

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

February 16, 2017

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on February 9, 2017 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

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

Roll call: Councilors 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 15, 2017 in the amount of \$ 459,993.36 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 Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors 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 February 9 - 15, 2017
- Report from the Building Inspector's office February 6 -10, 2017
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for January 2017

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 Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors 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 17, 2017 in the amount of \$ 1,058,436.82 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 Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Speaker did not identify herself spoke about Feral cat issue. Doesn't support TNR program until more information is gathered. Could pose health issues for humans.

Stacey Lambrinos stated she is a veterinarian in Plattsburgh has worked with TNR program and supports it.

Lillian Cassidy ARWS Board President spoke about the program and hopes council supports.

Rebecca private citizen spoke about feral cat problem supports TNR program.

Denise Nephew support for ARWS group and TNR program

7. OTHER ITEMS:

Motion to remove item 7A from the Table.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

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.

Discussion: Yes

(RC) Roll call: Councilors 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 to write-off unpaid final bills from November 1, 2015 to November 20, 2015 in the total amount of \$1,854.60. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .16%.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Adam Gillette to hold a People’s Climate March gathering in Trinity Park on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 12pm to 5pm. The marchers will remain on sidewalks travelling south on Margaret Street then on to Broad street to Angell College Center and then return to Trinity Park. They are requesting use of electricity in Trinity Park therefore a Certificate of Insurance is required.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Clerk to charge a \$20.00 (twenty dollar) fee for use of City of Plattsburgh Utilities at any and all events in the Downtown Business District.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors 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 Virginia Brady to hold the 5k Forward for Recovery at the Plattsburgh City Beach on Saturday June 10, 2017 with proceeds to benefit the Champlain Valley Family Center.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F.

Motion to waive the reading and move the resolution:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council finds that, in accordance with Plattsburgh Code 241-2, the Plattsburgh Public Library shall provide a notice to the public to solicit proposals to operate a Coffee Bar in the library of under 100 sq. feet near the entrance of the library. Further, the Council finds that this space is not needed for a public purpose during the proposed license agreement term of one year with a right to renew for two successive years; that license fee will not be more than \$5,000 per year; that sufficient notice of the availability of the property under license will be given to the public; and that the vendor/licensee selected by the library Board of Trustees will have the most experience in successfully operating similar businesses.

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors 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 Common Council approves contract with CHA for “Mead Dam Spillway – short term maintenance repairs” in the amount of \$54,500 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement. The source of funds is Capital Project H8320.68.

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

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.61, 2017 Equipment Purchase, in the amount of \$1,193,486 for funding the acquisition of the list of equipment items approved in the 2017 Capital Expenditure Plan.

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

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H3410.38, 2017 Building Improvements, in the amount of \$225,000 for funding the truck bay addition to fire house 2 and for DPW building improvements, each approved in the 2017 Capital Expenditure Plan.

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

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Mayor Read updated everyone on DRI. Had the final meeting and are sending recommendations to the Department of State. Some projects may start immediately; some may take a few years.

Councilor Ensel spoke to an official at the college about light at Beekman/Broad Street. He is working on setting up a meeting.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Speaker did not identify herself is a veterinarian and she can spay/neuter for \$50 per cat.

Speaker did not identify herself feels that city needs to find out what problem is. Suggested sending survey with MLD Bills as a way to gather information, etc

Councilor Kasper would like to gather a map of colonies, etc. Volunteered to help get people together to gather information.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:12 pm