk to properly advertise for bids for the City-wide Clean-up beginning the week of July 12 or July 19, 2021, with the cost of \$35.00 for participants.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

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CLK TO ADV FOR
BIDS FOR CITYWIDE
CLEANUP, WK 7/12
or 7/19, \$35/ PAR-
TICIPANT

Moved by Hill and seconded by Johnson:

RESOLVED: That we hereby authorize the Police Department to obtain a credit card for use by the undercover Drug Task Force Officer for the purchase of gas.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

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CREDIT CARE FOR
GAS USE BY UNDER-
COVER DRUG TASK
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Under Communications from the Mayor and Council:

- Mayor Magiera noted that a memorial will be held for Former Council Member Timothy Flanigan on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Peace and a dedication of the Main Street pocket park at 11:30 AM.
- Council Member Smith asked if the Council needs to take action on the addition of a stop sign at the City Hall parking lot onto Barrett Drive. It was noted that a parking lot sign would not require action.
- Council Member Smith asked about the former Weast Insurance building on Main Street. It was noted that the City cannot take it for back taxes at this time.
- Council Member Smith noted that IT Scott Collins is working on the purchase of laptops for the Mayor and Council.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MEM FOR FORMER
COUNCIL MEMBER
TIMOTHY FLANIGAN,
05/29/21

ALDERMAN SMITH
REQ PARKING LOT/
BARRETT DR STOP
SIGN
WEAST BLDG CANNOT
BE TAKN FOR BACK
TAXES AT THIS TIME

IT COLLINS GETTING
LAPTOPS FOR COUN-
CIL MEMBERS

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- Council Member Koch read the attached statement regarding business signage. She asked that the Mayor and Council support getting the sign ordinance eased up and leave the sandwich board signs alone. She also noted that she took pictures of the signs and properties with horrendous conditions. She is more concerned with the safety of the community with the hazardous properties than a sandwich board sign. There was a consensus of the Council that the sign regulations should be amended to allow sandwich board signs. It was requested that the City Clerk prepare a letter to the Zoning Board and Code Enforcement Office to amend the sign regulations. In answer to a question from BPU Electric Supervisor Pond, the signs on utility poles will still not be allowed.
- Carmen Veccharella asked how to obtain a building permit when the Code Enforcement Officer is out of the office. It was noted that the Assessor Office staff can handle issuing permits in his absence. Council Member Koch stated she called to office to have an issue addressed when the Code Enforcement Office was out of the office. She has since had correspondence with the Code Officer and will meet with the Fire Chief.

ALDERMAN KOCH
REQ BUSINESS
SIGNAGE ORDINANCE
BE AMENDED TO
ALLOW SANDWICH
BD SIGNS-COUNCIL
CONSENSUS TO
ALLOW SANDWICH
BD SIGNS AND
PREPARE LETTER
FR. CITY CLERK
FOR ZONING BD

CODES OFFICE

Moved by Hill and seconded by Myers:

RESOLVED: That the bills be paid as warranted and recommended by the appropriate Commissions and/or Department Heads, the City Comptroller and City Clerk and that the reports of the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Dog Control Officer and City Judge for the month of April 2021 are hereby accepted and filed.

APVL OF BILLS &
CERTAIN DPT RE-
PORTS FOR MONTH
OF APRIL:

--DATE--	--TYPE--	NUMBER	-----DESCRIPTION-----	-----AMOUNT---
5/14/2021	CHECK	061405	CITY OF SALAMANCA FED WITHHOLD	5,657.15CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061406	CITY OF SALAMANCA PAYROLL ACCO	77,643.79CR
3/31/2021	CHECK	061407	CORE LOGIC	1,109.92CR
5/18/2021	CHECK	061408	WELLS FARGO	1,497.24CR
5/18/2021	CHECK	061409	WELLS FARGO	171.67CR
3/31/2021	CHECK	061410	PATROLPC	876.05CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061411	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	1,040.16CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061412	COMPLETE PAYROLL PROCESSING IN	129.80CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061413	GALLS, LLC.	491.27CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061414	LAKE SHORE PAVING INC.	22,923.00CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061415	NOCO ENERGY CORP.	20,881.84CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061416	RICOH USA	57.89CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061417	ROBERT KOSINSKI	20.00CR
5/14/2021	CHECK	061418	SANDRA L. BRUNDAGE	74.99CR

