

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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; BOB RING, 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. Finance & Bills

Alderman Witte questioned when the Capital Projects line for the baseball fields was established, how much is in that line item, and how much has been spent. Mayor Aiello replied that this is for the money that the County designated for the City to redo some of the baseball fields at Forness Park. He stated that this line item is in and out, as we get the money back from the County within days of writing a check.

Alderman Witte questioned how much we are getting from the County. Mr. Saradin replied over \$200,000. Mayor Aiello stated that the money will redo fields 2, 5, and 7. Alderman Gonzalez stated that there are pictures of the work on Facebook, and the upgrades look great.

Mr. Saradin stated that we have spent about \$90,000 to date. Alderman Witte commented that \$21,000 is in this month's bills. Alderman Gonzalez stated that the County designated a total of \$600,000 to upgrade fields throughout the County, and this is the City's portion.

Alderman Crawford questioned if the City is managing the project, and if not, who. Mayor Aiello replied that the Olean Business Development Corporation is handing the money and passing it along to cities and towns. We are only involved because they are our fields that are being worked on. He added that field 6 is owned by Little League, and that is being upgraded with a separate deal between their organization and the County.

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

2. PL #95-17: (George) To authorize the installation of a street light on National Grid pole #14 on Walnut Street.

Alderman George provided a visual for the Council to review. He stated that he was approached by residents on Walnut Street who were concerned about the area between East Connell Street and Route 86. There is a section where there is no lighting. He feels that this is a public safety issue. He looked at the area with Mr. Ring, who agrees that a streetlight could be used in the area.

Alderman Smith stated that there is a cost of around \$1,000 per year for a streetlight, which he asks those who have the desire for a streetlight to keep in mind. He stated that Alderman George is always judicious with issues such as these, so he's sure that it is needed.

Alderman Crawford questioned the initial cost, and Mr. Ring replied that it is under \$1,000. Alderman George stated that the pole is already there, which reduces the installation cost. Alderman Dougherty stated that if we had to install our own pole, we could use the new LED lighting and save on energy costs, but since there is an existing pole there, it makes more sense to use it.

A motion to approve PL #95-17 was made by Alderman George, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

3. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.