

At 5:03pm: Motion to enter Executive Session to update Council on discussions on Plattsburgh Boat Basin vs City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ADJOURNED: 5:23 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 23, 2017

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), 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 16, 2017 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
(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 22, 2017 in the amount of **\$ 98,009.84** 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 Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
(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 16 - 22, 2017
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office March 13-17, 2017
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 20, 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 Ensel

Discussion: Yes

(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 24, 2017 in the amount of **\$ 1,418,622.04** 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 Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(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 the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2017 market season from May 6 - October 14, 2017. Signed Licenses agreement, fee and insurance proof is required.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

(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 City Clerk to refund \$60.00 to Christine Johnson for Vendor Permit #V2017-4 for vending at the 2017 Irish Festival because due to the event being rescheduled she was not able to participate.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
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. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF THE PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TO ALICE HECKARD EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2017 TO APRIL 5, 2022.

(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 that the Common Council resolution date July 6, 1993(ATTACHED) regarding policy, pricing and use of the Auditorium at City Hall Section 2 only be amended as follows;

Section 2. The auditorium will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis for events open to the general public and to organizations whose interests include civic service and service to the general public.

- No single organization, individual, or firm may reserve the Auditorium more often than for once in any month.
- The Auditorium may not be reserved as a regular meeting place for any group.
- Events which would require continuous public safety supervision are prohibited.
- Private use where attendance is restricted is permitted only if all profits accruing to the event sponsors flow directly to a not-for-profit civic organization.

Motion to waive the reading and move the resolution:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: Yes

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign Engineering Consultant Agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc for Contract # 2017-02 "Maine Road Improvements."

By Councilor Dowdle; 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

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 in the total amount of \$3,811.04. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .25%.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, 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 Joe Babbie to hold the Fathers For Children 5k Run/Walk on US Oval and the Terry Gordon Bike Path on Saturday June 17, 2017.

By Councilor Ensel; 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

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Merrilee Hamlin of the Clinton County Canine Club to use portions of the US Oval on Saturday June 3 for an open house, and every Monday on June 26-August 28th from 5pm-7pm for canine training.

Motion to waive the reading and move the resolution:

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

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves SUNY Plattsburgh to hold a parade to honor the SUNY Women’s Hockey team for their 2017 NCAA Championship on Tuesday, April 4th beginning at 5pm. The Parade will start at the Kehoe Parking Lot and move westerly on Rugar Street past the residence halls, high school and eventually turning left at the intersection with Adirondack Lane. The parade of vehicles would then turn right onto Bowman Lane and proceed to the entrance of the Field House property. The parade would then turn right onto the Loop Road and proceed to the front of the Field House.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: Yes

(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 2 Police Department employees to travel to Reno Nevada on March 29, 2017 for a recovery of a fugitive from justice. The cost will not exceed \$514.75 and most expenses will be reimbursed by Clinton County District Attorney’s office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

(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 Ensel indicated he, Steve Peters and Bill Treacy met with Little League officials and the Little League organization has applied for a grant for Lighting at the field.

Councilor Dowdle spoke about the City Hall Centennial Committee’s first meeting.

Councilor Kretser spoke about the Strategic Planning Committee.

Councilor Armstrong read the following statement:

Though the Affordable Care Act is not perfect, it has had a positive impact on the health of residents of our city. The US Congress should work to improve the law and make it more efficient, affordable and competitive. Proposed changes should protect our residents it serves. We need to keep the best elements of the law in place such as pre-existing conditions, the elimination of caps for benefits and the ability to keep children on their parents plan until the age of 26,

The “American Healthcare Act” proposed by the US Congress would end the Medicaid expansion causing stress for our healthcare facilities, and nonprofit agencies, and place a much greater burden on our State and County which pay such a large share of these Medicaid costs,

The “American Healthcare Act” would adopt tax credits that would make coverage less affordable to the elderly and those earning a low income, and put coverage out of reach for millions of moderate income families, and

The AHCA uses the cuts in Medicaid to give large tax cuts to the wealthy, and would leave 7,787 people in Clinton County without affordable health care, and cost the county \$1,292,531 in lost funding from the additional federal Medicaid funding through the Affordable Care Act, which goes directly to counties and helps to lower property taxes and

“AHCA” would affect the job security and the lives of the thousands of healthcare workers in our city and county;

I ask Congress to keep and strengthen the Affordable Care and encourage Clinton County to pass a similar resolution

Mayor Read hopes that the members of Congress look at this very carefully.

