

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

January 7, 2016

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Paul O'Connell (W4)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on December 22, 2015 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, 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 weeks ending December 30, 2015 in the amount of \$ 183,833.00 and January 6, 2016 in the amount of \$ 376,921.83 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 Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of December 22, 2015 - January 6, 2016
- Report from the Building Inspector's office January 4, 2016
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on December 21, 2015

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

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, 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 weeks ending January 1, 2016 in the amount of \$ **915,670.99** and January 8, 2016 in the amount of \$ **422,538.31** 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 Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

Motion to remove item 7A from the Table

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves amending Salary and Benefits for Managers. No current Manager benefits will be diminished by this resolution. 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 is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Discussion:

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: That the City Chamberlain be authorized as the primary municipal contact to provide the information and complete the request for a Comprehensive Review from the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 160.05 (3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by adopting this resolution, this Common Council is officially requesting a Comprehensive Review with the concurrence of the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, 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 Contract # 2015-19 “City Hall Improvements Restroom Renovation” be awarded to Dow Electric, Inc. for a total bid price of \$24,300.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KANOZA TO THE CITY PLANNING BOARD FOR A 7 YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON JANUARY 15, 2023.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, 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 2014 ESD Award CFA # 40857 “Durkee St Phase II be awarded to The Chazen Companies. The project budget total is \$81,000 (ESD Award \$30,000, City Match \$51,000).

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. Introduced: Local Law P-1 of 2016: Council Override of Tax Cap.

By Mayor James Calnon

Public Hearing Date set by Mayor: Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 5pm in the Common Council Chambers.

Mayor Calnon said it is being set using emergency status. The Mayor did share this Proposed Local Law with the Councilors on Tuesday. It is designed to allow if necessary the council to take a vote on whether or not we override the tax cap. It has to be a separate item from the budget itself. It does not

require that we do so it just allows us to consider it next week.

G. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TO SCOTT LAWLISS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2016 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 12 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, 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 Mayor Calnon to attend the NYCOM 2016 Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, NY from February 7 – 9, 2016 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$700.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, 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 one Police Officer to attend “Police Mental Health Instructor Course” in Clifton Park, NY from January 4-6, 2016 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$582 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion:

Mayor Calnon explained as you can see this is a trip that started a couple of days ago. It was in part because we had a couple of management staff on vacation and the request did not come in. I authorized it as an emergency request and am asking you to provide the proper authority today.

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Kasper thanked Councilor Armstrong for leadership as Mayor Pro Tem for last 2 years.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:55pm