

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

September 12, 2019

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: reminded everyone about the upcoming Battle of Plattsburgh events, has sent a settlement offer to Town of Plattsburgh and discussed briefly with Supervisor Cashman and he has received it.

Mayor Read presented the following proclamation:

Whereas, each year, fourth grade students take part in the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Poster Contest. During commemoration weekend, the posters are on display and the winning submission appears on the official Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration admission button.

Whereas, young people of all ages look at things from such a refreshing and unique perspective that permits us all to see the world through their eyes,

Whereas, the posters from over the years constitute a permanent part of our history,

Whereas, hundreds of students submit posters, and in June, fourth grader Elena Recor of Beekmantown Elementary School was selected as the first place poster winner. Ethan Ihne and Kolby Prandato both from Momot Elementary School, received second and third place, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colin L. Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, recognize Elena Ricor, Ethan Ihne and Kolby Prandato in honor of their Battle of Plattsburgh Button designs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this
twelfth day of September in the Year Two-
Thousand Nineteen
Colin L. Read, Mayor

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on September 9, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending September 11, 2019 in the amount of \$ 493,333.92 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 Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of September 3-9, 2019
- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of September 4-10, 2019
- Report from the Police Department from January 1 – 8, 2019
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy & City Operations Committee meeting held on September 5, 2019

• COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Armstrong mentioned will be meeting with Opengov for their presentation on competing with Socrata and requested meeting with Mayor, Chamberlain Marks and Community Development Miller regarding Rec complex.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated no updates.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly would like to meet with Mayor, Councilor Moore and Chamberlain Marks to go over budget and as done last year would like each department to do a budget narrative.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated she has asked Mayor for reports from Police Department on School Resource Officer and Plattsburgh Housing Authority contracts and hasn't received yet. Is it possible to submit a resolution under new business to request reports?

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller indicated yes a resolution from the Council to demand reports from the Mayor's office can be made under new business to request reports.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Ensel indicated no updates.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated no 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 Armstrong

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 September 13, 2019 in the amount of **\$ 2,606,413.19** 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 Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.70, 2019 Broad Street Parking Lot, for upgrades to the property as part of the parking improvements needed to support the DRI project to improve downtown Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of \$19.8 Million in bonds of the City of Plattsburgh for water system improvements discussed at the Common Council meeting on September 5th, 2019, where the

Common Council resolved and agreed to provide non-grant funded costs for the completion of a water system improvements project.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H8320.79, 2019 Water System Improvements, for the development of a full production water well within the proximity of and to supplement the water production of the Mead Dam.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Canadian Pacific Railway to close Route 22 and have a short term detour for maintenance of the railroad crossing. The anticipated road closure is requested from Monday, September 16 – Friday, September 20, 2019 from 6am to 2pm daily.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.67, 2019 Street Resurfacing, to include three additional street paving items for \$212,000 and reduce the cost of the completed items for So. Catherine and Cornelia Streets by \$212,038.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.66, 2019 Equipment Purchase, to increase project appropriations for an Asphalt Float Paver Attachment for \$21,000, that will be funded by the NYS CHIPS 2019-2020 apportionment for the City of Plattsburgh along with the Track Loader & attachments cost previously approved, thereby increasing the NYS CHIPS Funding source for the project to \$156,000.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2019 General Fund and Rec Complex Fund Budgets for the under-budgeted health insurance allocation to the Rec Complex Fund in the original 2019 budget. The budget transfer will balance the budgeted health care costs to the participation allocation of the week and monthly actual health care charges at .39% for the Rec Complex Fund instead of the under-budgeted allocation of .22%.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2019 General Fund Budget for the under-budgeted estimated revenues and appropriations in the original 2019 budget for the Police Department based on the actual receipts and expenditures to date. The budget adjustment will increase the General Fund estimated revenues and appropriations equally by \$49,000 which will not require an appropriation of unassigned unappropriated fund balance.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 Ensel mentioned a resident of Eastgate neighborhood contacted him concerned about safety in the neighborhood during Halloween with many vehicles and pedestrians and they do not have sidewalks. They love having all of the children and have some ideas to bring to council to help make it safer. They will bring forward in next few weeks and would need input from Police, Fire and Department of Public Works.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:48 pm