REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK
January 16, 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: None

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1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on January 9, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Barbell; 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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2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 15, 2020 in the amount of $561,553.14 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 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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3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of January 7, 2020- January 13, 2020
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of January 8, 2020- January 14, 2020
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on January 9, 2020

- COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations**- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated nothing to report.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore indicated nothing to report.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated just had committee meeting nothing more to report.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs mentioned met with Councilor Barbell, Mayor and Fire Chief Lawliss. Hope to have bi weekly meetings to discuss various Fire, Police and Code Enforcement initiatives.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor DeDominicas indicated nothing to report.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated nothing to report remind everyone MLD Board Meeting will be 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)

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

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED**: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending January 17, 2020 in the amount of $912,113.71 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bid for “Downtown Grant Program- 33 Bridge Street Renovations” for renovation work related to the 33 Bridge Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7A and 7B**
By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor DeDominicas
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolutions 7A and 7B)
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted
Follow up Action: None

**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bid for “Downtown Grant Program – 21 Bridge Street Renovations” for renovation work related to the 21 Bridge Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.

[See details under Item 7A]

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

**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:** None

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

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

Councilor McFarlin mentioned he had not heard about anything planned for Cogan Avenue until last week and we were going to seek public input on different options. Looking forward to hearing from public.

Councilor Gibbs mentioned after the meeting last week, she went out on Saturday and did her best to try and speak to as many residents as she could about options for Cogan Avenue project. Glad and appreciates feedback from people in her Ward.

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

[Public Comments during Work Session at 5pm]

Thomas O’Keefe, 48 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Harry Durgan, 39 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Joan Janson, 29 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Scott Beebie (on behalf of Wayne Beebie 21 Cogan Ave), spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

[Public Comments during Council meeting]

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Phil Erickson, 57 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Erik Lanzer, 76 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Donald Adams, 60 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Thomas Wolosz, 28 Cogan Avenue, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Paul Heller, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Bill Rooke, 168 Rugar Street, spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

Chris LaRose, 27 Cogan Avenue spoke about Cogan Avenue project.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore
Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:56 pm