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5/14/2021 CHECK	061419	SEWING TECHNOLOGY UNIFORM INC	394.40CR
5/14/2021 CHECK	061420	TUSTIN SWIFT	14.07CR
5/20/2021 CHECK	061421	CYNTHIA A. FRANKLIN	34.72CR
5/20/2021 CHECK	061422	DANIEL KRUSZYNSKI	158.90CR
5/25/2021 CHECK	061423	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF WNY	49,375.74CR
5/25/2021 CHECK	061424	DELTA DENTAL OF NEW YORK, INC.	1,725.20CR
5/25/2021 CHECK	061425	RENAISSANCE	197.89CR
5/25/2021 CHECK	061426	VISION SERVICE PLAN- (NR)	593.00CR
5/25/2021 CHECK	061427	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF WNY	1,970.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061428	ATLANTIC BROADBAND	195.14CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061429	BOYLE'S MOTOR SALES INC.	364.11CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061430	BUTLER'S HEATING & PLUMBING SU	1,925.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061431	CATTARAUGUS COUNTY TREASURER	277.40CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061432	CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIE	4,410.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061433	COMPLETE PAYROLL PROCESSING IN	134.61CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061434	CROSBY-O'MANN, INC	3,603.60CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061435	CYNCON EQUIPMENT, INC	310.81CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061436	DECKER TREE SERVICE	3,500.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061437	FASTENAL COMPANY	79.89CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061438	FLAGS USA LLC	50.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061439	GERNATT ASPHALT	1,171.64CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061440	GRAINGER	188.78CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061441	IRR SUPPLY CENTERS INC	437.92CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061442	JAMES B SCHWAB CO., INC	21.80CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061443	JAMESTOWN MACADAM, INC	337.90CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061444	LANDPRO EQUIPMENT LLC	214.16CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061445	MAD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	1,150.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061446	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATION	1,546.24CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061447	NATIONAL FUEL	215.91CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061448	NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME CO	2,360.04CR

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5/28/2021 CHECK	061449	OLEAN TIMES HERALD	37.50CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061450	QUADIENIT FINANCE USA, INC	2,000.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061451	QUADIENIT LEASING USA, INC.	251.77CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061452	RICOH USA, INC.	104.11CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061453	SCOTT J COLLINS	1,459.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061454	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	7.85CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061455	STAYER GREENHOUSE LLC	517.98CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061456	THE PAPER FACTORY	392.18CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061457	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	105.00CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061458	VALPRO SANITARY SUPPLIES, INC.	263.11CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061459	WORTH W SMITH	266.08CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061460	AMCHAR WHOLESALE INC.	1,374.36CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061461	GALLS, LLC.	509.95CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061462	RICOH USA, INC.	412.79CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061463	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	702.52CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061464	SIRCHIE	548.01CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061465	THE PAPER FACTORY	525.67CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061466	U & S SERVICES INC	18.66CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061467	WORTH W SMITH	32.08CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061468	CHURCHVILLE FIRE EQUIPMENT COR	967.30CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061469	LIME LAKE MARINE	187.35CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061470	NRS	251.44CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061471	ROCK-N-RESCUE/J.E. WEINEL, INC	162.18CR
5/28/2021 CHECK	061472	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, IN	32.00CR
3/31/2021 CHECK	061473	CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIE	32,865.00CR
3/31/2021 CHECK	061474	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	5,513.40CR

Special Accounts-5/26/21

Chk #	Date	Account Name	Amount
324	5/14/2021	Pooled Cash Acct-Youth Ctr Special Activities-I	\$353.28

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Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

Grant Writer Brundage notified the Council that the City was awarded the Cattaraugus County Boat Launch grant in the amount of \$19,202.10. This will be used to add ADA compliant upgrades to the boat launch and install gravel at the Front Avenue launch area.

