

**At 5:05 pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel issue with regard to a particular persons and potential litigation regarding opioid manufacturers.
By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin
(All voted in the affirmative)**

**Returned at 5:45pm
Mayor Read stated we returned from Executive Session discussed personnel matter of two individuals and matter of litigation regarding class action opioid manufacturers and distributors. No decisions were made in Executive Session.**

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

**March 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), Patrick McFarlin (W5)

Absent: Councilor Joshua Kretser (W6)

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Read issued the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our city; and in the City of Plattsburgh we seek to instill each child and adolescent with a good education;

WHEREAS, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops the intellect through lessons on literacy, math, and science;

WHEREAS, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind and tirelessly advocated for a better education for all Americans,

WHEREAS, the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, but also on character building, with emphasis on the universal moral and ethical values that are the basis of any peaceful civilized society,

WHEREAS, the United State Congress has established “Education & Sharing Day, USA” as an annual national day to commemorate the Rebbe’s achievement’s; and the lessons and the vision he set forth are relevant to us all today,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colin L. Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2018, as:

EDUCATION & SHARING DAY

in the City of Plattsburgh and call upon educators, volunteers and citizens, to reach out to young people and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Plattsburgh to be affixed this twenty-second day of March, 2018.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this
twenty-second day of March in the year Two-
Thousand Eighteen
Mayor Colin L. Read

Rabbi Avrohom Rimler spoke about this proclamation.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on March 15, 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, Ensel, McFarlin
(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 21, 2018 in the amount of \$ 99,943.69 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 Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Minutes from the Finance & Budget Committee held on March 15, 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector Department 2017
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for February 2018

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Councilor Armstrong indicated Parking Study approved needs to discuss implementation and they are working on Taxi Rate Increase structure.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Ensel indicated he is meeting with some members of Infrastructure Committee to discuss a proposal submitted.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated at next meeting he hopes to break budget down in to smaller chunks.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicated met earlier, discussed coordinating efforts between Building Inspector and Police during weekend hours and budget concerns.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong stated nothing new to report

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin there will be a meeting tonight after 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 Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(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 23, 2018 in the amount of \$ 1,890,216.23 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, McFarlin

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Dick Crawford spoke representing the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group indicated they are not closed group, have rules and regulations and a Board and if the City doesn’t want those followed then the city should run the market.

Councilor Armstrong indicated she plans to move that it is off table. The original intent of reviewing this request was to expand market.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

Motion to remove item 7A from the Table

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

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: Yes

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Building Inspector to refund \$40.00 to Omar Bhutta for Building Permit Application #3219 because this project cancelled and applied for a different building permit.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Director of Community Development to advertise for bids in response to the “Request for Proposals for Economic Development Consultant: Downtown Revitalization Initiative – Dock Street Waterfront.”

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Director of Community Development to advertise for bids in response to the “Request for Proposals for Economic Development Consultant: Downtown Revitalization Initiative – Durkee Street.”

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.64, 2018 Equipment Purchase, for the acquisition of a heavy duty plow truck for Public Works.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ed Garrow and Sons (on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway) to close Lorraine Street between Miller Street and Saily Avenue, for signal upgrades. The anticipated road closure is requested for approximately 1 week beginning March 26, 2018 and ending on March 29, 2018. CP Rail is expecting that the roadway will be closed only during daytime hours.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ed Garrow and Sons (on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway) to close Riley Avenue between Margaret Street and Hyde Avenue, for signal upgrades. The anticipated road closure is requested for approximately 1 week beginning April 2, 2018 and ending on April 6, 2018. CP Rail is expecting that the roadway will be closed only during daytime hours.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

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

(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 “Crime Scene Training and Crime Scene Photography Training” from April 23- 27, 2018, April 30- May 4, 2018 and May 7-11, 2018 in Albany, NY. The total cost should not exceed \$2,842.75 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. This will complete the Evidence Lab training for this officer.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin
(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 Dowdle spoke about Crete and asked questions about items that were in the Capital Budget in 2017 and were removed.

Mayor Read indicated we need to do some research on those questions.

[Further discussion on Crete by members of council, Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi, Assistant Superintendent Mike Bessette and Engineering Technician Andrew Durrin]

Mayor Read congratulated Carole Garcia on her retirement and thanked her for her wonderful service to the city and hopes Carole can come back and help us out in future in some other capacity.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Sue Moore spoke about cryptocurrency mining businesses.

Andrew Golt spoke about cryptocurrency mining businesses.

Municipal Lighting Department Manager Bill Treacy spoke about Public Service Commission recent order regarding cryptocurrency mining businesses

Mayor Read mentioned there will be a MLD Board meeting immediately following this meeting.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:31 pm