

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

January 2, 2020

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Paul DeDominicas (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** excited for new council, New Year, new decade and feels exciting things for city to come.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on December 19, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor DeDominicas  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 weeks ending December 25, 2019 in the amount of \$ 70,741.66 and January 1, 2020 in the amount of \$ 491,760.92 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 Gibbs  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of December 18-30, 2019
- Reports from the Police Department dated December 30, 2019
- Minutes from the Finance and Budget Committee meeting held on December 19, 2019

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

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Barbell indicated met tonight and gave highlights.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore indicated no updates, however, asked DPW how salt is holding out. **Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi** indicated they will have to purchase more salt.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated will meet mid-month, make sure 5 year plan reflects 2020 Budget and hope to have year-end numbers to review.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated no updates.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor DeDominicas indicated no updates.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** indicated progress on demolition at Green Street, next MLD Board meeting is January 30, 2020.

**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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(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 weeks ending December 27, 2019 in the amount of \$ 1,662,730.22 and January 3, 2020 in the amount of \$ 247,029.83 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 Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**Julie Baughn, Manager of Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market** thanked Council for keeping Plattsburgh Farmers Market downtown and at Harborside feels it is big benefit.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign a professional services agreement between the City of Plattsburgh and Architectural & Engineering Design Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$26,400 to include architectural, engineering, design, and project management services related to the relocation of the Plattsburgh Farmers' and Crafters' Market to the former Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department complex on Green Street.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(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 the City Clerk to revise the Street Solicitation Resolution approved on March 12, 2009 to read:

RESOLVED that the following conditions, rules and process apply from this date forward:

1. Street Solicitations are permitted at the following locations only:
  - U.S. Avenue – Peru Street – South Platt – South Peru Street
  - Beekman Street – Cornelia Street
  - Margaret Street at Saily Avenue and Boynton Avenue
2. Street Solicitations may be conducted on Saturdays only and shall be limited to two (2) per month throughout the period May through September. Consideration will be given to requests from registered non-profit/not-for profit associations or organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. No organization may request more than one street solicitation date within a calendar year.
3. No “rain dates” may be reserved and no dates will be assigned which would result in street solicitations occurring on consecutive Saturdays.
4. Participants must be sixteen years of age or older and must carry, wear, or display materials, signs, or badges, etc. identifying their organization. Organizations shall request, pick up, and return an appropriate number of “safety cones” from the Public Works Department for placement between the lanes, 2 per street, approaching the intersections so as to adequately warn motorists to the activity occurring. The fee for cone usage will be waived for Street Solicitations.
5. Street Solicitations shall be permitted only between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.
6. An organization must apply on the form provided by the City Clerk at least four (4) weeks in advance of the requested date and will be given a copy of this resolution and a sketch of the permitted intersections and locations.
7. Organizations must submit an appropriate certificate of insurance in accordance with the City’s existing requirements for “Users of Facilities”

Dates will be confirmed only upon receipt of the required insurance certificate, and after notice to the Police Department and Common Council by the City Clerk.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolution**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All voted in the affirmative to waive reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign a contract with Mr. Noah Phillips for nuisance animal control effective January 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2020 for a lump sum price of \$25,000 (paid in monthly installments). Mr. Phillips meets all of the criteria set forth by the council, and has produced all the documentation required for insurance coverage per the contract.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Department employee to attend “The Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics” from March 23-24, 2020 in Goshen, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$546.75 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 8A and 8B**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolutions 8A and 8B)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action:

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Department employee to attend “The Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics” from March 23-24, 2020 in Goshen, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$809.44 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

**[See details under Item 8A]**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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

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

**Councilor McFarlin** mentioned new parking lot at County and exit across from Marion suggested a sign to show that Marion is One Way. **Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi** indicated they would review.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin  
Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:41 pm**