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LAUNCH GRANT APV
FOR \$19,202.10

There was some discussion regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds. Grant Writer Brundage noted the City could request up to \$500,000.00 for the Police Department proposed addition. It is first come, first serve with a deadline of August 27, 2021.

DISCN OF CDBG
CARES GRANT

Moved by Smith and seconded by Johnson:

WHEREAS, the City of Salamanca is applying to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for a project grant under the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities Act (CDBG CV) program to conduct improvements to City of Salamanca Police Department, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Salamanca Common Council; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of these programs, said City of Salamanca must authorize public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Municipality's community development needs, and to discuss the submission of the Community Development Block Grant application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Salamanca Common Council hereby does authorize a public hearing and endorses the application of City of Salamanca for a grant under the CDBG CV program for a project known as Salamanca Police Department Improvements and located within this community.

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PUBLIC HEARING &
ENDORSES APP FOR
CDBG CV PROG FOR
PROJ KNOWN AS
SALA SPD IMPROVMT

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Myers, Koch
Nays: None

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Hill:

RESOLVED: That we hereby adjourn – 8:00 PM.
Carried.

ADJOURN

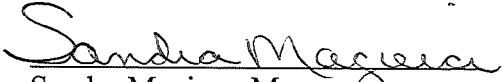


Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

Dated: June 1, 2021

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THE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS AND LOCAL LAW # 1 FOR 2021, AS ADOPTED
BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, ARE HEREBY APPROVED.


Sandra Magiera, Mayor

Dated: June 4, 2021

Ward 5 Alderman Janet Koch comments.

Before I speak on an issue I want to make it perfectly clear that I am all for businesses in our City to use signs and to use sandwich signs. I feel we have very little businesses in Salamanca and if they can attract customers by the use of signs and or sandwich signs then by all means I am for them using signs. I am all for helping any business grow and stay in our city no matter what it takes. If you go to other communities including Ellicottville the streets are lined with signs and it makes a quaint area introducing the public to their businesses.

It has been brought to my attention that our code enforcement has been picking and choosing who gets reminded that sandwich signs and signs are not allowed in the city. I also know that it is somewhere in the Zoning Commission rules that sandwich signs are not to be used and this dates back years. It is my personal feeling we as a City Council should ask Code Enforcement and the Zoning Commission to ease up on this and allow the signs. However, if it is going to be enforced on one business then all businesses that have sandwich signs up should be visited and their signs removed, just like it was done recently to a local business that I am aware of. Or perhaps to make it easier and more community friendly just let the businesses use sandwich signs as we as a city cannot afford to lose businesses and definitely cannot lose them over a sign.

I also know there are signs in the City rights-of-way. Last year a business that does food vending had signs removed but others were left up on city trees, telephone poles etc. So, either remove them all or leave them all alone.

Recently we were given an email of a request to put signs in our parks and I noted I was not for it and the reason I was not for it is mainly due to the issue that I was recently been made aware that a business had their signs removed and was told they could be returned to their truck not to the business but to the truck in the yard. Why were this business owners' signs removed when we have them all over? I took a ride around town and took pictures of many businesses with signs and have them here for review tonight.

I ask the Council and Mayor to back me on this and get the sign ordinance eased up on and leave our business owners signs alone.

Silver Bells Café

Silver Bells Christmas Store

Murphy Concession Stand

Tree on Front Ave

Antonne's Central Ave

Marino's

Our Lady of Peace Church

Swan St. Florist

Myers Steakhouse

Clinton Bar

Corner Deli