

At 5:06pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property, the public discussion of which, would significantly affect its value and pending litigation with the Town of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong [*participated via skype*], Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser (All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:37pm

Mayor Read stated returned from Executive Session discussed acquisition of real property, the public discussion of which, would significantly affect its value and pending litigation with the Town of Plattsburgh. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

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

August 2, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1) [*participated via skype*], Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: Pleased with job the recreation department is doing with Fishing tournaments, etc. Further spoke about fishing tournaments. I appreciate all of the hard work.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on July 26, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

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

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser
(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 August 1, 2018 in the amount of \$ 446,887.21 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 Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of July 24-30, 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of July 25-31, 2018
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee held on July 26, 2018
- Statement from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month June 2018 in the total amount of \$10,095.20

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Kretser indicated met this evening and it can be viewed on YouTube.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Ensel thanked DPW for work on Broad Street. South Peru Street next week.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly eagerly awaiting Mayor’s Budget and then will have several weeks of Budget hearings.

Mayor Read mentioned Chamberlain Marks getting information to Departments then further discussion to get budget out by end of August.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicted no updates.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Armstrong indicted no updates.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin mentioned that MLD purchase of new land on Rugar Street to move operation.

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 Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser
(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 August 3, 2018 in the amount of \$ 646,000.43 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 Ensel

Discussion: Yes

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(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 Canadian Pacific Railway to close the road at railroad crossing on Boynton Avenue between North Catherine Street and Margaret Street, for rehabilitation of the railroad crossing. The anticipated road closure is requested from Monday, August 27 – Friday, August 31, 2018. CP Rail is expecting that the roadway will be closed only during daytime hours.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7A, 7B, 7C, 7F, 7G and 7H:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the following rate structure be implemented on January 1st, 2019 for all commercial events to be held at the Crete Center:

ITEM	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE
EVENT DAY(S) RATE	\$1,500.00 PER DAY	\$1,500.00 MIN. PER DAY
NON-EVENT DAY(S) – CITY LABOR RATE FOR SETUP/TAKEDOWN	\$35.00 PER HOUR PER PERSON	\$75.00 MIN. PER HOUR PER PERSON
EVENT FLOOR – PUT DOWN CHARGE	NO CHARGE	\$875.00 MIN. CHARGE
EVENT FLOOR – TAKEUP	NO CHARGE	\$875.00 MIN. CHARGE

CHARGE		
USE OF EVENT FLOOR – SURCHARGE RATE	NO CHARGE	\$250 PER ACTUAL EVENT DAY(S)
STAGE USAGE	\$10.00 PER SECTION (4' x 8')	SAME
TABLES USAGE	\$2.00 PER TABLE	SAME
CHAIRS USAGE	\$0.50 PER CHAIR	SAME
ELECTRIC/WATER USAGE	NO CHARGE	SAME
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	NO CHARGE	FEEES AT DISCRETION OF CD DIRECTOR

[See details under Item A]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with FLW, LLC and Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to host a FLW Tour Qualifier fishing tournament on July 27-30, 2019.

[See details under Item A]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Plattsburgh High School to have its annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The parade route would begin at Stafford Middle School on Broad Street continue up Rugar Street, then down Adirondack Lane onto Clifford Drive and finally down Angell Drive concluding at the entrance of Plattsburgh High School. There will be no cost for Police since streets are not closed and they should be able to handle the event with regularly scheduled officers and no cost for Public Works.

Motion to waive reading and Table Resolutions 7D and 7E:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion:

Council wants more information from group. Table until representatives can attend council meeting.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Adirondack North Country Gender Alliance to hold a parade and festival from 12:00pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 29, 2018. The parade would travel on Margaret Street to Broad Street to Oak Street to Court Street returning to Trinity Park for festival. The group is requesting street closures and power in Trinity Park and there will be vendors and tents in Trinity. A utility fee of \$20 for electricity, a certificate of insurance for event and vendors, portopottys, dig safe permits, and health department requirements for vendors are required. There will be a cost of approximately \$2,250 for Police and approximately \$3,000 for Public Works due to the City of Plattsburgh.

[See details under Item D]

Discussion:

Council wants more information from group. Table until representatives can attend council meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves SUNY Plattsburgh Club Caribbean to hold a “Street Jam Carnival” on September 1, 2018 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm blocking off a section of Rugar Street from Memorial Hall to Hood Hall. Insurance proof is required. SUNY Police assist the group with the entire event. SUNY Police assist the group with the entire event. There will be no cost for Police or Public Works due to the City of Plattsburgh.

[See details under Item A]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Laura Decker to hold a community event to raise addiction awareness on September 14, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Trinity Park. A utility fee of \$20 for electricity, a certificate of insurance, portopottys and dig safe permit (if tent staked in to ground) are required.

[See details under Item A]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Plattsburgh Farmers Market to block off an additional 45 parking spaces for their Safety Day on August 18, 2018. They are requesting that they be allowed to block off spaces from Thursday, August 16 – Saturday, August 18, 2018.

[See details under Item A]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

I. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF RICK PERRY TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 3, 2018 AND EXPIRING AUGUST 2, 2023

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser
(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:

Mayor Read added the following:

THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF MIKAEL STOUTENGER TO POSITION OF CHIEF WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR LEVEL 3 MANAGER RANGE 3 STEP MAXIMUM AT A BASE SALARY OF \$58,651.

Motion to waive rule 4 for Initial Consideration

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

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

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Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong [*Skype connection lost at 5:53pm*], Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

Councilor Kretser heard of an issue with City Residents being required to pay for Parking at City beach during special events.

Councilor Dowdle added that he heard from constituents that had to pay \$8 for Parking at City beach during the recent Jetski and Wrestling Tournament.

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller will look in to this matter.

Councilor Dowdle inquired about Saranac River Trail and Pine Street and according to a Capital Budget Plan they were given he believes it was considered work in progress, etc. and in Capital Plan, has that changed?

[further discussion ensued

Councilor Dowdle indicated he looked on website and Saranac River Trail info is no longer there.

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller said he would check in to that.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Robert Joyce spoke about a substation on Rugar Street lighting not good, was not working, then lights were repaired but not working again and feels because they can't seem to keep the lights running that security is neglected there.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
(Councilor Armstrong left meeting *via Skype* at 5:53pm)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:09 pm