

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

September 13, 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

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** mentioned last week's Battle of Plattsburgh event went wonderfully and thanked Promotions and Special Events Coordinator Tara Powers and all the departments that helped make it a great event. We just received the North Stars Mayor's trophy back because they won their football game.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on September 6, 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)

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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 September 12, 2018 in the amount of \$ 448,711.11 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, McFarlin, 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 week of September 4 - 10, 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of August 29 - September 11, 2018
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy & City Operations Committee held on September 6, 2018

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

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Kretser indicated met last week, received reports and updates from City Clerk and Director of Community Development on Parking System. Straw survey on website until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Armstrong mentioned there will be a meeting on Monday regarding Opengov software.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Ensel stated that they held meeting tonight. Moved resolution items on to the agenda. Hopefully Veterans Lane work continues and Cornelia Street next. Held Budget discussions with Public Works Department.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly mentioned Budget discussions went well tonight and continue Infrastructure Departments next week. [further discussion on the Budget discussion process]

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicated no updates.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated no updates.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** indicated no 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 Kretser

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending September 14, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 1,683,417.00** 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

Discussion: Yes

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves proposal from Schnabel Engineering for “Mead Dam Deformation Analysis” and authorizes the execution of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$49,100. The source of funds is Capital Project H8320.68

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F and 8A:**

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
(All voted in the affirmative “waiving reading and moving resolutions 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F and 8A”)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, 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 proposal from Schnabel Engineering for “Water Supply Field Analysis” and authorizes the execution of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$55,800. The source of funds is Capital Project H8320.68

**[See details under Item 7A]**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Plattsburgh Farmers Market to block off an additional 10 parking spaces for their Harvest Day on September 29, 2018. They are requesting that they be allowed to block off spaces from Thursday, September 27 – Saturday, September 29, 2018.

**[See details under Item 7A]**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City of Plattsburgh Department of Public Works to close Cornelia Street to all through traffic, from Beekman Street to St. Charles Street, during both the milling and re-surfacing portions of the Cornelia Street Re-surfacing Project. East bound traffic will be redirected South on Beekman Street to Broad Street; East on Broad to Oak Street; Thence north on Oak Street to Cornelia. West bound traffic will be redirected north onto Oak Street to Bailey Ave.; West on Bailey Ave. to Beekman Street; Thence south on Beekman Street to Cornelia Street.

**[See details under Item 7A]**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City of Plattsburgh Department of Public Works to close Boynton Avenue to all through traffic, from Lozier Place to North Margaret Street, during both the milling and re-surfacing portions of the Boynton Avenue Re-surfacing Project. Eastbound traffic will be redirected onto North Catherine Street to Riley Avenue; East onto Riley Avenue to Hyde Avenue; Southeast on Hyde Avenue to Margaret Street; Thence northeast on Margaret Street to Boynton Avenue. West bound traffic will be redirected south on Margaret Street to Riley Avenue; West on Riley Avenue to Oak Street; Thence north on Oak Street to Boynton Avenue.

[See details under Item 7A]

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office to advertise for bids for Contract #2018-05 “Painted Pavement Markings.”

[See details under Item 7A]

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council hereby amends the Police Department and Fire Department Management Compensation Resolution adopted by Common Council on September 6, 2018 as follows:

Paragraph (4) shall be amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

...4. Notwithstanding the above, this resolution shall not result in the reduction of the salary and benefits—including clothing allowances, sick leave payouts, health insurance employer contribution to or payments of insurance or welfare benefits and employer contributions to pension or annuity funds—of any person currently occupying the titles of Police Captain, Police Chief, and/or Fire Chief. Overtime, holiday and shift differential pay, lieu time, or accumulated/compensatory time shall not be considered as salary, benefits or other compensation.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Department employee to attend “2018 IMPACT User Training Conference” from September 17-18, 2018 in Saratoga, NY. The total cost should not exceed \$457.61 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

[See details under Item 7A]

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Armstrong** mentioned she met with Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi, Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mike Bessette and Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller on Maine Road project. Hopes to hold a planning meeting with Lake Country Village and West Shore residents.

**Councilor Ensel** indicated he met with Councilor Armstrong and Councilor Dowdle to begin review of Manager Compensation Package. Have draft still deliberating, hope to make rapid progress and **Councilor Dowdle** mentioned they would roll out next week.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:**

**Ira Barbell, 62 Club Road** spoke about budget suggested some kind of budget narrative to help public understand the budget. Spoke about Clinton County 911 service and city having their own dispatch.

**Mayor Read** spoke more about figure out processes to understand more of budget and what is included. Explained Police Dispatch performs quite a bit broader service than just dispatch and enable station open for public needs 24 hours a day and may take on more responsibility as we move toward community policing, etc.

**Unidentified Speaker** expressed his concerns about some intersections in the city that need stop signs or traffic lights and college students crossing street without looking.

**Joe LoTempio, Press Republican** indicted after 33 years he was leaving Press Republican thanked this Mayor, Council, prior Mayor’s and Councils, Dean and Beth for all of their help over the years.

[Joe received a standing ovation]

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:06 pm**