

At 5:06pm: Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiation with Fire Department Union and Retirees litigation

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ADJOURNED: 5:29 pm

Mayor Read stated no decisions or actions on either issue were taken during Executive Session.

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

February 9, 2017

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on February 2, 2017 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

(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 February 8, 2017 in the amount of **\$ 123,473.69** 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 Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(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 of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of January 26 – February 8, 2017
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office January 30 – February 3, 2017
- Statement from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month January 2017 in the total amount of \$8,968.37

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)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending February 10, 2017 in the amount of \$ 871,762.27 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 Dowdle
(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. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a contract with Animal Rescue and Welfare Services (ARWS) for feral cat control/rescue/adoption efforts in the City of Plattsburgh, in the amount of \$1,500. Funds for this contract shall be drawn from the Animal Control 4430 line, contract with Elmore ASPCA/Eagle’s Nest Veterinary Clinic. ARWS will provide an account of expenditures at year’s end, as well as a report of the conditions of the feral cat population in the City.

Move to Table:

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Discussion:

Councilor Kasper indicated the contract is not ready yet.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled
Follow up Action: None

B. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD MEMBER TO STEVE SULLIVAN FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD MEMBER TO KATIE FRANCISCO FOR A TWO YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTYN DANTES TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A SEVEN YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AND EXPIRING FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

E THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURIE BOOTH-TRUDO TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AND EXPIRING FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

F. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MCFARLIN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019.

(RC) 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 Lt. Michael Bonner to attend the 4 week “FIRST LINE SUPERVISORS TRAINING PROGRAM” to be held at the NY City Fire Academy in Fort Totten, NY, from Sunday, January 8, 2017 thru February 3, 2017. The total cost should not exceed \$300. This is required schooling for his promotion as Lieutenant which was effective 11/12/2015.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
Discussion: None

(RC) 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. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Ensel said he had the opportunity to spend some time and take a tour with Mike Brodi of DPW and found it extremely informative and helpful. Also, sat with Steve Peters of Recreation and discussed some things going on with the recreation department some exciting things coming up.

Mayor Read encouraged everyone to attend the DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative final Public Workshop in City Hall on Saturday, February 11. The planning meeting is from 9am to 11am and then the workshop is from 1pm to 3pm.

Councilor Armstrong commended Sandra Geddes in her efforts to pull together the Snow and Skate and disappointment that she had to cancel.

Mayor Read said Sandra Geddes is very active in coming up with an absolutely great set of programs for this summer its very impressive. When she rolls it all out officially you'll be very happy to see a lot of the activities.

Councilor Kelly mentioned that there will be a budget meeting right after this meeting and its open to the public.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None _

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:46 pm