

**At 4:58 pm Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation between City and Town of Plattsburgh concerning Falcon Seaboard.**

**By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs**

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

**(All voted in the affirmative)**

**Returned at 5:24pm**

**Returned from Executive Session discussed a matter of litigation between City and Town of Plattsburgh and Annexation. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

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

June 6, 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:** mentioned the remembrance of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day today.

**Mayor Read presented the following proclamation:**

Whereas, each year the Professional Firefighters of the City of Plattsburgh remember those who have passed and who once served the residents of the City; and

Whereas, this past Sunday, June 2, they assembled for a memorial service for their fifty-two fallen comrades, three of which lost their lives in the line of duty; and

Whereas, tributes were offered by Fire Chief Lawliss and Assistant Emergency Services Director Kelly Donoghue; and

Whereas, the Plattsburgh Police Bagpipe Band played a moving rendition of Amazing Grace; and

Whereas, each time there is a death of a resident in a house fire, the loss sears at the hearts of our firefighters; and

But, for each fallen firefighter, our professional firefighters save the lives of dozens more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colin L. Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, do hereby proclaim this week to be Fallen Professional Firefighter Week in honor of the men and woman who help keep our city safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this sixth day of June in the Year Two-Thousand Nineteen  
Colin L. Read, Mayor

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on May 30, 2019 are approved and 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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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 5, 2019 in the amount of \$ 503,602.38 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 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 May 28 - June 3, 2019
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of May 29 - June 4, 2019
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month of May 2019 in the total amount of \$9,879.40

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

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Armstrong met tonight received updates from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller and Community Engagement Coordinator Scott Matthews.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned upper Cornelia Street, looks great, complimented the Department of Public Works for the great job they did.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly mentioned received year to date today from Chamberlain Marks and it looks positive.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs mentioned Chief Ritter is reviewing information she found on possible Animal Control officers, she is researching other municipalities to compare.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Ensel no report.

**MLD** - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin met last week. **Mayor Read** mentioned various 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 Armstrong

(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 week ending June 7, 2019 in the amount of \$ 503,124.61 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 Moore; 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: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the following appointments to the Climate Smart Community Coalition Sustainability Task Force:

- a) Councilor Rachele Armstrong (Coordinator)
- b) Joel Chase (MLD)
- c) James Welch (Building Inspector's Office)
- d) Ethan Vinson (Community Development)
- e) Scott Buffett (College and Industry)
- f) Lisa Bergmann (Climate Smart Coalition)

g) Wouter Rietsema (Non-Profit)

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

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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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Department employee to attend “Police Mental Health New Instructor Training” from June 17 - 19, 2019 in Rochester, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$658.75 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Armstrong; 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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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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

**Councilor Armstrong** asked about the possibility meeting with Department of Public Works on outstanding concerns with Maine Road construction.

**Councilor Moore** mentioned the Livable Community Advisory committee me this week and gave updates.

**Councilor Ensel** mentioned that the Livable Community Advisory committee may have recommendations to Council soon.

**Councilor Moore** indicated the Livable Community Advisory committee would give Final report.

**Councilor Armstrong** asked for status on IT RFP.

**Councilor McFarlin** indicated next Parking Advisory Committee meeting is June 11, 2019 and they will be working on recommendations to Council.

**Councilor Armstrong** requested to meet with Planner Eva Schweber and DRI Project Coordinator Ethan Vinson. Mentioned volunteers worked on Kasper Circle last weekend and will be this weekend.

**Mayor Read** mentioned the Hunger Games event will take place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the US Oval.

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

**Ernie Gillespie** Main Mill Street mentioned a lot of truck traffic and concerned for safety of pedestrians and children. Feels speed limit should be reduced to 15 mph to slow traffic down, pot holes need to be fixed and substation should have security camera due to issues there.

**Mayor Read** would ask for concerns to be reviewed.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:55pm**