

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

April 30, 2020

5:30 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: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: mentioned that the Common Council has decided to cancel or postpone City events this year, however, no third party events. Some third party events such as the Battle of Plattsburgh Association decided to do a bigger event in 2021 rather than 2020 and some of the museums have decided not to open in 2020. And we have a representative of the Farmers Market and they are opening, following all the protocols of the Ag and Markets. The only thing the city is doing is making sure all the protocols are followed, but, we're certainly not in any position to cancel anybody else's events. There's ways to run a farmers market, or a street drive all safely. Many groups are choosing to cancel their events. Gave updates on COVID 19 in our community.

Mayor Read presented the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the City and our Region face an unprecedented challenge to our health and livelihood; and

Whereas, the Coronavirus Crisis for seven weeks has been managing us, but now we are beginning to manage it,

Whereas, the health of our residents must always come before anything else,

Whereas, our residents have cooperated spectacularly in early and extreme social distancing before anywhere else,

Whereas we are hopeful that we have learned to effectively manage the SARS-CoV-2 virus until a treatment can be found,

Whereas, the economic challenges may well last much longer, and will affect some of our residents far more profoundly than others; and

Whereas, we are a resilient community that demonstrates when we face the worst, it can bring out the best among us; and

Whereas, our residents depend on the better angels among us who are in the caring professions and risk their lives to keep us safe; and

Whereas, we all do our part to support these heroes who keep us safe by keeping them safe as we wear masks and stay home; then

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Colin Read of the City of Plattsburgh hereby recognizes three outstanding medical professionals, Dr. Keith Collins, the Infectious Disease Specialist at CVPH, and John Kanoza and Erin Streiff of the Clinton County Health Department, and all their staff who have kept us fully informed and motivated to do absolutely whatever we can to ensure they can do all they can to keep us safe.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this thirtieth day of April
in the Year Two-Thousand Twenty
Colin L. Read, Mayor

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on April 23, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
(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 April 29, 2020 in the amount of \$ 56,725.88 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 Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for April 15 – April 28, 2020
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of April 22 - 28, 2020
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on April 23, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated April 27, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated nothing to report asked for a meeting next week with Community Development Office regarding Beach and Recreation Center and different options in future.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated nothing to report, please able to keep more staff in DPW and hope to complete spring projects.

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

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated nothing to report.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin mentioned Library still operating remotely and serving customers, record number of ebooks rented, Facebook page is active and Mr. Ben’s story time for kids is popular.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated just had MLD Board Meeting.

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 Moore

(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 May 1, 2020 in the amount of **\$ 886,847.10** 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 Barbell

(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 carlinb@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a License Agreement with the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market to operate in the farmers market building adjacent to the Durkee Street parking lot from May 30 to October 10, 2020. License Fee and proof of insurance is required.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Moore

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 MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid #2020-5-1 “Natural Gas Operated Power Generator”. Bid opening date is June 9, 2020 at 11 am in the Common Council Chambers.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7B, 7C & 7D

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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

Discussion: None

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 approves MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid #2020-6-1 “ARC-Rated Flame Resistant Clothing Rental Program”. Bid opening date is July 14, 2020 at 11 am in the Common Council Chambers.

[See details under Item 7B]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off the following unpaid final bills from:

1. January 2019 in the total amount of \$2,041.75. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .08%.
The recovered amount for this period is \$1,304.38.
2. February 2019 in the total amount of \$2,218.68. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .08%.
The recovered amount for this period is \$1,234.95.
3. March 2019 in the total amount of \$6,381.84. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .25%.
The recovered amount for this period is \$1,034.19.

[See details under Item 7B]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council agrees that because of the COVID pandemic and “PAUSE NY” to allow the City Chamberlain to refund the following fees and make adjustments to the appropriate funds to reflect these refunds:

Plattsburgh High School
1 Clifford Drive
Plattsburgh NY 12901
\$100.00 reservation fee for Sophomore Hop scheduled date March 13, 2020

Seton Catholic Central
206 New York Rd.
Plattsburgh, NY 12903
\$100.00 reservation fee for Prom scheduled date May 15, 2020

Artistry Community Theatre Corp.
946 Clintonville Rd.
Peru NY 12972
\$800.00 Musical scheduled March 22- March 29, 2020.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Moore
Discussion: None
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: None

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to carlinb@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
Roll Call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:00pm