

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
4:30PM**

Roll Call: Chair Councilor Dowdle, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Armstrong, Councilor Ensel, Councilor Kretser. Council McFarlin arrived after roll call.

Others Present: Police Chief Ritter, Fire Chief Lawliss and Building Inspector McMahon

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lillian Cassidy spoke on behalf of Animal Rescue and Welfare Services (ARWS).

2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

1. **Fire Department:** Overtime Expenditures. **Fire Chief Lawliss** updated Council
2. **Fire Department:** Recent hiring's. **Fire Chief Lawliss** updated Council
3. **Fire Department:** Discussion of new ambulance and associated cost. **Fire Chief Lawliss** updated Council.
4. **Police and Fire Department:** Are conducting a review of the response to the windstorm a couple weeks ago and use it to assess emergency response preparedness. They will be reviewing this incident to use it to prepare for an emergency that will require county/state/federal assistance. **Police Chief Ritter** updated Council.
5. **Police Department:** Further efforts/discussion to address parking enforcement/quality of life issues by possibly using a "hybrid" parking officer/code enforcement officer. Still at the civil service new job duties level. **Police Chief Ritter** further explained/discussed with Council.
6. **Police Department:** Exploring partnership with Alliance for Positive Health to conduct a "hypodermic needle takeback" day. We have received indications from citizens that there are not enough collection points for disposing of used hypodermic needles. **Police Chief Ritter** further explained/discussed with Council.

3. AGENDA ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

1. Request from Animal Rescue and Welfare Services (ARWS) for feral cat control/rescue/adoption efforts in the City of Plattsburgh, in the amount of \$3,000. 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.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:54 pm