

At 5:23pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to the Civil Service Law.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:31pm

Mayor Read stated returned from Executive Session discussed collective negotiations pursuant to the Civil Service Law.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

October 4, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Peter Ensel (W4)

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: spoke about the recently released New York State Sexual Harassment Policy for all Employers in New York State. **Corporation Councilor Dean Schneller** further spoke about it and the state requirements for compliance.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on September 27, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, 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 October 3, 2018 in the amount of \$ 104,663.76 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 Dowdle
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of September 26 – October 2, 2018
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee held on September 27, 2018
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month August 2018 in the total amount of \$10,752.44.

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Councilor Armstrong indicated met earlier moved items forward to agenda. Budget discussions with Police and began Fire Department.

City Infrastructure –Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly spoke about Office of State Comptroller Fiscal Stress monitoring and displayed some related documents for discussion.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicated met last week and gave report of items discussed.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong provided highlights/updates of Director de la Chappelle’s report form September. **Mayor Read** mentioned recent Census workshop that was held at the Library

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 McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, 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 October 5, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 294,318.69** 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, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Jack Bilo, Plattsburgh spoke about the proposed Police substation down town not in support.

Unidentified Speaker spoke of his concerns about a person released from prison that he doesn't feel should have been.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a year contract with Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital for animal shelter services for fees outlined in the agreement.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, 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 Plattsburgh Half Marathon Inc. to hold the Plattsburgh Half Marathon on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, 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 a Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 5pm. The route will begin on Beekman Street, travel down Brinkerhoff Street, turn left onto Oak Street, right onto Court Street and then right onto Margaret Street. It will proceed to Pine Street ending behind Stafford Middle School. This is to coincide with the Strand Center for the Arts tree lighting.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, 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 Gary Kroll and his SUNY Plattsburgh Halloween Class to hold a Halloween Festival on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 4pm to 11:00pm at Broadway Park located in the East Gate neighborhood. The group will be responsible for providing Portopottys, removing all debris and understand that the city is not responsible for any loss or damage.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Discussion:

Motion to Table:

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

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled
Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign a lease agreement with “Builder’s Supply Auction” to hold an event known as “2019 Spring Builder’s Supply Auction” in the Crete Civic Center Arena from Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 through Saturday, May 4th, 2019. The lease requires Builder’s Supply Auction to pay the City of Plattsburgh the amount of \$2,518.00 for rent and City services. Further, the Council finds that this space is not needed for a public purpose during the proposed lease agreement term of three days and that this lease will be subject to presentation of sufficient proof of insurance.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign a lease agreement with “Builder’s Supply Auction” to hold an event known as “2019 Fall Builder’s Supply Auction” in the Crete Civic Center Arena from Thursday, September 5th, 2019 through Saturday, September 7th, 2019. The lease requires Builder’s Supply Auction to pay the City of Plattsburgh the amount of \$2,518.00 for rent and City services. Further, the Council finds that this space is not needed for a public purpose during the proposed lease agreement term of three days and that this lease will be subject to presentation of sufficient proof of insurance.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, 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 that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with FLW, LLC and Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to host a FLW series qualifying fishing tournament on July 18 - 20, 2019.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, 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 that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with American Bass Anglers, Inc. and Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to host a Bass fishing tournament on August 17, 2019.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, 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 North Country Mustang Club to hold their Annual All Ford Show at the US Oval on Sunday, July 28, 2019. They request electricity; use of the City Trailer stage and tents will be erected. Certificate of Insurance, \$20 utility fee, portopottys and Dig safe permits will be required.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

J. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves adopting New York State Sexual Harassment Policy for all Employers in New York State. The entire text of which has been distributed to and read by the members of the Common Council, is hereby enacted without the reading thereof and a copy of said policy is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Department employee to attend “Evidence Based Police Training, Data Driven Decision Making Symposium” from October 15-16, 2018 in Albany, NY. The total cost should not exceed \$556.00. The lodging will be paid for by the Division of Criminal Justice Services and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Mayor Read said the level of commentary and professionalism shown by the Department Heads in this budget process have been really exemplary and he is proud of them. And it is very helpful to have those budget narratives prepared and we will be publishing those on the website for the public and continue with that tradition.

Councilor Armstrong thanked Councilor Kelly for taking over the Straw survey and he will present results.

Councilor Kelly presented results of Straw survey on projector and explained.

Councilor Armstrong suggested they form a committee to explore options.

Councilor McFarlin asked for status on the cryptocurrency legislation.

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller explained status and updated council.

Councilor Armstrong indicated Plattsburgh Middle School Voyager Team students took Straw survey. Also, she, Councilor Dowdle and Councilor Ensel are discussing Management package hope to move forward next week.

Councilor Dowdle asked if it will be introduced for Initial next week.

Councilor Armstrong said yes if they get all the information they need.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Carol Solari-Ruscoe on Board of Directors of Elmore SPCA indicated they don't have resources to take in dangerous dogs at this time, however, they are actively working on trying to address this in future.

Mayor Read suggested maybe as a county wide shared services item.

Councilor Budget discussion continued with Fire Chief Scott Lawliss

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:39 pm