

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

January 18, 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

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Read issued the following Proclamation:**

WHEREAS, on Monday of this week we remembered the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on what would have been his 89th birthday, and

WHEREAS, two Memphis, Tennessee sanitation workers lost their lives on February 1, 1968 due to unsafe working conditions, which sparked the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers strike that caught the attention of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee as he sought economic justice for African American AFSCME workers who received a quarter the pay of white co-workers should their shift be cancelled due to weather,

WHEREAS, Americans nationwide celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King in many ways—but far too few remember that he was campaigning for economic justice when he lost his life; and

WHEREAS, there is today a national effort to honor his sacrifices to protect human rights and provide economic rights that did not depend on the color of one's skin,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

I, Colin L. Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, New York do hereby recognize February 1, 2018, as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss of lives which sparked the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers strike; and

We call on our community to participate in a national Minute of Reflection at 4:20 p.m. on that date, to remember that event and its significance; and

We urge other leaders and members of our community to take this opportunity to recommit ourselves to working to create opportunity, compassion, and civility in our community so we may ensure economic justice and opportunity for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the city of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this  
eighteenth day of January in the year Two-  
Thousand Eighteen  
Mayor Colin L. Read

**Mayor Read** offered to answer any Councilor questions about Underwood Estates.

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on January 11, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 17, 2018 in the amount of \$ 480,870.59 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 Armstrong  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of January 8 - 12, 2018
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee held on January 11, 2018
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on January 16, 2018

**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 Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending January 19, 2018 in the amount of \$ 913,180.13 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 Armstrong  
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE RE- APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD REGULAR MEMBER TO SCOTT DEMANE FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 19, 2018 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Ensel voted in the negative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE RE- APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD REGULAR MEMBER TO KELLIE PORTER FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 19, 2018 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021.**

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Ensel voted in the negative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD REGULAR MEMBER TO STEVE SULLIVAN FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 19, 2018 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Adirondack Coast Events for Tim Carter of Fleet Feet Sports to change date of Snowman Scramble 5K from January 13 to January 20 due to inclement weather. The Snowman Scramble 5k will be at Blumette Park on January 20 to benefit Elmore SPCA with the race route using various roads in the West End.

By Councilor Armstrong; 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

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Kretser. Nothing to report first meeting is on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Kasper. Nothing more except to express my compliments and gratitude to all infrastructure people especially Public Works for their efforts.

**Mayor Read** thanked all of the city departments that were involved in the Underwood Estates emergency.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly. First meeting tonight very successful, thanked Richard and his staff for the support they've given the Council with reports and information.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle. Nothing to report first meeting is next week.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong. Nothing to report first meeting is next week.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor Ensel.** Nothing to report first meeting is in February.

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**11. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Armstrong** indicated there will be a public hearing next week on the revised Snow Removal Law. She asked for help on setting up criteria for the appeals process. Councilor Kasper and Dowdle offered to help and they will work with Corporation Counsel.

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**12. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None**

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:46 pm**