

At 5:04 pm Councilor Kelly made a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss updates on Retirees Litigation and litigation with Firefighters Union.

Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

Adjourned: 5:35 pm

Councilor Kelly made a motion returning from Executive Session they discussed updates on Retirees Litigation and litigation with Firefighters Union and no decisions were made.

Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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

February 15, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Peter Ensel (W4), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Dale Dowdle (W3)

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: Thanked the Budget committee for their committee meeting before and looks like your work last year is starting to pay dividends. Thanked the Council, Department head and employees for work to make city finances better. Made further statement regarding issues that city is dealing with in slowly trying to rebuild city finances and organization.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on February 8, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

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

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, 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 February 14, 2018 in the amount of \$ 447,318.80 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, Ensel, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of February 5-9, 2018
- Minutes from City Infrastructure Committee held on February 8, 2018
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 12, 2018

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Kretser stated that he and Councilor Armstrong are continuing to work on research and collaborate with local Taxi companies on fair increases, wayst to improve farmers market, Strategic planning.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Ensel met last week, spoke about Saranac River Trail. **Mayor Read** further spoke about Saranac River Trail item that was voted on after hard work of Infrastructure division.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated held meeting today, City Chamberlain gave updates, close to year end figures of 2017, cautiously optimistic.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle absent. Mayor read spoke about Police Chief Parkinson’s recent retirement wish him the best and appreciated his leadership.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong expressed her gratitude to the Library Director and Board for their work she has seen a lot of transformation.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor Ensel indicated there will be an Organizational meeting and regular meeting tonight immediately following this meeting.

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 Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, 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 February 16, 2018 in the amount of \$ 392,413.16 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 Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Mayor Read indicated he accepted Patrick McFarlin’s resignation from the Library Board and Planning Board and offered the following appointment:

MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MCFARLIN TO THE VACANT COMMON COUNCIL SEAT OF WARD 5 BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16, 2018 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, Kretser
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly voted in the affirmative. Councilors Ensel, Kretser voted in the negative.
Councilor Ensel stated he voted no because felt Councilor Dowdle should present to consider this appointment and he wanted a week to get to know the appointee.)

ACTION TAKEN: Defeated

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Unidentified Speaker spoke about sidewalks on Cornelia Street.

Unidentified Speaker spoke about employees lost this week, no public support for Durkee Street.

Unidentified Speaker concerned about city.

Unidentified Speaker spoke about DRI and has submitted FOIL request.

Unidentified Speaker spoke about his concerns.

Unidentified Speaker spoke about Plattsburgh becoming a sanctuary city and feels we need to protect people who need our help the most.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:09 pm