

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

April 8, 2020  
5:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Paul DeDominicas (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on April 2, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

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

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 April 8, 2020 in the amount of \$ 467,310.44 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, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of April 1 – 7, 2020
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy and City Operations Committee meeting held on April 2, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated April 6, 2020

**COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Barbell asked for update on marina and RFP and if Wilcox Dock can be incorporated. Asked why he observed Police Officers coming out of rear of Recreation Center. [further discussion on marina]

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore asked Councilor Gibbs to give report as he experienced technical difficulty during Committee meeting. Councilor Gibbs indicated had update from Public Works and projects are up in the air and uncertain at this time. Environmental Manager Jon Ruff explained agenda item 7B.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly meeting will be next week. Want to have focus on potential for financial crisis if revenues don’t materialize, would like to meet with Chamberlain Marks, Mayor and Jeff early next week.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated no new updates.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor DeDominicas asked Councilor McFarlin to give report as he was not able to make meeting last week with Director de la Chapelle. Councilor McFarlin indicated that nothing new just spoke with Anne about Library status during pandemic crisis.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** indicated no new 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 DeDominicas; Seconded by Councilor Barbell  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 April 10, 2020 in the amount of \$ 797,188.49 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 DeDominicas; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or by utilizing the “Youtube” chat feature on the City of Plattsburgh meeting livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7H36PiuYNJJKZpczbLvCbw/>

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2020 General Fund, Parking Fund and Water Fund budgets for unbudgeted or under-budgeted costs of \$27,500.00, \$1,850.00 and \$63,000.00, respectively.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: None

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves agrees to and authorizes entering into an agreement with Stone Environmental per their March 12, 2020 proposal in the amount of \$20,000.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: None

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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

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

**Councilor Barbell** mentioned he read in the newspaper that Zoning Board are going to setup their electronic meeting to allow 100 people to comment?

**Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller** indicated these Boards are independent and have their own procedures and further spoke on this topic.

**Mayor Read** mentioned the Council has not constrained any public comment, etc.

**Councilor Barbell** asked further questions about Zoom meetings.

**Councilor Moore** would like to revisit Rental Registry and what should be done about it.

**Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller** indicated he had sent some information to Council and asked them all to review, get input from Building Inspector Joe McMahon and then move forward. He has been in touch with one of the representatives of the Landlord coalition.

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

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or by utilizing the “Youtube” chat feature on the City of Plattsburgh meeting livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7H36PiuYNJkZpczbLvCbw/>

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin  
Roll Call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:00 pm**