

At 4:32 pm Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issue.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

(Councilor McFarlin absent)

Returned at 4:43 pm

Returned from Executive Session discussed personnel issue involving one particular person. No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

October 17, 2019

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: mentioned this is the time of year for Shared Services discussion with the County on Governors sponsored program. We are participating this year with Environmental Department lending our expertise at cost with various other municipalities and entities that can benefit from it and exploring other initiatives. Pleased that Opengov is moving forward.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on October 10, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(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 16, 2019 in the amount of **\$ 59,154.98** 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 Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of October 8 - 14, 2019
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of October 9 - 15, 2019
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on October 10, 2019
- Reports from the Police Department dated October 13, 2019

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

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated the Plattsburgh Sustainability Task Force met last night, minutes will be published on the website and gave updates on the committee.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned the Jean Arthur mural is really striking and asked if all paving on Protection Ave will be done this year. **Mayor Read** indicated it would be done this year.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly met tonight and reminded Councilors they need budget adjustments to Chamberlain Marks by November 14, 2019.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated she and Councilor Ensel met to discuss Public Safety budgets and requested a meeting next week before Thursday with Police Chief Ritter and Fire Chief Lawliss to discuss their budgets. Building Inspector will be discussed on October 31st.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Ensel met Tuesday with Library Director Anne de la Chapelle on budget and will have their budget ready by October 31st.

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 Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(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 18, 2019 in

the amount of \$ 233,575.74 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 Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a “ Right of Entry Property License Agreement” with Lake Forest Senior Living Community Inc to enter City of Plattsburgh property located on Ohio Avenue and Nevada Oval adjacent to the property owned by Lake Forest to perform Vegetation Maintenance Work. The intent is to create window views of the lake while avoiding clear cutting and also avoiding removing any trees which may cause erosion of the lake shore area, banks, or impact the structural integrity of the rail lines.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor Ensel voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to increase the appropriations in the 2019 General and Sewer Fund budgets by \$40,000.00 and \$42,000.00, respectively, for the unbudgeted costs for downtown professional services related to the DRI developments and the upgrade of the collapsed sanitary sewer line behind the Plattsburgh City Court.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of the former Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Building project be awarded to Dan’s Hauling & Demo, Inc., P.O. Box 409, Wynantskill, NY 12198 in the amount of \$218,110.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion:

Mayor Read stated as always recuses himself completely from any issue or discussions.

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller this contract will be subject to the final completion of the GEIS and SEQR so they're not going to start tomorrow they will wait until the GEIS is complete and then they will be authorized to start.

Councilor Kelly asked when that will be completed.

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller indicated doesn't have a specific date but expects it to be by the end of this year.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF REGINALD CARTER AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD TO COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 18, 2019 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.71, Court Street Parking Lot, to appropriate funding for the City's \$64,000 cost contribution to enhance the Clinton County Government center parking lot per agreement entered into by the Mayor as authorized by the Common Council on September 26th, 2019.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.72, Green Street Demolition, to appropriate funding the asbestos abatement and demolition of the buildings at the site as authorized by Common Council resolution on October 3rd, 2019.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

(Item 7G was added from Finance and Budget Committee agenda)

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council agrees to and authorizes the execution of the attached 9/18/19 construction services proposal from CDM Smith. Funding will be from Capital Project H8130.66.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: NONE

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Armstrong announced the Climate Action Coalition will meet on October 23rd at 6pm at the Plattsburgh Public Library.

Councilor Ensel mentioned a few weeks back there was a resolution from a group requesting that the fee be waived to use the Trailer Stage for their event that was not brought forward on the agenda did anyone know anything about this request.

Mayor's Assistant indicated that the group paid the \$200 fee.

Councilor McFarlin mentioned the calls and emails from constituents and others outside the city voicing objection to Local Law 5 of 2019 "the Feral Cat Law."

Councilor Gibbs indicated it is not the "Feral Cat Law."

Councilor McFarlin indicated he wants to set the record straight. Offered comments to clarify and it is not a law forbidding people from feeding stray cats.

Councilor Kelly mentioned the RFP for Managed IT Security and Services, had pre-Bid meeting to answer questions.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Joan Janson feels city should have had Glens Falls Bank building inspected, now asbestos found, more costs to taxpayers and feels Durkee Street project is being railroaded through and feels council has failed them.

Mayor Read clarified previous speaker said that the cost of demolition and abatement was unknown and the total cost was going to well exceed \$700,000 at city taxpayer expense.

Mayor Read asked **Director of Community Development Matthew Miller** if that was true.

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller indicated that was not true.

Mayor Read clarified previous speaker said many irreversible actions were being taken without awaiting the action of the GEIS

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller indicated that is also not true.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:05 pm