

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 25, 2020  
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
4:15 PM**

**Roll Call:** Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read [*arrived after roll call*]

**Others Present:** Councilor Brodi, Councilor McFarlin, Councilor Moore, Councilor Kelly

**Absent:** None

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**1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:**

**Police Chief Ritter** gave updates from Police Department.

**Fire Chief Lawliss** gave updates from Fire Department.

**Building Inspector McMahon** gave updates from Building Inspectors office.

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**2. AGENDA ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

1. Request from Fire Chief Scott Lawliss to revise the Ambulance Fee rates for the City of Plattsburgh. The Common Council is relying on the authority provided in Section 132 Section 2 to establish ambulance service rates by resolution. Effective immediately, the following will be the City of Plattsburgh Ambulance Fee rates:

All Rates are for treatment provided during transport to CVPH or receiving Hospital.

All Medical Treatments compliant with NYS and Mountain Lakes Regional Emergency Services Protocols.

1. Basic Life Support- \$950.00
2. Advanced Life Support 1-\$1300  
(Minimum care of I.V., 12 Lead EKG Cardiac Monitoring)
3. Advanced Life Support 2-\$1500  
(Minimum care of I.V., 2 Drugs administered, 12 lead EKG Cardiac Monitoring)
4. Loaded Patient Mileage Charge- \$22.00 per Mile (Based on mileage from emergency

Scene to CVPH or receiving Hospital)

2. Request from MLD Manager Bill Treacy that PMLD Bid #2020-5-1 “Natural Gas Fueled Backup Generator” be awarded to WESCO Distribution” in the amount of \$115,100.
3. Request from MLD Manager Bill Treacy that Line Helper A and Line Helper B to attend the required 1st year of Lineman Training to be held in Fairport, NY at an estimated cost of \$3,525 each for the following travel dates; June 28-July 2, 2020, July 27-31, 2020, August 30-September 4, 2020 and September 28- October 2, 2020. This travel request was originally approved on January 30, 2020 but training dates were revised due to COVID 19 cancellations.
4. Request from Ed Garrow and Sons, Inc to close Leblanc Lane between South Catherine Street and Waterhouse Street for 1 day on Monday, June 29, 2020 for the installation of a new sewer lateral at the former OLVA School (a Murnane project).
5. Request from CSEA to hold a “Drive thru” event for members at South Acres Parking lot on Thursday, July 16, 2020 from 2pm to 7pm to distribute materials and food. The event would require that the parking lot area near Red Barn be closed off to public.
6. Request from Department of Public Works Assistant Superintendent Mike Bessette that Project No. 2020-3 Bid – “Ohio Ave Water Main Replacement” be awarded to Steven E. Fuller Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$197,900. This project is to be funded out of 2020 Capital Water Distribution System H8320.80.
7. Whereas pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 203, every municipality with a police force, including the City of Plattsburgh, must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

Whereas, the Mayor seeks to convene with the Chief of Police, and stakeholders in the community to develop such plan, which shall consider evidence-based policing strategies, including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; and model policies, standards and guidelines; and

Whereas, upon development of such plan, it will be shared with the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh who will then be required, per the Executive Order, to review, adopt and implement the recommendations resulting from its review and consultation.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Common Council, at the request of the Mayor, hereby establishes a Public Safety Citizens' Review Panel ("Panel"). The purpose of the Panel is to accomplish the requirements set forth in Executive Order 203, as described above; and it is further

RESOLVED, that members of the Panel, per the nominations and selections below, will be approved by the Common Council. Each Panel member will be appointed for a one-year term, or until the Plan described above is adopted by the Common Council and will serve without compensation. The Panel shall include the various stakeholders in the community, which may include the following representatives:

- a. membership and leadership of the local police force;
- b. members of the community, with emphasis in areas with high numbers of police and community interactions;
- c. interested non-profit and faith-based community groups;
- d. the local office of the district attorney;
- e. the local public defender;
- f. and local elected officials; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following individuals will be appointed to the Panel:

Bob Smith  
Emily Stacey  
Amanda Bulriss-Allen  
Tenzin Dorjee  
Michelle Cromwell  
Ruby Roach  
Maxine Perry  
Will Brewer  
Caprice Johnson  
Hilary Rogers  
Jaime Douthat  
Police Chief Ritter

RESOLVED, that the Panel shall vote to elect their Chair and Vice Chair and shall establish their agenda and schedule for meetings at their first meeting; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Panel shall comply with the New York Open Meetings Law and the New York Freedom of Information Act; and it is further

RESOLVED, that such plan by the Panel shall be offered for public comment to all citizens in the City of Plattsburgh, and after consideration of such comments, shall be presented to the Common Council, which shall ratify or adopt such plan by local law or resolution, as appropriate, no later than December 31, 2020.

8. Request from Environmental Manager Jon Ruff that he is authorized to prepare and submit an application to EPA for its "Sustainable Materials Management 2020 Anaerobic Digestion Funding Opportunity" and sign all necessary documents. It is further agreed that up to \$10,000 from the Sewer Fund may be identified in the application as leveraged funds.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. Items for Initial Consideration:**

- 1. Request from the City Chamberlain to consider two bond resolutions each authorizing \$240,000 of debt to be issued by the City of Plattsburgh to provide funding for appropriations authorized by the Common Council on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, under capital projects created for the Arnie Pavone Parking Plaza construction and for the Broad Street Parking Lot renovation.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. OLD BUSINESS: None**

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**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Read** indicated under New Business during Regular meeting will offer 2 appointments to fill vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:45 pm**