

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

January 3, 2019

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** welcomed new council members, looking forward to the upcoming year, thanked them for their willingness to serve, all of you know some of the challengers we are facing, spoke further about uniqueness of the city. Also, wanted to say all of our councilors shares a concern about getting our High School students to and from school safely that has been in the news a lot lately. Wants to report he has reason to believe that those discussions will proceed immediately and be accelerated and is confident we will come up with a solution that is going to be embraced and accepted by all stake holders. A lot of different ideas to explore.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on December 20, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 weeks ending December 26, 2018 in the amount of \$ 552,741.26 and January 2, 2019 in the amount of \$ 459,327.03 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 Gibbs  
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

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

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of December 18- 31, 2018

- Minutes from the Finance & Budget Committee held on December 20, 2018
- City Clerk received a veto email from the Mayor, within in 5 business days per C3-11, regarding resolution brought forward by Councilor Dowdle and approved at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council held Thursday, December 20, 2018 regarding Webb Island Foot Bridge.
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month of December 2018 in the total amount of \$8,866.91.

• **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Armstrong met this evening moved items on to the regular agenda.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore, Councilor Ensel indicated no updates.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly reminded everyone tomorrow the Council will hold a budget workshop at noon in the Council Chambers all are invited.

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

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Ensel, Councilor Armstrong 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 Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 weeks ending December 28, 2018 in the amount of \$ 3,439,132.29 and January 4, 2019 in the amount of \$ 327,316.04 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 Gibbs  
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

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

**Grace Redmond** attends Plattsburgh High School, relies on Foot Bridge to get too and from school spoke in support of Foot Bridge and asked when the issue was going to be resolved.

**Mayor Read** said he suspects we are going to have some very fruitful discussions in the next few weeks.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW P-1 OF 2019 – Council Override of Tax Cap**

**RESOLVED:** A local law authorizing Common Council to adopt a 2019 tax levy in excess of the limit established by NYS General Municipal Law Section 3-c. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Mayor and filing with the New York Secretary of State. The entire text of which has been distributed to and read by the members of the Common Council, is hereby enacted without the reading thereof and a copy of said local law is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Architectural & Design Engineering Associates, P.C. for various engineering and survey services. The Agreement requires a \$2,000 retainer with future invoices based on time and materials at the hourly rate attached to the Agreement.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves final budget adjustments/transfers for the 2018 fiscal year as noted in the submitted detailed entry.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. THE CLINTON COUNTY LEGISLATURE SELECTS RODNEY BROWN TO SERVE A TWO YEAR TERM ON THE PLATTSBURGH PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. THE GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SELECTS ETHAN VINSON TO SERVE A TWO YEAR TERM ON THE PLATTSBURGH PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 McFarlin** mentioned that one member of the Parking Advisory committee will be a member of the Common Council should discuss who would like to do that.

**Councilor Kelly** read a statement he prepared on his hopes for 2019.

**Councilor Gibbs** wanted to recognize the folks that put on the DRI presentation in December (Matthew Miller, Ethan Vinson and Tara Powers) and thought it was well done and informative.

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

**Grace Redmond**, asked if resolution on Architectural & Design Engineering Associates was for the Foot Bridge.

**Mayor Read** indicated this part of the meeting is to hear public comments only, however, he would be happy meet with her after the meeting to answer her questions.

**Chris Gillan**, resides in Peru, spoke in support of Foot Bridge.

**Luke Cyphers**, resides on US Oval, spoke in support of Foot Bridge.

**Kevin Sabourin**, resides on Club Road, spoke in support of Foot Bridge.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:13pm**