

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Steve Brodi (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5) (*arrived after roll call at 5:07pm*), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** Mentioned next week’s meeting is Tuesday, November 24, 2020 due to Thanksgiving holiday. There are 4 meetings left after that, gave COVID updates, gave recommendations for city buildings and staff, limit gathering of people to 10 or under, separating staff, including restricting public access to city hall to “appointment only” effective next week.

[further discussion ensued by all]

**Decision made by Council** to go back to remote meetings, allow public comments via Zoom, one member to Zoom from City hall to allow public to attend in person if they wish total persons allowed limited to 10.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on November 12, 2020 and Special Meeting of the Common Council held on November 16, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 November 18, 2020 in the amount of \$ 506,275.42 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 Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

- Reports from the Police Department dated November 16, 2020
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on November 12, 2020

**COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore indicated Public Works is getting ready for winter.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly announced Council will hold a Budget workshop on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 3pm.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs mentioned next week’s meeting is last Public Safety Committee for the year. With increase in COVID cases could both Chief’s report on how they will operate if employees are sick.

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

**MLD - MLD Board President** Councilor McFarlin indicated nothing to report.

**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 Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 week ending November 20, 2020 in the amount of \$ 417,306.70 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Barbell  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(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:**

**Motion to remove item 7A from the Table**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

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

**A. ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW P-5 OF 2020:** A local law amending and replacing in its entirety Chapter 116 “Alarm Systems” as set forth in City Code of the City of Plattsburgh.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Mayor and filing with the New York Secretary of State. The entire text of which has been distributed to and read by the members of the Common Council, is hereby enacted without the reading thereof and a copy of said local law is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 a public forum be made available commencing December 1, 2020 for a period of 40 days at Trinity Park providing free, equal and unrestricted access for holiday displays. The maximum size is 10 x 10, and requests must be filed with the City Clerk’s office in advance. A \$20 fee for electricity and Certificate of Insurance are required.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi 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, as a result of the Request for Proposals, as well as the recommendation of the City’s health care consultant, the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a renewal pharmacy contract with Pro-Act.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a renewal annual stop loss insurance contract with Blue Shield Northeastern NY.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

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

(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 Gibbs** mentioned she has more questions about the budget will ask on Monday.

**Chamberlain Marks** handed out Budget worksheet after Saturday and Monday workshops.

**Councilor Kelly** asked Council to review Mayor’s budget narrative from October and asked Council to develop their own narrative for Monday.

**Mayor Read** mentioned SUNY students testing before going home, no new cases, applauds school districts.

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

**Rachelle Armstrong** gave her reflections on process Council has undertaken for budget and offered suggestions.

**Christopher Rosenquest** spoke about and appreciates effort Council is putting forth on the budget.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:00 pm**