

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

July 1, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: **Councilor Steve Brodi (W4)**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: mentioned Drive In concert at Harborside, did not get approval from State for Fireworks, thanked PrimeLink for installing Free Wi-Fi in Trinity Park. Thanked 3 candidates who are willing to dedicate the next 4 years of service to the residents of our city. And the remaining 2 candidates who I hope will conduct clean campaigns that focus on the concrete things each of them will do to rebuild our city and lower our taxes in this incredibly challenging time. Of course, I wish them the best of luck and I'm looking forward to returning to my private life and devoting more time to work on my farm. I've invested 15 years in the Economic Development of this region, the last 4 years as a resident candidate and then Mayor for this great city. I'm looking forward to the next facets of my life. I leave though, with great pride in this Common Council and I turn the agenda over to you all, knowing you share with me a great concern about the viability of our city and the important role it plays. Thank you.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on June 25, 2020 are approved and 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, 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 July 1, 2020 in the amount of \$ 412,487.14 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 Barbell
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 25, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated June 29, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated just met nothing new to report

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated nothing to report.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated nothing to report.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs met with departments regarding budgets, ongoing discussions, working on other items.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated Library looking to reopen August 3rd with staff and hope to be fully open in the fall.

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 Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 July 3, 2020 in the amount of \$ 144,600.40 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 Kelly

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to cityinfo@plattsburghcitygov.com

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two bond resolutions each authorizing \$240,000 of additional debt to be issued by the City of Plattsburgh to provide funding for appropriations authorized by the Common Council on June 18th, 2020, under the capital projects created for the Arnie Pavone Parking Plaza construction and for the Broad Street Parking Lot renovation.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2020 General Fund budget by a transfer of \$400.00 from Fire Office Equipment to Fire Print & Copy for an un-budgeted expense line item.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bid for “Downtown Grant Program – 47 Clinton Street Renovations” for renovation work related to the 47 Clinton Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7C and 7D

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolutions 7C and 7D)

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bid for “Downtown Grant Program – 15 Clinton Street Renovations” for renovation work related to the 15 Clinton Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.

[See details under Item 7C]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ed Garrow and Sons, Inc to close Lynde Street between Bailey Ave and Riley Ave for 3 days from July 6 -8, 2020 for the replacement of 2 sewer laterals.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 Gibbs indicated the first meeting of the Public Safety Citizens’ Review Panel was held on Monday, June 29th at 3:00 pm. The Panel established Chair Emily Stacey, Vice Chair Caprice Johnson and Recorder Councilor Gibbs. Will be holding weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 2pm and are open to the public. Great group of people.

Councilor McFarlin asked for an update on the resolution Councilor Barbell introduced a few weeks ago about Overtime.

Mayor Read apologized he confused that with the other resolution to contact the Union Bargaining Units about making concessions. After speaking with Legal Counsel any discussions like that should include Legal Counsel for city and unions. He will see what he can do for next week.

Councilor Gibbs asked what those discussions/suggestions with legal counsel would be exactly.

Mayor Read thought the spirit was in an effort to help with the budget and avoid further work actions to see if everybody would agree to furlough one day a month, one day every two weeks or a pay cut. Because all of Those involve negotiated items we had to involve legal counsel to do it properly.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to cityinfo@plattsburghcitygov.com

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:26 pm