

At 5:06pm: Motion to enter Executive Session to update Council on discussions with the City Retiree Association vs City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ADJOURNED: 5:28 pm

Mayor Read stated no decisions or actions were taken during Executive Session.

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

March 16, 2017

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachele Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4) (*participated via Skype*), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on March 9, 2017 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 week ending March 15, 2017 in the amount of **\$ 450,931.36** 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, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of March 9 - 15, 2017
- Report from the Building Inspector's office March 6 - 10, 2017

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 Dowdle

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 week ending March 17, 2017 in the amount of \$ 762,486.21 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 Kretser

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(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 approves DaleAnn Wolter to hold the "Champlain Valley Chapter of the Compassionate Friends Annual Walk to Remember" at Melissa Penfield Park on Sunday August 6, 2017.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 the remaining dates for 2017 Street Drives.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid No. 2017-4-1 “Substation Data Collection Installation.” Bid due date: April 27, 2017 by 2:00pm

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2016-16, FEMA Project #DR-1993, PW1875 “Slope Stabilization Project – Oklahoma Avenue” be awarded to Prime Highway Contractors LLC for the bid price of \$1,399,000.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 one police department employee to attend “Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Continuing Education Meeting” in Utica, NY from March 23-24, 2017. The total cost will not exceed \$152 and will be reimbursed by the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None
(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, 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 City Engineer Kevin Farrington to attend “NYS Planning Federation Annual Conference” in Saratoga Springs, NY from March 26 – 28, 2017 at an estimated cost of \$391.

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

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Kretser and Councilor Armstrong gave updates spoke about Strategic Planning Committee.

Mayor Read commented that their goal ready next year for budget

Councilor Dowdle asked Mayor about newly formed City Hall Centennial committee that he was invited to participate in and for background.

Mayor Read stated it is formed to consider this is City Hall’s 100 year anniversary. Discuss priorities of restoring/repairing City Hall. Any Community members that have ideas or would like to become involved to come forward.

Councilor Kasper asked if we could get old pictures of City Hall. Maybe switch out some of items in the common rooms, etc.

Mayor Read asked City Engineer Kevin Farrington for an update on the windows.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington gave update. Received SHIPPO letter approving restoration. They will start with restoring one window to get an idea of scope of work needed to be done to each.

Mayor Read spoke about a report City Engineer produced in 2014 identifying priority projects to be done in City Hall.

Councilor Kasper added maybe a link could be placed on city website of projects, photos, etc.

Councilor Armstrong asked for Strategic Planning information be put on website.

Mayor Read said we will make committee report public on website. He gave further updates of some other committees.

Councilor Kasper said they are getting feral cat colonies information together.

Councilor Armstrong spoke about the Snow Removal Committee.

Mayor Read spoke about big snow storm we just had snow removal law. Reminded infirmed folks to be careful. Department of Public Works is working on clean up, etc.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

John Linney spoke about the retirees health insurance. Hoped the council makes decisions soon.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:00pm