

At 5:10pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property, the public discussion of which, would significantly affect its value.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:27 pm

Mayor Read stated returned from Executive Session discuss acquisition of real property, the public discussion of which, would significantly affect its value. No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

August 30, 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), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: stated he is grateful to Clinton County Soil and Water for assisting the city in getting rid of old tires through shared services. Promised Mayor’s budget by end of month he will hold a press conference Friday, August 31 at 2:30pm front steps of City Hall to release his 2019 budget and give further details.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on August 23, 2018 are approved 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, McFarlin, 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 August 29, 2018 in the amount of \$ 465,592.19 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 Ensel

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 14 – August 27, 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of August 15 – August 28, 2018
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee held on August 23, 2018

• **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Kretser mentioned that the survey on a proposed ban of plastic straws is on the website. Councilor Armstrong spoke about stakeholder meeting regarding free roaming cats recently held. Councilor Ensel also spoke about that meeting.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Ensel spoke about road project on South Peru wrapping up, Public Works will continue working on Veterans Lane week of September 10th and spoke about some congestion on Cornelia Street.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated he sat in on a budget session Mayor Read had with Department Heads and after they receive the Mayor’s Budget they will start having budget sessions. Hope to have Budget complete by mid-October.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle spoke about the recent Open House the Police Department held and asked for update on 15 Couch. Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller gave update.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated at the recent Board Meeting the Library Board approved the budget which is same as last year.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated he gave report during work session, items moved to the agenda from MLD Board meeting held this evening and no further updates.

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, 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 August 31, 2018 in the amount of \$ 1,094,268.20 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, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Ira Barbell, 62 Club Rd: spoke about his concerns about putting armed officers in school.

Rosemary Redmond, 162 Oak Street: commented on plastic straw survey, took survey, and couldn't leave comments. Feels matter of hygiene she wants to be able to use a plastic straw.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and Police Chief Ritter to sign an agreement for a term of September 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019 with Plattsburgh City School District to provide two School Resource Officers. The total cost for these 2 positions will be paid by the Plattsburgh City School District.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

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

(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, Ensel and Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilors Kelly and McFarlin voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the execution of the DEC Order on Consent Case # R5-20150727-2174 and fulfillment of the DEC requirements

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh is the fee owner of a City "street" identified as the "Macomb Street Extension", which is an approximately 200 foot dead end gravel path which runs between the adjoining parcels identified as Tax Map. Nos 207.20-2-18 and 207.20-3-13 in the City of Plattsburgh; and

Whereas, the same individual is the controlling member owner of both adjoining parcels referenced above and has requested that the City abandon the “Macomb Street Extension”; and

Whereas, the “Macomb Street Extension” has not been used by the public for vehicular or pedestrian traffic access to a public street or public property for more than six consecutive years; and

Whereas, the Common Council has determined that the “Macomb Street Extension” is not likely to be needed for a public purpose, including access, now or in the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, the owner of the adjoining parcels identified above, as well as the public through a published statement, were duly notified of the City’s intention to act on the proposed abandonment of the “Macomb Street Extension” on Thursday, August 30th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers;

Now therefore, be it resolved, in accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council hereby abandons the “Macomb Street Extension”, including any fee interest the City may possess, and authorizes the Mayor to sign a Certificate of Abandonment in a form prescribed by the Corporation Counsel, which shall then be recorded. Upon recording the Certificate of Abandonment, the Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed for the abandoned property to the adjoining owners.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
(All voted in the affirmative “waiving reading and moving resolution”)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, 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 MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from July 2017 in the total amount of \$4,974.76. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .53%.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, and 7H:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All voted in the affirmative “waiving reading and moving resolutions 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, and 7H”)

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, 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 MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from August 2017 in the total amount of \$2,591.30. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .23%.

[See details under Item 7D]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from September 2017 in the total amount of \$2,315.68. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .21%.

[See details under Item 7D]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from October 2017 in the total amount of \$2,359.35. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .22%.

[See details under Item 7D]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes Mayor Read to sign the AEDA Contract for preliminary A/E services for the MLD Compound NTE \$25,000.00 including a \$1,000 deposit paid to AEDA.

[See details under Item 7D]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

Councilor McFarlin added the following:

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign an “Agreement to Transfer Property and Provide Easement” and a “Utility Easement” with Lakeside Container Corp. which involves the properties identified as tax map nos. 233.-5-78 and 233.6-1-6.1.

Motion to waive rule 4 for Initial Consideration:

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign an “Agreement to Transfer Property and Provide Easement” and a “Utility Easement” with Lakeside Container Corp. which involves the properties identified as tax map nos. 233.-5-78 and 233.6-1-6.1.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Dowdle and Councilor Ensel asked about the process for Budget Sessions with Departments.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor Armstrong thanked staff for putting survey on website and Facebook. After reading some of the comments on Facebook asked everyone to discuss respectfully.

Councilor McFarlin spoke about various traffic issues he has observed.

[further discussion ensued]

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Ira Barbell, 62 Club Rd: thanked councilor for listening and spoke further about concerns with armed School Resource Officer.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:43 pm