

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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; MARY GEORGE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; 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. Finance & Bills

Alderman Witte questioned if the scoreboard was previously paid for, and if this is a second half of a payment. Mayor Aiello responded that we have ordered the scoreboard, and are soliciting donations for the funding. They haven't come in yet, but they will be used for reimbursement towards the City.

Alderman Witte stated that she did not see the cost for the new fountain that was installed as a part of the Silent Policeman project. Mayor Aiello stated that the cost was approximately \$3,200, and the funding came from Water Distribution. It may not have been billed yet.

A motion to approve Finance & Bills was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

2. PL #44-17: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to execute the Coordinating Partner Public Transportation System Funding Agreement for the OATS for the fiscal year June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018.

Mayor Aiello stated that the OATS bus is a wonderful thing for the City. Ms. George stated that a part of the OATS bus system is a financial contribution from local partners. This authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City and the four partners. The annual financial share is based upon mileage and usage between each of the partners.

Alderman Andreano stated that she likes to see that younger people are using the bus more than before.

A motion to approve PL #44-17 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

3. PL #48-17: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's New York State Home and Community Renewal for the 2016-2017 HOME Local Program.

Ms. George stated that we have received \$400,000 for the City's home ownership program. Unlike the previous program, this is not just for first time homebuyers, but for any qualifying homeowners.

A motion to approve PL #48-17 was made by Alderman George, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

4. PL #49-17: (Gonzalez) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 21-173, Café Regulations.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that this was presented to him by the City Attorney. He stated that we are not voting on this tonight, but at the first meeting in June. There is conflicting language in portions of the Code, and this will correct that. He let the Aldermen know that at the next meeting Mr. DiCerbo will be present to better explain the changes.

A motion to refer PL #49-17 to the first Regular Meeting in June was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Smith. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.

5. PL #50-17: (Aiello) To create a Capital Fund for the Restrooms at the City Garage.

Mayor Aiello stated that he was approached regarding encumbering funds to do this project, as the specs weren't ready in time to go out to bid prior to the end of the budget year. He thought that, as we have in other instances, we could consider creating a Capital Fund rather than encumbering the money. He showed the Council photos of the current bathroom setup.

He continued in stating that we want to bring the bathrooms to ADA compliance, as well as make them more secure for females using the facility.

Alderman Andreano questioned if we could do the work in house, and Mayor Aiello responded that he doesn't believe that we have that expertise.

Alderman Witte stated that \$50,000 is a lot of money for a building that we want to tear down in the future. Alderman Gonzalez replied that if we had even a semi-concrete plan to get out of the building that he would be in agreement. However, we have no end date and no plan, so he is inclined to support the renovations.

Alderman Crawford asked if the entire building, with the exception of the bathrooms, is ADA compliant. Mayor Aiello stated that he believes that the rest of the building is ADA compliant in terms of access. To get even near ADA compliant on the restrooms, work needs to be done. Alderman Smith questioned if they have to be ADA compliant if we renovate, or if they are

grandfathered because of the age of the building. Mayor Aiello replied that he will have to look into that.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that he doesn't feel that there is any harm in moving the money, as we would still have to come back to the table for an additional discussion prior to doing any work, or spending the money, when we award the contract.

Alderman Dougherty questioned if this decreases the funds rolling back into the General Fund from \$250,000 to \$200,000, and Mayor Aiello stated that it does.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that, looking at the photos, the restrooms are in compliant. He is comfortable with a renovation, but he is not sure if he is comfortable with the amount of money being allocated. Alderman Dougherty stated that he would be more comfortable if this was worked into a long-term plan. He is not comfortable creating a Capital Fund if we may need the money more elsewhere.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that setting the money aside does not obligate us to follow through with the project.

Mayor Aiello stated that the Council could decide not to create the fund, and then when the specs are drawn up, the money could be taken from Contingency or the Fund Balance. Alderman Crawford stated that he would be comfortable with that, to wait and see where bids come back. He stated that he is shocked by the amount of money that we want to earmark for this project, but he knows the restrooms need updating. We need to find a middle ground.

Alderman Witte stated that she believes that there are additional bathrooms or showers upstairs, and she would feel more comfortable getting bids first and in the meantime looking to see the conditions of the second bathroom, if there is one there.

Alderman Smith stated that he would like to see this withdrawn, and when the bids come back, start clean with a fresh budget.

Mayor Aiello withdrew the PL.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.