REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK
February 6, 2020
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance
(RC)

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

Absent: Councilor Ira Barbell (W1)

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MAYOR’S COMMENTS: indicated probably major snow storm tomorrow thru dinner time, thanked Department of Public Works for snow removal.

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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 30, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors 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 February 5, 2020 in the amount of $60,725.73 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors 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 28 – February 3, 2020
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of January 29 – February 4, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated February 3, 2020
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month of January 2020 in the total amount of $10,105.00
COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:
[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations - Chair Councilor Barbell absent. Councilor DeDominicas indicated met tonight discussed Plattsburgh Farmers Market plans and various water and sewer grants.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated that the Infrastructure Committee recommends Option 5A for Cogan Avenue after getting Council and public input. Will proceed with option 5A. Thanked public for input. Councilor Gibbs indicated option 5A was consensus of Council.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated attended Mayor’s monthly department head meeting this morning. Chamberlain Marks gave an almost year-end report.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs met this week within committee regarding budget and staffing.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor DeDominicas indicated nothing to report at this time.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated met last week, few more level 2 charging stations this year. No new updates.

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 DeDominicas
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors 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 February 7, 2020 in the amount of $515,895.70 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 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 approves that the City Chamberlain is authorized to revise capital project H8130.63, 2018 WRRF Dewatering Improvements, by increasing the project appropriation to $6,720,000 to implement the revised project improvements. Funding will be provided for this project from Clean Water and NYS ESD Grants, as well as, zero percent interest bonding issued on behalf of the City under the Clean Water WIIA financing program.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7A – 7E**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolutions 7A – 7E)  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors 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 approves that the City Chamberlain is authorized to revise capital project H8130.64, 2018 WRRF Mitigation, by increasing the project appropriation to $1,000,000 to implement the revised project improvements. Funding will be provided for this project amount from a Clean Water WIIA Grant, as well as, zero percent interest bonding issued on behalf of the City under the Clean Water WIIA financing program.

[See details under Item 7A]

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

**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves awards WRRF Dewatering Upgrades Contract No. 1E– Electrical base bid award to the low bidder, Triangle Electrical Systems Inc. in the amount of $773,091. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary paperwork.

[See details under Item 7A]

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

**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves awards WRRF Dewatering Upgrades Contract No. 1G– General base bid award to the low bidder, Branon Construction Company Inc. in the amount of $4,497,500. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary paperwork.

[See details under Item 7A]
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves awards WRRF Dewatering Upgrades Contract No. 1M– Mechanical base bid award to the low bidder, L.H. LaPlante Company Inc. in the amount of $156,000. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary paperwork.

[See details under Item 7A]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change Order No. 3 to the “Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department (PMLD) Buildings” contract with Ormsby Trucking and Excavating in the amount of $9,240.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
Discussion: Yes  
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with American Bass Anglers, Inc and Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to host a Bass Pro Shop Open Series fishing tournament September 26-27, 2020.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(Councilors 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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H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Reynolds Boats Northern Bass Tournaments and Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to host a Bass tournament on July 25, 2020.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Saranac Power Partners for the installation of two (2) stop signs to be placed within the City Right-of-way of Weed Street. The terms and conditions for the proposal are set forth in the attached agreement.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

J. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a leave of absence from 01/02/2020 until 07/02/2020 for William Potts from his position as Recreation Laborer in the Community Development Department effective January 2, 2020 to take the position of Maintenance 1 in the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor DeDominicas
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolution)
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Gibbs mentioned constituent brought up vehicle traffic on Rugar Street, feels drivers going too fast and requested cross walk across Rugar Street from Field House to Cogan Avenue. Asked if this could be discussed with Public Works.

Mayor Read indicated to include City Planner in discussions. Police Chief Ritter is researching speed tracking equipment.

Police Chief Ritter indicated he is researching options, costs and would like equipment that would record data.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None
Motion to Adjourn by Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45pm