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OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLEAN, N.Y.

January 24, 2017

**COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS
STATE OF NEW YORK**

A Regular Meeting of the Olean Common Council of the City of Olean was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:35 p.m.

PRESENT: *Aldermen Gonzalez, Witte, Andreano, Dougherty, Crawford, and Smith.*

ABSENT: *Alderman George*

OFFICIALS: *Mayor William Aiello; Al Utecht, City Clerk; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.*

At this time a prayer was given by Alderman Andreano, followed by a salute to the flag.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

Report from City Operations Committee on PL #04-17, to authorize the creation of one part time permanent Building Inspector position. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #02-17, to amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 21-5, Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Aiello and the Council observed a moment of silence for the passing of Scott Johns, a long time and current member of the Olean Planning Board.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Monthly Report of the City Auditor, month ended December, 2016

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS

PL #05-17: (Aiello) That the City of Olean Common Council acting as Lead Agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act determines that the furnishing and installation of a Bus Shelter Project will have no significant adverse environmental impact and therefore issues a Negative Declaration. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 14, 2017 by Council President.

PL #06-17: (Aiello) That the Common Council, based on the information obtained during the environmental review process and included in the attached checklist, determines the Bus Shelter Project to be an Automatic Categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 14, 2017 by Council President.

PL #07-17: (Aiello) To approve the following Olean Homeownership Assistance Program (OHAP) applications: OHAP #182-04, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,

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and OHAP #183-04, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 14, 2017 by Council President.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

Alderman Dougherty stated that he has been wrestling with the thought of Mr. John's passing, as he was a close personal friend. To lose such a good person is heart shattering.

Kevin Bartholomew of 737 Bishop Street expressed that he understands the reason the barrels were placed in the medians on North Union Street, but he also feels that adding signage indicating "Emergency Vehicle Use Only" could also work. The barrels are unattractive. He also stated that if you aren't familiar with the roundabouts, you could drive right over them in the dark and fog, so he feels that they need to be better marked and better lighted. He also questioned why we no longer tar and chip every road in the City during the summer.

Mayor Aiello replied that the barrels are only temporary, and Alderman Gonzalez stated that he believes that the signage suggestion for emergency vehicles is a good idea. Alderman Gonzalez also added that if anyone has an issue such as a pothole that they can contact their Alderman, the Mayor's Office or DPW, and they will get out as soon as possible to fix the issue. They do a very good job taking care of complaints. Alderman Witte added that she agrees that the roundabouts are very dark and hard to see at night, so something needs to be done in regards to the lighting or marking.

George Lapennas of 653 Garden Avenue questioned when the public could find out the wording of proposed Code changes, and Alderman Gonzalez and Mayor Aiello let him know that all Code changes are published in the Olean Times Herald at least ten days prior to the vote to change the Code. He also expressed concern with the intersection of West State Street and North 2nd Street, where it is difficult to see when approaching the intersection any traffic coming from the east. It is a safety issue.

FINANCE / BILLS

By Alderman Gonzalez, Seconded by Alderman Dougherty

The Auditor has processed bills and claims against the City of Olean as per list submitted to each Alderman and recommends payment thereof.

***WHEREAS**, the Auditor has presented to the Common Council, bills and claims against the City of Olean totaling \$1,358,561.00 for the budget and recommends payment thereof.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the same be and are hereby audited and allowed, and the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants for the payment thereof at the amounts set opposite each respective claim.*

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Gonzalez stated that Resolution #01-17 was discussed last week in committee. The position is funded with a grant, and will have a sunset clause, where the position will end after one year if there is no additional funding received. He feels that this is a great idea, and a great opportunity for the City. Alderman Crawford echoed Alderman Gonzalez, stating if we have the funding for the position, we might as well use it.

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RESOLUTION #01-17

PL #04-17

By Alderman Dougherty, Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF ONE PART TIME PERMANENT BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION

WHEREAS, the City of Olean has received a grant to aid with the nuisance of zombie homes throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, a portion of said grant is for the hiring of a part time Building Inspector to catalog the zombie homes currently throughout the City;

RESOLVED, that the Olean Common Council hereby authorizes the creation of one part time permanent Building Inspector position.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Alexander Utecht, City Clerk

Mayor William J. Aiello

Paul Gonzalez, Council President

I hereby approve the foregoing minutes

Dated: ____/____/_____

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I, Alexander Utecht, City Clerk of the City of Olean, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the Common Council of the City of Olean is the true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Alexander Utecht, City Clerk