

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

July 22, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

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

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on July 16, 2020 are approved and 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, 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 22, 2020 in the amount of **\$ 56,481.77** 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Minutes from the Finance & Budget Committee meeting held on July 16, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department July 20, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell mentioned plan to meet in 2 weeks to explore questions on staffing in Building Inspector's office, Community Development and LDC.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned various projects around city.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly. Mayor Read thanked him for sending around to your colleagues the report from NYS Comptroller DiNapoli. Councilor Kelly indicated he would bring the report up during the regular meeting and read the conclusion at least. Indicated no other updates.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated me tonight, will be asking for data from Public Safety Departments reviewing staffing and staff needs, etc.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated no 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 24, 2020 in the amount of \$ 962,373.61 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(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 rejecting all bids received for “City of Plattsburgh – DRI: Downtown Grant Program Proposed Farmers Market.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes, suggestion to table so that Director of Community Development could get more information to bid recipient on ability to still complete job because of COVID delays and estimated cost for additional items found that were not in original bid specifications.

Motion to Table

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

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

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Director of Community Development to advertise for bids for “Saranac River Trail Phase 2”, PIN 7805.88; DO34636.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 Kelly mentioned back in May furloughed a number of employees. All of people in City Hall that were furloughed will be returning to work at this point. Received report from NYS Comptroller DiNapoli that describes a dire picture for municipalities throughout the state for the remainder of the year. While happy to bring employees back today it doesn't mean can make payroll by end of year. This isn't over we must continuously watch budget.

Mayor Read mentioned there were 4 employees assigned to gym which is not open that were AFSCME employees. I don't think you have said if you plan to bring them back and one manager that wasn't an AFSCME employee that was laid off. So the total layoffs would be 5 people or less than 2% of the workforce. He believes the County is going to be more than that. We will have to see what we can do to make sure we have enough money by end of year to pay everyone.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:35 pm