Councilor Kasper we’ve talked about the impact of such national policies on our own constituents and residents here and the appropriateness of bringing the discussion to the council. Such National issues have local impact. Urges people in this congressional district to get educated on what this new health care policy means for them and then to call Congresswomen Stefanik’s office and weigh in on it whichever way they

want to weigh in. And that would be my hope for discussion in the city.

Mayor Read spoke about a possible a meeting he had to see if any interest in a Saranac Lake to Plattsburgh race (Bike, Swim, and Run) the meeting included representatives from the different communities that would be involved. Spoke about the record breaking blizzard. May suggest at a future time the possibility in big snow events to extend time frame for compliance.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Kate Gardner Director, RSVP of Clinton County spoke about their Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and asked Mayor Read and the Council to issue a Proclamation at the next Council Meeting to proclaim April 4, 2017 as National Service Recognition Day.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
(RC) Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:03 pm



Plattsburgh, New York

Keith A. Herkalo
City Clerk

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July 6, 1993

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, New York held July 6, 1993, the following resolution was adopted:

By Councilor Heins; seconded by Councilor Rotella;

WHEREAS, this Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh recognizes the wisdom of its ancestors, and more specifically, the eight women's organizations who, in 1916, sought to insure that this City Hall be built including an Auditorium for the conduct of events contributing to the civic, social, and cultural welfare of the citizens of the City of Plattsburgh, and

WHEREAS, 1993 is the "Year of the Woman", now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh salutes the perseverance of its women's organizations and reaffirms the purpose of the Auditorium at City Hall as that of service to and the cultural enrichment of the Citizens of Plattsburgh, further

RESOLVED: That the Common Council Resolution dated May 6, 1919 regarding policy, pricing, and use of the Auditorium at City Hall be replaced with the following:

1. The Auditorium at City Hall is a public space born of the beliefs of the citizens of Plattsburgh that it be a venue for public meetings, socials, and the celebration of the visual and performing arts.
2. The Auditorium will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis for events open to the general public and to not-for-profit organizations whose interests include civic service and service to the general public.
 - No single organization, individual, or firm may reserve the Auditorium more often than for once in any month.
 - The Auditorium may not be reserved as a regular meeting place for any group.
 - Events which would require continuous public safety supervision are prohibited.
 - Private use where attendance is restricted to other than maximum capacity is prohibited.
3. Application for use of the Auditorium at City Hall must be made to the City Clerk subject to all guidelines contained herein. Reservations will be accepted for up to sixteen (16) months in advance.

4. Proof of appropriate public liability and property damage insurance must be provided in accordance with the City's existing "Users of Facilities" category as detailed in the City's current "Insurance Required of Others".

5. For any event at which an admission will be charged, donations will be requested, or from which any gross profit is expected, regardless of source, a non-refundable one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee will be paid at reservation.

6. Applicant supervision is required for all events. For any event which occurs outside of normal business hours and for which the City Clerk deems necessary to protect the interests of the City, general supervision by an authorized City representative will be required. All expenses incurred as a result of such City supervision shall be billed to and payable by the applicant.

7. No event will be permitted which disrupts the normal business of the City and its services to its citizens.

8. The removal, alteration, or permanent marking of any of the Auditorium's surfaces, fixtures, equipment, furniture, or coverings is prohibited. Temporary, non-defacing decorations and hangings; and non-damaging free-standing structures, furnishings, and exhibits will be permitted. All such items, and any evidence of use thereof must be totally removed.

9. All City Hall spaces engaged for a reserved event shall be returned to the same configuration, order, and cleanliness as exhibited at the event's commencement. Any expenses resulting from the setup, tear-down, or conduct of an event; or the return of City Hall spaces to their pre-event conditions shall be borne by the event's applicant.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That until such time as restoration of the Auditorium at City Hall is complete, all fees received for reservation of the Auditorium at City Hall shall be placed into the Capital Fund H1620.11 dedicated for such restoration.

On roll call, Councilors Rotella, Dame, Walker, Berman, Kasprzak and Heins voted in the affirmative; no one in the negative. CARRIED.

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