

At 4:55pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter of acquisition of property.  
By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:25pm  
Mayor Read stated returned from Executive Session discussed a matter of acquisition of property.  
No decisions were made during Executive Session.

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**  
July 26, 2018  
5:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5)

**Absent:** Councilor Joshua Kretser (W6)

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**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** mentioned he had a conversation with Mr. Hennessy of the DOT regarding the Saranac River Trail Phase 3 project and is willing to work with the city to get it in line with the DRI, and he wants to give us more time to get a more cohesive package together possibly involving Empire Trail as well. Mayor recommended Council remove that item from the table and vote it down to give some time to have productive discussions with DOT. Also, a representative from Albany came up to remind us that the US Census is coming up in a couple years’ time. And then tomorrow NYS Comptroller DiNapoli will be here to tour some of the DRI areas. He feels in those 3 dimensions Albany is really here to help us out. Underwood Estate is starting to see movement in getting new trailers which is another example of the Governor’s office helping our area out.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on July 19, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(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 July 25, 2018 in the amount of **\$ 122,456.72** 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 Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(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 July 17-23, 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of July 11 – 24, 2018
- Minutes from the Finance and Budget Committee held on July 19, 2018
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for June 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office.

• **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated she and Councilor Ensel are organizing a strategy meeting on Feral Cat issue work will all to find a solution.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Ensel mentioned delays on Broad Street due to rain.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly mentioned during the work session tonight we had a wonderful presentation from Burnham and how we are achieving savings in health care.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle met tonight discussed Building Inspector report, travel request background.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong mentioned the children’s library and program numbers have increased due to Ben Carman’s creativity as Children’s Librarian.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** stated 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 Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(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 July 27, 2018 in the amount of \$ 1,867,780.02 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 Armstrong  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**Jesse Feiler** spoke on behalf of the Saranac River Trail. Thanked Council for moving Phase 2 and Phase 3 along.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

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

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh to sign a letter declining NYSDOT PIN 780663, Saranac River Trail Phase 3 funding.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(Councilors Armstrong, Dowdle, Ensel and McFarlin voted in the negative. Councilor Kelly voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Defeated

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign an addendum to the contract signed between the City of Plattsburgh and Crane Associates, Inc. on June 7, 2018 for consulting services related to the Dock Street Waterfront project of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The addendum augments the scope of work and fees detailed in the original contract and authorizes Crane Associates, Inc. to complete a market feasibility study for the primary Dock Street development site for a fee not to exceed \$21,500. Payment for the market feasibility study will be made using funds included in the DRI grant.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin  
Discussion: Yes  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF DEREK ROSENBAUM TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 27, 2018 AND EXPIRING JULY 26, 2023**

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Department employee to attend “State of New York Juvenile Officers Association 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference” from August 27-31, 2018 in Binghamton, NY. The total cost should not exceed \$1,027 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Discussion: Yes  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action:

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

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

**Councilor Ensel** spoke about Little League having the Jeffrey Duquette tournament this weekend.

**Councilor Dowdle** asked for window project updates.

**Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mike Bessette** indicated waiting for specifications on one window to get estimate of replacement costs.

**Councilor Ensel** said Kudos to Public Works Penfield Park walk way repaired and looks nice.

**Councilor McFarlin** mentioned tree has been removed that resident spoke about last week. And he had the first meeting of the Ethics Board.

**Mayor Read** mentioned this weekend out at the beach there is a Water Cross event.

**Promotions and Special Events Coordinator Tara Powers** said yes this weekend is East Coast Water Cross at City Beach

**Councilor Kelly** mentioned a few years ago approved a study for ADA compliance asked if they can have a copy of the report.

**Councilor Armstrong** mentioned also getting an update on what progress we are making in implementing their recommendations.

**Mayor Read** mentioned new Planner is working on that and perhaps she can give us an update soon.

**Councilor Kelly** mentioned Council approved continuation of Saranac River Trail 3 and our Community Development Office and Public Works Departments indicated it may be difficult to do can the Planner help fit that in the list of projects and make sure that it happens appropriately.

**Mayor Read** said yes that team of Matthew Miller, Ethan Vinson and Eva Schweber will be working together and also they have a new clerk starting on Monday who will be part of the team as well.

**Councilor Armstrong** asked about if the new Administrative Assistant starting in Community Development Office is filling the position that used to be in Engineering.

**Mayor Read** said yes.

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

**Jamie Schwartz**, Vice President of the Plattsburgh Professional Firefighters Association spoke about their diminished staffing/man power.

**Mayor Read** asked if there is a policy to have at least 6 firefighters on duty at any one time.

**Jamie Schwartz**, Vice President of the Plattsburgh Professional Firefighters Association said yes there is a policy.

**Mayor Read** asked do you know when that policy was adopted.

**Jamie Schwartz**, Vice President of the Plattsburgh Professional Firefighters Association said I believe it was in 2008.

**Mayor Read** asked if there have been any changes to that policy since 2008 that you know of.

**Jamie Schwartz**, Vice President of the Plattsburgh Professional Firefighters Association said no.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm**