

At 5:05 pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the Plattsburgh City Retirees Association.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned: 5:44 pm

Returned from Executive Session discussed pending litigation with the Plattsburgh City Retirees Association, update on progress with Falcon Seaboard litigation and the matter of personnel issue involving a particular person. No decisions or actions were taken.

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

March 8, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

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

Absent: Councilor Peter Ensel (W4)

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: spoke about hate posters/messages recently in City of Plattsburgh our community is open and welcoming, reminded everyone about the Irish Fest this weekend and Public Hearing next Thursday on proposed Local Law P-3 imposing a moratorium on commercial cryptocurrency mining operations in the City of Plattsburgh.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on March 1, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Kelly; 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 March 7, 2018 in the amount of \$ 98,375.44 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 February 26 – March 2, 2018
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy & City Operations Committee held on March 1, 2018

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Kretser welcomed New Director of Community Development Matthew Miller, indicated he and Councilor Armstrong will be meeting with Taxi companies next week regarding fare increases, continuing to work with Plattsburgh Farmers Market will leave request on Table until group has had their meeting and research Strategic Planning software.

City Infrastructure –Councilor Ensel absent. Mayor Read chaired committee at 4:30pm, reminded employees from those departments Open meeting in his office tomorrow at 10 am. During committee meeting they voted to withdraw Agenda Item D and add 3 Items under Initial. Also, during committee he gave a synopsis of commercial cryptocurrency mining operations.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated committee will meet next week, close to having final numbers for 2017 and will look at councils 10 year plan.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle nothing to report.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong nothing to report.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor Ensel absent. Mayor Read indicated that Councilor Ensel is asking to Chair Infrastructure Committee. Next week agenda item to change some committee chairs.

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 Dowdle
(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 March 9, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 760, 449.38** 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 Kretser; 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:

Andrew Golt asked if Bitcoin would be discussed this week.

Mayor Read indicated the Public Hearing will be held on March 15, 2018 and he did give a synopsis during the Infrastructure committee at 4:30pm.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

Motion to remove item 7A from the Table

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2018 market season from May 12 - October 6, 2018. Signed Licenses agreement, fee and insurance proof is required.

Discussion:

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a License Agreement with Pine Harbour, Inc to enter City of Plattsburgh property located on Ohio Avenue and Nevada Oval adjacent to the property owned by Pine Harbour, Inc to remove scrub brush, intermittently clear young poplars and raise the canopy of mature trees located on the property paralleling that of Pine Harbour, Inc (hereafter "Tree Line 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.

Motion to Waive the Reading and Move the Resolution:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(All voted in the affirmative)

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

COUNCILOR ARMSTRONG LEFT MEETING [VIA SKYPE] AT 5:59PM.

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Grant Disbursement Agreement between Dormitory Authority State of New York and the City of Plattsburgh for a grant of \$300,000 for the restoration of the windows in the Historic City Hall Building.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

Item D withdrawn during prior City Infrastructure Committee meeting:

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign a contract for design services on South Peru Street (Sharron-South Catherine) with Greenman Peterson Inc. (GPI) in an amount not to exceed 60,000 to be reimbursed through CHIPs Funding.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Withdrawn

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2017-16 “Sodium Thiosulfate for the Water Pollution Control Plant” be awarded to Thatcher Company of NY for the lump sum of \$69,920.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2018-01 “Liquid Alum for the Water Pollution Control Plant” be awarded to Chemtrade Chemicals U.S. LLC for the amount of \$388/dry ton or \$15,830.40 total.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors 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 continuing the contract with ELMORE SPCA for animal shelter services for 2018 for the total annual cost of \$10,868. The total cost remains the same as 2017.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors 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 Contract # 2018-03 “City Court Improvements: Holding Cell Wall Protection” be awarded to T&S Builders. The costs will be reimbursed 105% by the New York State Court System.

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

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

Mayor Read added the following items:

1. Request that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change order No. 3 to Contract # 2016-16 “Slope Stabilization Project – Oklahoma Ave” this is to extend the contract completion date to June 30, 2018 and does not require additional funding.
2. Request that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change order No. 4 to Contract # 2016-16 “Slope Stabilization Project – Oklahoma Ave” this is due to season overruns, underruns FA work

resulting in a \$13,654.27 increase to current contract amount. Additional appropriation will be required in near future.

- 3. Request that the City is authorized to apply for the NY State Department of Transportation Pedestrian Action Safety Plan (PSAP) grant and that the Mayor be authorized to sign any necessary documents. It is anticipated that the grant offers up to 1,000,000 and is eligible for up to 100% although it is advised that the municipality should be prepared for the possibility of a 90% state 10% local share.

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

Motion waive rule 4 for Initial consideration and move all 3 Resolutions:

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

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS: None

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Kimberly Cummins spoke about hate posters recently found in City of Plattsburgh, concerned about them and gun violence asked everyone to work together to try to make city better.

Unidentified Speaker concerned about the hate posters recently found in City of Plattsburgh.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin, Kretser
(Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, McFarlin and Kretser voted in the affirmative)
(Councilor Armstrong left meeting *via Skype* at 5:59pm)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:15 pm