

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

September 20, 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 that he and Community Development Director Matthew Miller attended the North Country Regional Economic Development Council in Potsdam today. Also, this week he had the opportunity to visit Plattsburgh Rehabilitation and Nursing Center's Adult Day Health Center for their National Adult Day Services Week celebration and it was an amazing facility.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on September 13, 2018 are approved and 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, 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 19, 2018 in the amount of \$ 103,084.90 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 September 11 - September 17, 2018
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee held on September 13, 2018

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

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Kretser mentioned he, Councilor Armstrong and Planner Eva Schweber had a teleconference presentation with Opengov. Budget planning, transparency software. Next meeting include Richard and his staff due to inputting of data.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Ensel no further updates. Veterans Lane, Cornelia roadwork to take place in early October.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly mentioned budget review with departments moving along. Councilor Armstrong suggested budget narrative from departments. Public Safety departments next week. **Mayor Read** mentioned 5 year Capital Budget Plan to review too.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicated they will hold budget discussions next week with Public Safety Departments.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated no updates at this time.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** indicated no updates at this time.

**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, 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 21, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 1,777,430.19** 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 Dowdle  
(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:**

**John Burdo 149 Maine Rd,** spoke regarding resolution discontinuing sidewalk installation on the East side of Maine Road. He is not in support of this resolution and feels the city should enforce code and there should be uniformity for all.

**Louise Ladue 31 Louisiana Ave** spoke regarding resolution discontinuing sidewalk installation on the East side of Maine Road. She is not in support of this resolution and feels sidewalks should be there for safety of pedestrians, etc.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN to hang a display on the railings located around Macdonough monument for the month of October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN will be responsible for installing and removing the display, all debris and understand that the city is not responsible for any loss or damage

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

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.** Whereas, § 233-2 of the City Code of the City of Plattsburgh states as follows: Sidewalk and curb required. Each parcel of property that is contiguous to a public street or highway shall have a sidewalk and curb along that portion of the property which abuts on a public street, alley or highway, except where there is evidence that such sidewalk or curbs is not required for the safety and convenience of the public as determined by the Common Council; and

Whereas, Councilor Armstrong, acting solely on behalf of a constituent residing in her ward, has forwarded a request for a Council resolution to not install new sidewalks on the West side of Maine Road for at least five years and to not replace, modify or expand the existing 4' sidewalks located on the east side of Maine Road.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved, in accordance with the request therefore, that the Common Council has determined that the portion of the current construction project which is limited to the installation of sidewalks on the West side of Maine Road--be discontinued as that sidewalk to be installed on the West side of Maine Road will not be necessary for the safety and convenience of the public; and it is further

Resolved, that the portion of the current construction project which is limited to the re-construction and expansion of the 4' sidewalks located on the East side of Maine Road be discontinued.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the negative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Defeated

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore, Janelle Henry’s salary, in her title as Water Resource Chemist Level 3 Manager, shall be at Range 8, Step 9 for a base salary of \$69,045, effective the next bi-weekly pay period.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None :**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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

**Councilor Armstrong** mentioned she was delighted to be asked to speak to Voyagers at Stafford Middle School and spoke about Straw Ban

**Councilor Kretser** indicated he met with downtown constituents and common theme was to clarify codes, fine for code violations. Could this be discussed during Public Safety Committee and reviewed?

**Councilor Dowdle** said yes next week.

**Councilor Kretser** asked if Building Inspector Joe McMahon could provide Fine breakdown.

**Mayor Read** spoke about Parking Enforcement position approved will include code enforcement, etc.

**Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi** presented council with recent photos of trash abandoned/left on side of city streets and this cost is incurred by Public Works to remove.

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

**John Burdo** spoke about Maine Road project, city right of way, project should be uniform and asked that second half of project stick to code.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:13 pm**