

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

July 16, 2020

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2),
Steve Brodi (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: **Councilor Elizabeth Gibbs (W3)**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: mentioned Councilor Brodi had asked that a letter to be sent to Clinton County Legislature on Council resolution requesting that our County and State representatives and Governor pursue a moratorium on real property re-assessments. That resolution was sent to Clinton County Administrator Mike Zurlo on May 22, 2020. A nice distinction received for the City of Plattsburgh that we are one of the 3 most transparent cities in New York State he compared in June of 2015 total meeting time 1 hour and 55 minutes. June of 2020 meeting time is 6 hours and 16 minutes and are broadcast live. Increase in graffiti vandalism in the city total costs for Public Works to clean up is about \$400 approximately each time.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on July 9, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

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

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, 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 15, 2020 in the amount of \$ 450,523.05 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for July 7 - 13, 2020

- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on July 9, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated July 13, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated nothing to report.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned street striping has begun.

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

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs absent. Councilor Barbell indicated they are having further discussions on MRAP vehicle.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin mentioned Library began taking requests on July 1st for patrons to pick up materials at lobby.

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

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, 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 17, 2020 in the amount of \$ 707,579.21 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 Brodi
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, 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 Luck Brothers Inc. to close the Broad Street parking lot from Sunday, July 19, 2020 through Tuesday, September 1, 2020 to complete improvements related to the City’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(Councilors Barbell, Kelly, McFarlin and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor Brodi recused himself as he is a downtown business owner)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council further authorizes the City Police Department to remove by towing any vehicles found in the Broad Street parking lot during the period of closure.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(Councilors Barbell, Kelly, McFarlin and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor Brodi recused himself as he is a downtown business owner)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2020 will be changed to Wednesday, July 22, 2020 beginning at 5:00pm. The Public Safety Committee meeting will begin at 4:15pm.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Project Coordinator Ethan Vinson gave presentation on light pole banners, historical street signs that are part of the Boire Benner Marketing, Signage & Branding DRI project.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor McFarlin mentioned parklets for some restaurants in bike lanes.

[further discussion ensued]

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Jason Keable, 20 year city employee and President of AFSCME union spoke of concerns about layoffs, furloughed employees and potential cuts in future.

[further discussion ensued]

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51 pm