

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

*TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.*

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN GONZALEZ, WITTE, ANDREANO, DOUGHERTY, CRAWFORD, SMITH, AND GEORGE. OTHERS: MAYOR WILLIAM AIELLO; AL UTECHT, CITY CLERK; NICHOLAS DICERBO, JR., CITY ATTORNEY; FRED SARADIN, CITY AUDITOR; MARY GEORGE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; TOM WINDUS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; BOB BELL, FIRE CHIEF; JEFF ROWLEY, POLICE CHIEF, AND TIFFANY TAYLOR, MANAGERIAL CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

Council President Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Aldermen were present.

1. PL #16-17: (Aiello) That the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit the State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant Agreement between the City of Olean and DASNY for funding for the construction of a downtown farmers' market in the amount of \$200,000.

Mayor Aiello stated that this is additional funding that the City has received for the downtown farmers' market project. He stated that the total project estimate is \$1.25 million, so we will need additional funding and partners to help us meet our goal. Alderman Gonzalez questioned if there is already other funding for this project, and Mayor Aiello replied that in addition to this \$200,000, we have received \$225,000 from Empire State Development (ESD).

Alderman Gonzalez questioned if by accepting the grant we are committing to spend the money. Mayor Aiello replied that it is a reimbursement grant, and we only receive the funding if we spend it first. Alderman Gonzalez asked if this means that it is okay if we choose not to spend it, and Mayor Aiello replied that this is correct.

Alderman Witte stated that she agrees with Mayor Aiello that we need partners in the project, and stated that she thinks we should only accept the funding if there is no commitment to spend it.

A motion to approve PL #16-17 was made by Alderman George, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

2. PL #17-17: (Aiello) To approve the following Downtown Property Improvement Program (DPIP) applications: DPIP #67-03, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, and DPIP #68-03, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Mayor Aiello stated that all of the Aldermen should have received an email from Community Development explaining the loans. Alderman Gonzalez stated that the email is a good tool, that details the funding applications and aids the Aldermen in making a decision.

A motion to approve PL #17-17 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

3. PL #18-17: (Aiello) To approve the following Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program applications: RLF #17-06, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, and RLF #18-06, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Mayor Aiello stated that these again are loans to fix up local businesses. It is a positive thing that the City is able to offer. Alderman Crawford questioned if this money is from grants, or if it is from the budgetary funds, and Mayor Aiello confirmed that the funding is from grants.

A motion to approve PL #18-17 was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

#### 4. Executive Session

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session entered at approximately 6:40 p.m.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, aye all. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

#### 5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.