

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

February 22, 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), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Spoke about an Ice Dam that occurred on Bridge Street, incident SUNY Campus hearts go out to the students, spoke about the 5 year budget plan and provided a spread sheet illustration on the projector challenge is doable.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on February 15, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: Councilor Ensel noticed a mistake in item #10 of the minutes - need to note Councilor Kretser voted in the negative.

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, 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 21, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 102,236.61** 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 Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, 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 12-16, 2018
- Minutes from the Finance and Budget Committee held on February 15, 2018

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Kretser

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Ensel

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor Ensel

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 Armstrong

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, 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 23, 2018 in the amount of \$ 2,478,472.70 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 Armstrong

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW P-2 OF 2018

RESOLVED: A local law amending Chapter 86, Sections 2 and 3 of the City Code of the City of

Plattsburgh. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Mayor and filing with the New York Secretary of 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 local law is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

Motion to consider B-G and to move all resolutions as one:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from November 2016 in the total amount of \$1,187.43. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .10%.

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from December 2016 in the total amount of \$1,337.79. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .08%.

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from January 2017 in the total amount of \$2,061.26. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .10%.

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from February 2017 in the total amount of \$4,401.08. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .22%.

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from March 2017 in the total amount of \$4,019.91. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .20%.

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to

write-off unpaid final bills from April 2017 in the total amount of \$6,961.96. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .35%.

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid #2018-3-1 “Pole Top Three Phase Switches.” Bid Opening date: April 3, 2018 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid #2018-3-2 “Substation Batteries.” Bid Opening date: April 10, 2018 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 continuing the contract with James Burgess as the Nuisance Animal Control Officer for 2018 for the same total cost as in 2017 of \$25,000.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

K. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a leave of absence for Aaron Bush from his position as Plant Attendant in the Municipal Lighting Dept. effective February 5, 2018 to take a Provisional Promotion of Storekeeper position in the Municipal Lighting Department. The leave of absence pending until successful completion of the civil service exam for Storekeeper.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

L. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF THE PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TO JAMES BARCOMB FROM APRIL 6, 2018 TO APRIL 5, 2023.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 MLD Travel Requests for 2018:

Motion to waive reading and move the resolution

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

1. Andrew Anciale to attend the required 4th year Line Helper Training to be held in Fairport, NY at an estimated cost of \$801.50 for each of the following travel dates; April 30-May 5, 2018, June 4-8, 2018, September 24-28, 2018 and October 22-26, 2018 Total \$3,206.
2. Garrett Mastic and James Farrell to attend the required 3rd year Line Helper Training to be held in Fairport, NY at an estimated cost of \$1,490 for each of the following travel dates; April 23-27, 2018, May 21-25, 2018, September 17-21, 2018 and October 15-19, 2018. Total \$5,960.
3. Garrett Mastic to attend Substation Training I to be held at Valley Forge, PA from June 10-15, 2018, at \$1,975 for the class and travel expense of \$1,219.50. Total \$3195.00.
4. Garrett Mastic to attend Substation Training II to be held at Valley Forge, PA from August 19-24, 2018, at \$1,975 for the class and travel expense of \$1,219.50. Total \$3195.00.
5. Kelly Clookey to attend the Accounting & Finance Workshop in East Syracuse, NY from October 16-18, 2018. Total \$460.
6. Bill Treacy to attend the following meetings:

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| Semi-Annual MEUA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | April 10-12, 2018 | total \$ 460 |
| Annual MEAU Meeting | Buffalo, NY | September 11-14, 2018 | total \$1000.00 |
| IEEP Annual Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | September 6-7, 2018 | total \$ 275 |
| Engineering Workshop | East Syracuse, NY | November 6-8, 2018 | total \$ 460 |

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| Semi-Annual NYMPA Mtg | East Syracuse, NY | May 22-23, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Annual NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | October, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | February 21-22, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | March, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | April, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | June, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | July, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | August, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | September, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | November, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| Monthly NYMPA Meeting | East Syracuse, NY | December, 2018 | total \$ 60 |
| | | | Total \$ 2,855.00 |

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

Councilor Dowdle added for initial consideration:

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign 2018 contract with Ronnie Santor for Basic Academy Director /Training Director at the Plattsburgh Police Department. The total cost for 2018 will be \$16,000.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration “RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign 2018 contract with Ronnie Santor for Basic Academy Director /Training Director at the Plattsburgh Police Department. The total cost for 2018 will be \$16,000.”

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MCFARLIN TO THE VACANT COMMON COUNCIL SEAT OF WARD 5 BEGINNING FEBRUARY 23, 2018 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kretser
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Kretser voted in the affirmative. Councilors Dowdle, Ensel voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

Councilor Ensel welcomed Patrick.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Unidentified Speaker spoke about people asking for discount tax grievance, complaints about trash build up use postcards for residents to send in complaint anonymously, asked mayor to speak to Press Republican.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:13 pm