

**4:30pm: Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Firefighters Union and the litigation between the Retirees vs City of Plattsburgh.**

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

Councilor Kasper arrived at 4:46pm  
Councilor Kretser arrived at 4:54pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: 5:22 pm**

**ACTION TAKEN:** No decisions on either matter.

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

March 2, 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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on February 23, 2017 are approved 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 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 March 1, 2017 in the amount of \$ 463,542.68 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 Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
(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 of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of February 23 – March 1, 2017
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office February 20 -24, 2017
- 2016 Building Permit Statistics Report

**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 Armstrong; 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:**

***PROCLAMATION***

Whereas, the city of Plattsburgh, NY joins to support observances that raise awareness of health issues that affect people across our state, nation, and the world, such as the various types of cancer, including colorectal cancer; and

Whereas, colorectal cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and women in the United States; each year in New York State, nearly 9,000 people develop colorectal cancer and close to 3,000 New Yorkers die from this disease; it is estimated that one in twenty people will develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime; and

Whereas, colorectal cancer occurs most often in older people; approximately 60% of people newly-diagnosed with colon cancer are age 65 and older, and 90% of all colorectal cancers are diagnosed after age 50; and

Whereas, about 75% of colorectal cancer occurs in people who have no known risk factors; while the causes of colorectal cancer are not well understood, scientists agree that the following factors increase a person's risk of developing this disease: age, family history and hereditary conditions, personal health history, obesity, physical inactivity, diet, and other lifestyle factors such as cigarette smoking and excessive alcohol use; and

Whereas, colorectal cancer often can be prevented through regular screenings that can detect small growths, called polyps, which can be removed before they develop into cancer; screening for colorectal cancer is a covered benefit through Medicaid as well as health plans participating in the New York State of Health, and the New York State Cancer Services Program offers colorectal cancer screening to eligible uninsured individuals in every county and New York City borough; and

Whereas, in support of the statewide and national goals to screen at least 80% of age and risk-appropriate men and women for colorectal cancer, New Yorkers and people everywhere are called upon to raise their awareness of colorectal cancer and take preventive steps to safeguard their health and that of loved ones from this disease;

Now, Therefore, I, Colin L. Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Plattsburgh.

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 second day of March in the Year  
Two-Thousand seventeen  
Mayor Colin L. Read**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending March 3, 2017 in the amount of **\$ 1,006,471.53** 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)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**Curt Gervich** spoke about item 7C Utility Smart App insert in utility bills.

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7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves 2017 Street Drives.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

(RC) 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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B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor and Environmental Manager Jon Ruff are authorized to sign all necessary documents to obtain reimbursement funding for "Akey Landfill Closure Grant."

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: Yes

(RC) 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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C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Friends of Saranac River Trail, Inc to place a one page insert introducing "The Utility Smart App - Plattsburgh Power: History and Action for the Future" in Utility Billings for the month of May. There will be no cost to the City except additional handling time to insert the flyer.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: Yes

(RC) 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 "City Court Painting Project" be awarded to All Action Painting in the amount of \$8,593.16. This amount will be reimbursed by NYS Unified Court System.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

(RC) 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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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Apostles for Life to use 2 parking spaces in front of 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for a prayer vigil. Insurance Certificate provided.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion:

**Motion to Amend and ask that the Apostles for Life assemble directly across the street from the two parking spaces that they're requesting.**

**Councilor Armstrong further stated:** so that they face the traffic and their backs are not to the traffic and there is a space between those people who walk to Planned Parenthood and them.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser  
Discussion: Yes

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Apostles for Life to use 2 parking spaces across the street from 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for a prayer vigil. Insurance Certificate provided.

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Defeated

[Entire Body realized they had misunderstood what they were considering]

**Motion to Reconsider Amendment:**

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Apostles for Life to use 2 parking spaces across the street from 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for a prayer vigil. Insurance Certificate provided.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None  
(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, Ensel and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kelly and Kasper voted in the negative)  
**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. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Kelly** announced that next Thursday there will be a Budget hearing after Council meeting.

**Councilor Armstrong** indicated that the snow removal committee is meeting again.

**Councilor Kretser** spoke about the Strategic Planning Committee will meet Monday.

**Councilor Kasper** reported that she and Councilor Ensel have met with SUNY representatives Keith Tyo and Chief Lotti regarding intersection at Broad and Beekman. Possibly doing a study.

**Mayor Read** reported that he and Councilor Kretser met with representatives from the NC Food Coop and saw their expansion plans and it's very exciting. He thinks it's going to be open in a week or two.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None \_**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:11 pm**