

At 5:08pm Councilor Dowdle made a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter of litigation with Falcon Seaboard.

Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

Adjourned: 5:38pm

Mayor Read stated returning from Executive Session discussed Webb Island Bridge potential litigation and Falcon Seaboard explorations no decisions were made.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

January 11, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: spoke about the first Infrastructure Committee and read a statement; this will be an active year and his resolutions/plans for 2018.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on January 4, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 10, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 99,273.49** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of December 18 – 29, 2017
- Statement from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month December 2017 in the total amount of \$8,235.00

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending January 12, 2018 in the amount of \$ 1,387,179.41 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. At this time the Chair will entertain nominations from the floor for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilor Ensel; nominated by Councilor Armstrong

Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

B. 2018 ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEES:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-Chair: Councilor Kretser; Member: Councilor Armstrong

-Discusses, City Clerk, City Website, Information Dissemination, and Media, Community Events, Recreation and Strategic Planning
-Meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30 in Common Council Chambers, works with Community Development Director, Special Events Coordinator, Legal Counsel, and City Clerk Department Heads

City Infrastructure - Chair: Councilor Kasper; Member: Councilor Ensel

-Discusses, Department of Public Works, Planning and Community Development, Environmental Services, Water and Sewer
-Meets second Thursday of every month at 4:30 in Common Council Chambers, works with Department of Public Works, Community Development Director, Water Pollution Control Department, Water Filtration Department, Environmental Services Department Heads and Senior Planner.

Finance and Budget - Chair: Councilor Kelly; Member: Councilor Ensel

-Discusses Finance Department, Assessments, Payroll, Procurement, Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations, New Positions, Revenue Sources
-Meets third Thursday of every month at 4:30 in Common Council Chambers, works with City Chamberlain

Public Safety - Chair: Councilor Dowdle; Member: Councilor Kelly

-Discusses Police, Fire Department, Code Enforcement
-Meets fourth Thursday of every month at 4:30 in Common Council Chambers, works with Police Chief, Fire Chief and Building Inspector.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair: Councilor Armstrong; Member: Councilor Kretser

-Discusses Library
-Meets at time and place in discretion of committee chair, works with Library Director

MLD - MLD Board President Ensel; Member: Councilor Dowdle

-Discusses Municipal Lighting Department.
- Meets immediately after Common Council Meetings in Common Council Chambers, works with Municipal Lighting Department Manager.

Motion to waive reading and move the resolution

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Foundation of CVPH to hold their Annual Gala at the City of Plattsburgh Marina using the parking lot on June 9, 2018 from 7am to approximately 11:00pm. (Event time is 5:00pm). Tent will be installed, Portable restrooms are required, Insurance proof is required, Alcohol will be served, and is permitted by

the Council per Section 129-4 of the Code, and accordingly, NYS Liquor Authority permit compliance and documentation is required.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel and Kasper voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kretser recused himself)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh High School Community School Organization to use the auditorium on April 21, 2018 to host a live jazz performance with a catered dinner and dancing. Insurance proof is required and Alcohol will be served therefore NYS Liquor documentation is required.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2017-17 "Sodium Hypochlorite for Water Pollution Control Plant and Water Filtration Plant" be awarded to Slack Chemical Company, Inc. for the lump sum of \$107,529.73.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills for October 2016 in the total amount of \$1,826.50. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .20%.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, the City of Plattsburgh agrees to resolve the pending litigation captioned as "Plattsburgh Boat Basin, Inc. v. City of Plattsburgh, et al., Index No.

CV17-0037” via a written settlement agreement. The Mayor is authorized to sign the settlement agreement and authorize this matter to be discontinued with prejudice pursuant to its terms.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. Introduced: Local Law P-1 of the year 2018: A local law amending Chapter 233 “Streets and Sidewalks”, Article V “Removal of Snow and Ice on Public Sidewalks”, Sections 233.30 through 233.37 of the City Code of the City of Plattsburgh.

By Mayor Colin Read

Public Hearing Date set by Mayor: **Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 5:00pm**

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Jennifer Tallon to hold a one year anniversary celebration of the North Country March for Unity and Respect gathering in Trinity Park and march throughout downtown Plattsburgh, remaining on sidewalks, on January 20, 2018 from 2:00pm to 5pm. Insurance proof is required and \$20 fee for electricity.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Department employees to attend “Canton Police Academy as instructors for the Mental Health Training” from February 15-16, 2018 in Canton, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$616 and Canton Police Academy will be reimbursing lodging and meals.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Manager Bill Treacy to attend “NYMPA’S Board Meeting” from January 24-25, 2018 in East Syracuse, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$60.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Kretser. Nothing to report has not met yet.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Kasper. Thanked members and exemplary work, reported on first meeting tonight.

Mayor Read gave update on recommendations of Parking Study.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly. Nothing to report has not met yet.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle. Asked Fire Chief to give update on recent fires in city.

Mayor Read is grateful we have protected fire service.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair: Councilor Armstrong. Nothing to report Library Board meets 4th Tuesday of month.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor Ensel. Nothing to report will get together with Bill Treacy for next meeting in February.

11. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Kasper has received complaints about audio on live stream during Council meetings, when someone is skypping very hard to hear, feels we should be thoughtful about when we use SKYPE.

Mayor Read may need to explore different technology.

Councilor Armstrong thanked all who were involved in Snow Removal Law, objective; safe, passable sidewalks.

12. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Rob Boire update on 460 Margaret Street project.

Councilor Kasper asked Mr. Boire questions on project.

Councilor Dowdle asked further questions on project.

Rob Boire provided information.

Unidentified Speaker spoke about parking study, shouldn't be taking spaces away.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:26 pm