

At 5:09pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the financial employment history of a particular person as well as a matter of negotiation of possible acquisition of property.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:43 pm

Councilor Armstrong stated returned from Executive Session discussed the financial employment history of a particular person as well as a matter of negotiation of possible acquisition of property.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

September 6, 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), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** mentioned we are getting ready for the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration and hopes everyone enjoys the weekend.

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on August 30, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending September 5, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 103,135.38** 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, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 28 – September 3, 2018
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month July 2018 in the total amount of \$9,179.84.
- **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Kretser met tonight moved resolutions from committee to agenda. Councilor Armstrong indicated that we received a report from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller on the parking system ideas that have been developed and she made the suggestion they have a non-binding resolution to approve the idea of going to a paid parking system because she feels they ought to commit to that in the same manner they do to a capital project for example.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Ensel indicated meet next week, few items from Environmental Manager Jon Ruff, updates on paving from Public Works. Preliminary work has started on Veterans Lane and Cornelia.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated received Mayor’s 2019 Budget last week, pleased by what he is seeing, have some questions, next week Infrastructure departments will have budget session. [further discussion ensued]

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle stated no updates.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong stated no updates

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** stated no updates are going over review of cryptocurrency legislation,

**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 Dowdle  
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending September 7, 2018 in

the amount of \$ 334,463.95 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, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a consulting contract in an amount not to exceed \$6,200 with Robert M. Sutherland P.C. for surveying services to provide an ALTA/ACSM Survey for certain lands known as Clinton County Tax Parcel: 207.20-7-15, Durkee Street, City of Plattsburgh. The cost of these services will be expensed out of the Community Development budget.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D:**

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
(All voted in the affirmative “waiving reading and moving resolutions 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D”)

Discussion: Yes

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves and authorize the submittal of an application for Drinking Water grant funding under the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act.

[See details under Item 7A]

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves and authorize the submittal of an application for Clean Water grant funding under the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act.

[See details under Item 7A]

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves adopting a “Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$17,410,000 bonds of the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York, to pay the cost of the reconstruction of the water pollution control plant, in and for said city,” as submitted by the City’s Bond Counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, which bond resolution, City Clerk certification and legal notice of estoppel are attached as part of these meeting minutes.

[See details under Item 7A]

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

**Councilor Ensel added the following:**

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council establishes the following:

1. The salary of Police Captain shall be \$5,000.00 higher than the salary paid to the most senior Police Sergeant and the salary of the Police Chief shall be \$5,000.00 higher than the salary paid to the Police Captain(s).
2. The salary of the Fire Chief shall be \$5,000.00 higher than the salary paid to the most senior Fire Captain.
3. In addition, the Police Captain, Police Chief and Fire Chief shall receive those other benefits set forth in a Resolution dated March 22, 1990 (Level 3 Manager Benefits)
4. Notwithstanding the above, this resolution shall not result in the reduction of the salary of any person occupying the titles of Police Captain, Police Chief and/or Fire Chief.
5. This resolution shall be effective as of the first day of the next regular bi-weekly payroll period and shall supersede any and all resolutions or other legislative actions addressing the wages and/or salary of the Police Captain, Police Chief, and/or Fire Chief, including a Resolution dated February 25, 2016.

**Motion to waive rule 4 for Initial Consideration and move the resolution:**

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Armstrong** mentioned it has been awhile since the Managerial Pay Scale has been discussed by the council, it kind of reached an impasse months ago and I hope there is the will among council members to reinstate those discussions. Also, asked Councilor Kelly if he knows how their Straw Survey is doing.

**Councilor Kelly** spoke about Straw Survey.

**Councilor Ensel** mentioned he and Councilor Armstrong met to formalize ideas to put forth another Local Law regarding Feral and Free Roaming cats.

**Councilor McFarlin** mentioned he is looking forward to Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration weekend.

**Councilor Dowdle** asked if there is a dark cloud hanging over the City of Plattsburgh in the tune of \$400,000?

**Mayor Read** said he is not sure what he is referring to with that?

**Councilor Dowdle** said it's a follow up to a conversation you had with former Mayor Kasprzak.

**Mayor Read** said relating to the DRI.

**Councilor Dowdle** said yes and it was \$400,000 that would need to be paid possibly.

**Mayor Read** said relating to the DRI no.

**Councilor Dowdle** said is there \$400,000 in question that would need to be paid?

**Councilor Armstrong** said to anyone?

**Mayor Read** said we discussed receiving the Financial Restructuring Board money. Almost \$400,000 of that would be going to the county as a condition of the Financial Restructuring Board. That's the only thing out there that I believe is hanging.

**Councilor Armstrong** said in order to understand that better could you find that for us?

**Mayor Read** said sure when that came out we actually discussed in open session and that money hasn't flowed to us so neither has it flowed to the county.

**Councilor Dowdle** asked if a time frame placed on that.

**Mayor Read** said we would be reluctant to pay the county when we haven't received the money from the state.

**Councilor Ensel** asked why do we have to transfer it.

**Mayor Read** said a condition of the Financial Restructuring Board award to us.

**Councilor Armstrong** said

**Councilor Armstrong** said you are going to remind us about that.

**Mayor Read** said it came from the report and it is on the website as well the resolution for that.

**Councilor Dowdle** asked if Plattsburgh was the only one.

**Mayor Read** said I think this was a special grant which was unique to Clinton County.

**Councilor Kelly** asked about his report of monthly expenses and asked for explanation of some of the data.

**City Chamberlain Richard Marks** gave information.

**Mayor Read** said spoke about the beach ended its season and had a great season and pleased with the maintenance of it thanked Staff and Public Works.

**Councilor Dowdle** mentioned he heard a lot of public comments about how great the beach looked this year.

[further discussion ensued]

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:**

**Danielle O'Meara** spoke on behalf of Tobacco Free Clinton, Franklin and Essex and she is the community outreach person.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:15 pm**